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PROJECTS APPROVED FOR FUNDING FROM TIME OF FAST
FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2003/2004

TOF 02-01 INDIA - Bangalore: Women's Vocational Training

Location: YMCA Rural Development Training Centre, Kumbalgodu, serving 10 communities in Mysore State.

Background: Bangalore is surrounded by many villages and the living conditions in these areas are deplorable. The vast majority of people are small and marginal farmers who own only one or two acres of land with no proper irrigation; the income from this is uncertain due to irregular rains and uncertain markets. Although the YMCA Bangalore and YMC Indiranagar have together done much on issues such as ecology and environment, youth issues, communal harmony, services to abused, demoralized women, houses for landless labourers, food for work, farmers training programs, and safe drinking water, they now see a great need for rural development among women. A large number of rural women are unemployed and looking for jobs or self-employment opportunities. They are forced to do hard work equal to that of men and yet their wages are much less than those of men. They also have virtually no participation in the decision making process both at home and in society.

Project: The project envisages empowerment of women and their families through education and economic independence through vocational training. Around 500 women will be selected from high-risk families which depend heavily on child labour wages. They will be educated, motivated, and provided with tailoring and embroidery skills in lots of 50-100 in two large rented halls. They will attain functional literacy and basic accounting and financial management skills during the training process. They will visit factories and export units in the city to study business aspects which will assist them in self employment and job placement, to integrate them into the mainstream. Their families will be assisted to augment the family income through income generation programs.

Budget:

Instructors (3), assistant (1)	IRs.	26,800	
Equipment (40 machines, 20 powered)		250,000	
Building rental		50,400	
Raw materials		42,000	
Electricity, water, maintenance		61,400	
Furniture		40,000	
Advocacy, motivation, incidentals		<u>36,000</u>	
TOTAL COSTS:		706,600	(US\$ 14,132)

Requested from TOF: IRs. 489,000 (US\$ 9,780) for 2002-03 and IRs 217,600 (US\$ 4,352) for 2003-04. Ongoing costs will be covered "through production units."

Approved by ICM 02 for 2002/03: US\$ 9,780

Approved by ICM 03 for 2003/04: US\$ 4,352

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TOF 02-02 INDIA - Ernakulam: Street Children and Orphans

Location: Ernakulam Y, Thrikkakara, 8 km from Ernakulam, near Cochin, in Kerala State.

Background: The present Boys Home, erected in 1961, provides free food, shelter, clothing, counselling and education to street children found by the YMC and other YMCA members, and trains them to obtain jobs. The one-storey building with primitive sanitation is now dilapidated and is not large enough to accommodate 30 boys at a time.

Project: Build a new two-storey Boys Home with a library, television, facilities for cultural programs and sufficient open space for basketball, badminton, table tennis, caroms, chess etc. The plans are for a building 27m×7.7m (208 sq.m. or 2288 sq.ft.), housing office, multipurpose hall, wash room and pantry on the ground floor, and an 18-bed dormitory, warden's suite and toilet block upstairs, and with a 6.6m one-storey kitchen wing.

Budget:

Construction	IRs.	1,500,000	
Plumbing, electrical, furnishings		900,000	
Educational equipment & supplies		350,000	
Kitchen equipment		<u>250,000</u>	
TOTAL COSTS:	Irs.	3,000,000	(US\$60,000)

Requested from TOF: IRs. 2,250,000 (US\$ 45,000). The balance will be raised through the YMCA.

Approved by ICM 02 for 2002/03: US\$ 30,000

Approved by ICM 03 for 2003/04: US\$ 16,000

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TOF 02-07 INDIA - Ponani: Integral Development

Location: Malappuram district of South Malabar region of Kerala State.

Background: Ponani is the largest municipality in Kerala with 50 wards and a population of 87,486 (41,664 males and 45,822 females) with 90% having special needs in health care and social awareness. The major occupations are fishing, mat and pottery making and farming. The major religion is Muslim (62%). Certain districts and settlements are noticeably more backward than the average situation across Kerala State, mainly in terms of health, literacy and poverty. There are many agencies already in the region trying to attain the common goal of improved health status but these efforts are not coordinated and lack mutual assistance. The medical needs of the region in fact are mainly served by hospitals situated in adjacent districts where patients who are sufficiently wealthy can afford to go. Existing district hospitals and primary health centres are grossly under-utilized and undervalued. The population as a whole is often ignorant of what is being offered and uses the facilities only for first aid and minor ailments.

Project: The Ponani YMC is a group of young professionals who wish to become a model agency in the local community by incorporating the indispensable components of health care and awareness in coordination and cooperation with social partners. Specifically, the club will improve the awareness of people regarding health care programs and best health practices, such as cleaning drainage systems, and using mosquito netting; incorporate activities of service providers by organizing cooperative programs such as waste management, and design and implement action plans with common objectives, such as mass immunization. The YMC will create a data bank of the development of the region (for example, documenting the health profile of people with rare needs, and acting as a repository for such information) at the YMC office. The project will be monitored and guided by an expert committee consisting of a representative from the Y's Men Regional Council, a senior level representative from a local self government body, a senior medical officer, and key persons from among local academics, technical experts, social activities, etc.

Budget:

		Year 1	Year 2
Medical camps	IRs.	210,000	315,000
Data building		189,000	58,000
Sanitation, drinking water		325,000	410,000
Health education		67,000	61,000
Eye glasses, eye donors campaign		40,000	6,000
Child care centre		40,000	30,000
Other health projects		101,000	55,000
Education for poor workers			55,000
Office supplies, furniture and final report		<u>28,000</u>	<u>10,000</u>
TOTAL COSTS	IRs.	1,000,000	1,000,000 (US\$ 40,000)

Requested from TOF: IRs. 1,200,000 (US\$ 24,000) over 2 years, 2002-03 and 2003-04. The balance of IRs.800,000 (US\$ 16,000) will be raised locally.

Approved by ICM 02 for 2002/03: US\$ 12,000

Approved by ICM 03 for 2003/04: US\$ 12,000

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03-01 AFRICA - Gambia: Development of YMCA Banjul Branch

Location: Banjul, the capital of The Gambia, West Africa.

Background: The Gambia is a small African country entirely surrounded by Sénégal. Its population is just over 1 million, growing at the rate of 4.2% a year; 71% of the population is younger than 25; and 5% of the women are married by the age of 14. Half the population is illiterate; in rural areas 76% of women cannot read or write. Unemployment is high, especially among youth and particularly among unmarried women. The YMCA since 1979 has been offering youth a varied range of programs including leadership training, community development, vocational training, sports, inter-faith dialogue, cyber café, hostel, aerobics classes, guidance and counselling services for vocational training, and rehabilitation of refugees and displaced persons. The Y programs help to prevent the ever alarming rates of street children, abandoned babies, child labour, child prostitution, substance and drug abuse, broken homes, and HIV/AIDS infections. The Banjul office also serves as a study centre for an increasing number of students and school children who do not have adequate facilities in their own homes for school assignments or studying for examinations. The office recently moved from its rented premises to its own headquarters in Kanifing. The staff has expanded to 22 full-time employees and there is a Y's Men's club whose remaining active members have been deeply involved in program development and evaluation as well as in local fund raising and institutional development.

Project: To re-establish the Banjul office to provide basic job training programs to young people. Over the next 5 years it is hoped that 1,250 youth can be trained in leadership development skills, 150 women can be trained in hair dressing, beauty therapy and dressmaking, and 100 men can take courses in welding and sheet metal fabrication or carpentry and cabinet-making. Once a property in Banjul is bought and upgraded, it can generate income to support ongoing programs. In the meanwhile, funds are needed for building rental, staff salaries and materials.

<i>Budget:</i>		<u>year 1</u>	<u>year 2</u>	<u>year 3</u>	<u>Total</u>
Leadership seminars	Dalasi	108,530	75,000	90,000	\$10,131
Women's courses		130,600	156,720	188,064	\$17,607
Woodworking courses		68,500	82,220	98,864	\$ 9,244
Metalworking courses		70,000	84,000	103,600	\$ 9,541
Toyota double cabin diesel		377,630	0	0	\$13,986
Vehicle running costs		24,000	26,800	32,160	\$ 3,073
Administration		53,000	63,711	226,904(*)	\$12,726
TOTAL COSTS	Dalasi	832,260	488,451	739,592(*see note, below)	
	=US\$	30,824	18,091	27,392	\$76,307

They sought "Time of Fast" funding of \$150,000 over 5 years, including US\$55,556 in years 3-4 for purchasing and upgrading the Banjul office (*which increases administration costs in Year 3) but "Time of Fast" cannot support the whole of their financial needs.

Approved by ICM 03 for 2003/04: US\$ 30,000 (first of three years – total request \$90,000)

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03-02 AFRICA – Kenya: Deaf Kenyans

Location: Kamagambo Kenya Teacher Training College in Machakos, near the capital city of Nairobi in East Africa.

Background: There are more than 14,000 children in Kenya with hearing impairments. Only a small percentage of these will attend school. There are presently 41 schools for the deaf with over 100 students at each school, but most teachers do not know sign language and teach simply by writing down lessons, so only 5% of the students go on to secondary school. They cannot imagine attending college, much less becoming successful professionals. Society tells them that they are stupid. They are relegated to a low status level without economic opportunities and they lack awareness of their full potential. Global Deaf Connections (GDC) has tried to change all that by teaching sign language. Two groups of volunteer deaf trainers from the U.S.A. were sent to Kenya in 2000. The first 8 graduates were assisted by the government to find jobs, and are now teaching professionals. The next class will have 5 more graduates.

Project: The government has agreed to hire sign language interpreters as permanent employees beginning in 2005 if GDC can prove the potential of the program by sponsoring 20 students who can then become teachers at half of the 41 schools with 100 or more students. If the program is a success, more than 2,000 students per year would benefit and Kenya would become a model for other nations to emulate.

<i>Budget:</i>	Tuition for 20 students over 2 years	US\$ 28,000
	Sign language interpreters, first year	6,000
	Sign language interpreters, second year	6,000 (paid by government)
	Student support, 2 years	<u>10,400</u>
	TOTAL COSTS:	50,400

They asked for a grant from “Time of Fast” of US\$44,400 over two years (\$25,200 for 2003, \$19,200 for 2004). Global Deaf Connection will spend \$17,000 on a documentary for publicity purposes.

**Approved by ICM 03 for 2003/04: US\$ 25,200
(first of two years: second year US\$19,200, total request US\$44,400)**

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03-03 ASIA - Vietnam: AIDS and Drug Addiction Prevention

Location: Ho Chi Mihn City and an AIDS Orphans' Nursing Centre at An Nhon Tay commune (70 km from HCMC), Vietnam, southeast Asia.

Background: Vietnam is largely rural, with 80% of the population living by farming. Migration of people to cities looking for a better life leads to an increased number of street children and young women who become vulnerable to the sex industry, drug addiction and the epidemic of HIV/AIDS which now afflicts more than 40,000 people. Children are increasingly becoming at risk; 5% were infected by 2001. At the rate of present increase there will be 198,000 infected people by 2005.

Project: The YMCA will work together with Mai Hoa AIDS Nursing Center, the Ho Chi Mihn City HIV/AIDS Prevention Committee, HCMC Traditional Medicine Institute, Secretariat of the Vietnam Episcopate, Center of Information about Health Education, and various private and governmental associations in a two year education, training and nursing program with national and international cooperation. Public education will involve seminars, conferences, theatrical presentations, exhibitions, competitions and publicity. Volunteers will be trained in general knowledge about HIV/AIDS, skills in educating and communicating this knowledge, organizing competitions amongst youth and children, and counselling skills with visits to HIV/AIDS organizations. Counseling centers in communities will provide counsel for affected individuals and families, while helping the community to prevent the spread of disease by training groups of counselors to deal with prevention and information dissemination, and making the community conscious of how to help affected persons, both at home and in the community. Training will also involve community health employees and nurses in skills for caring for patients. In the first year of the project, 10-15 AIDS orphans will be nursed at Mai Hoa AIDS Nursing Center which belongs to a Christian church.

<i>Budget:</i> Training communicators (60/year)	VND	13,200,000	US\$	863
Training counsellors, community health staff (45/year)		24,150,000		1,578
Management (2 • 13 months)		28,600,000		1,869
Materials, promotion (40 times/year)		14,000,000		915
Competitions (organizing costs, prizes)		5,000,000		327
Care for AIDS orphans (15)		32,400,000		2,118
Doctor, nurses (2), cook, social worker		71,500,000		4,673
Medicine		72,000,000		4,706
Furniture, toys		20,250,000		1,324
Food for 15 children		99,000,000		6,470
TOTAL COSTS:		380,100,000		24,843

They requested US\$22,320 for first year costs from Time of Fast; local contributions will cover \$2,480. They are counting on a successful first year to generate local support to cover funds for the second year. Mai Hoa AIDS Nursing Center will lend a house free of charge for nursing the orphans.

Approved by ICM 03 for 2003/04: US\$ 22,320

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03-04 ASIA - Sri Lanka: Street Children of Kandy

Location: Kandy is the chief city in the centre of the island of Sri Lanka (Ceylon).

Background: There are 6 "Y"s in Kandy: 4 for Buddhist, Christian, Hindu and Muslim men, and 2 for Buddhist and Christian women. The movement has been successful for 50 years and is still growing, with a reliable financial base. Among its many programs over the last 10 years are alleviation of poverty, promotion of peace and reconciliation between the Tamil and Sinhalese peoples, environmental concerns, and human rights, including those of women and children. The General Secretary is a veteran peace activist and an attorney-at-law.

Project: Nearly a hundred street children are presently involved in the YMCA's Saturday Children's Club. It is hoped that they can be protected from exploitation, unemployment and other injustices, and the cycle of violence and street life be broken, by a program of character education, youth mobilization, and skills training. Functional literacy classes would include language education for 180 students (3 classes of 20 students each in Tamil, Sinhalese and English). Peace and reconciliation programs may be included as one of the major components of the program, bringing together youth from different ethnic backgrounds. Basic education is presently being provided by other groups. "Networking" with such groups will help the political acceptance of retrained street children.

<i>Budget:</i>	Books and materials	Rs	20,000	US\$	282 (estimated)
	Three language teachers		36,000		510
	Two full time social workers		44,000		620
	Infrastructure of youth centre		25,000		352
	Office equipment		20,000		282
	Rent		24,000		340
	Program & meeting costs		48,000		680
	Administration		<u>45,000</u>		<u>634</u>
	TOTAL COSTS:		262,000		3,700

They asked for a grant from "Time of Fast" of US\$3,700; the YMCA will cover the costs of National Y monitoring visitations, over \$1000.

Approved by ICM 03 for 2003/04: US\$ 3,700

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03-05 EUROPE - Hungary: YMCA Centre S3v3r

Location: Balatony3r3k on Lake Balaton, about 100 km southwest of Budapest.

Background: During the Communist regime, the Hungarian YMCA like other non-governmental agencies (NGOs) was prohibited and lost all its property throughout the country. In 2000 the parliament recognized the problem and asked NGOs to make bids for replacement buildings. In September 2001 the Y was given a 400 sq. m. (4,000 sq.ft.) house on 2,336 sq. m. (a half acre) of land that reputedly had belonged to the Lord Mayor of Budapest before 1945. There is also an addition with dining hall and 4 bedrooms, and an adjacent building with 3 rooms and a bathroom. These were probably built about 1980. There is no furniture; the walls show water damage from the leaking roof; and the sanitary conditions are deplorable. The Y began last year to repair and enlarge the buildings and restore running water and electricity using its own resources including manual labour of its members. Windows and doors have been donated by a local company. The gas line to the property will be expensive to replace, so for the time being all heating is done with stoves.

Project: Restore the buildings and convert the large one to a conference centre for 40 people (more could be accommodated in tents). Initially only summer and autumn programs will be run. Once the heating is restored the facilities can be used all year. The small building will be used for offices. Programs will include leadership training camps.

<i>Budget:</i>	Internal repairs	US\$	43,702
	Gas heating and cooking		33,723
	Roof work		23,814
	Additions to building		17,820
	Doors and windows		14,634
	Furniture and fittings		13,500
	Water pipes		12,366
	Electrical repairs		<u>5,184</u>
	TOTAL COSTS:		164,743

They requested US\$30,000 over three years from "Time of Fast." Much of the remainder is coming from a large number of sources including YMCAs (especially in Germany) and Hungarian churches.

Approved by ICM 03 for 2003/04: US\$ 10,000 (first of three years: total request US\$ 30,000)

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03-06 EUROPE - Lithuania: Youth Occupation via YMCA Internet

Location: The capital city, Vilnius.

Background: Until 1990, social life was strictly controlled by the government. Now, very little government support is given to higher education in general and modern electronic equipment in particular. What computers are available are usually old and far behind today's technological requirements. Not many youth organizations have their own premises (including the Y, which rents an office). Even today, young people know little about the possibilities of participation in non-governmental organization (NGO) volunteer activities and turn instead to antisocial live styles.

Project: The Vilnius YM-YWCA has been offered the use of 10 modern computers by the YMCA of Finland. Upgrades (HDD, RAM, Celeron), printer, scanner and copying machine would have to be purchased to equip a computer training classroom in rented downtown premises. This service would allow young people to use the internet for educational purposes. The computer courses would be led by volunteers, so course fees would be less than those charged by other computer trainers. The facility could also serve as a meeting place for other NGOs and as a focus for discussion of important issues of today, such as equality, violence, and motivation of volunteers.

<i>Budget:</i>	Rent, alarm, advertising	US\$	5,700
	Equipment upgrades, printer, scanner, copier		8,279
	Salaries		2,400
	Furniture		560
	Installation and assembly		<u>325</u>
	TOTAL COSTS:		17,264

They requested US\$16,209 from "Time of Fast." Rent and salaries of the facility workers will be covered from income for provided services. Negotiations are underway with Vilnius Municipality to cover 30% of the rent. The Vilnius Y's Men's Club will also have fundraising activities to support this project once the first year is completed.

Approved by ICM for 2003/04: US\$ 16,209

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03-07 INDIA - Chennai: Training for the Blind

Location: Nandanam is a suburb of Chennai in the state of Madras.

Background: In 1978 the YMCA College of Physical Education started a program for people helping the blind in co-operation with Christoffel Blinden Mission (CBM) of West Germany. This began as mobility training and sports adapted to the needs of the blind. A home management skills course (cooking, cleaning, hygiene, first aid) was added in 1983. Now, after 25 years, CBM has completed their financial commitment, and the blind program has been drastically curtailed for lack of operating funds.

Project: To provide one year's worth of operating funds for the blind program until ongoing funding can be assured. The program offers free tuition for a year (with meals included) to anyone who is employed by a rehabilitation institute and who lives anywhere in south and east India (6 states), or in Sri Lanka. They may train for a diploma in helping blind people to walk and work on their own, and play sports. A diploma holder may then take a Bachelor of Mobility Science (BMS) that is recognized by the University of Madras. The BMS program is a one-year postgraduate course in community-based rehabilitation of blind people and includes teaching home management skills and teaching financial self-sufficiency through agriculture and small businesses. There are also short-term courses both at the College (2 courses, each for 1 month) and in rural communities (2 courses, each for 10 days). The two courses focus on mobility training, on sports adapted to the needs of the blind, and on home management skills. The College also holds 3-day sessions 4 times a year with community workers (such as police, volunteers, and bus drivers) to train them in understanding and helping the blind.

<i>Budget:</i>	Public 3-day sessions for 200	US\$ 360	
	Rural community programs for 320	3,370	
	Short-term courses for 40	2,190	
	Diploma course for 12	5,240	
	BMS course for 12	4,920	
	Recreational program	3,680	(paid locally)
	Operating costs	<u>1,200</u>	
	TOTAL COSTS:	20,960	

They requested US\$16,800 (Indian Rupees 1,048,100) from "Time of Fast" for operating costs. Local support will cover 20% of the expenses, an amount equal to half of the operating costs and all of the recreational program.

Approved by ICM 03 for 2003/04: US\$ 16,800

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03-08 INDIA - Kalpetta: Mentally Challenged Children

Location: Kalpetta, the headquarters of Wayanad District of Kerala State.

Background: Development of Wayanad District (area 2,126 sq. km, population 672,128 or 315 people per sq. km) has not reached envisioned levels due to its geographical location. It is a strictly agricultural district with 4,800 families below the poverty line and a literacy rate of 70%. Medical and educational facilities for mentally handicapped children in particular are nominal there. Philanthropists opened a day care centre for such children in 1998, and the number of children attending quickly rose from 5 to 35 and many more could be added with sufficient space (there are as many as 1,620 such children in the district). The day care centre is a rented building and may have to close. The original donors are finding it difficult to fund the ongoing costs, and the religious trust that donated the building is demanding it back for their own use.

Project: The Y's Men's Club (YMC) has acquired 50 cents of land (2,000 sq.m.) for a building of 191 sq.m. (1,900 sq.ft.) Once the facilities are in place, the program will be turned over to a charitable society under the YMC. It will employ 5 full-time trained teachers and 2 helpers at the initial stages. At least 50 and up to 80 children will be given formal education, be offered art, culture and sports, and be guided in ways that they can generate income for the school, such as raising flowers for sale or making crafts so that they can be self-supporting once they graduate.

<i>Budget:</i> Land and site	IRs.	300,000	(paid for by YMC)
Initial investment		10,000	(paid for by YMC)
Construction		1,200,000	
Furniture and fittings		200,000	(paid for by YMC)
Vehicle		<u>600,000</u>	(paid for by YMC)
TOTAL COSTS:		2,310,000	(US\$46,200)

They requested IRs 100,000 (US\$20,000) from "Time of Fast"; the YMC will raise IRs 1,310,000 (US\$26,200). Ongoing expenses (IRs 270,000 or US\$5,400) will be met by a combination of YMC benefactors (IRs 70,000), external aid (IRs 50,000) and the development of a floriculture garden (growing *Anthurium*) on the premises (IRs 150,000).

Approved by ICM 03 for 2003/04: US\$ 20,000

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03-09 LA/CAR - Brazil: Children & Family Together

Location: Downtown branch of YMCA of São Paulo, Brazil.

Background: The Y's Men's Club (YMC) of Anne Harvis Ibirapuera has supported the YMCA's Italo-Brazil Portieri Daycare Centre since 1987, and more recently (2001) so has the São Paulo Downtown YMC. This Centre has a full-time kindergarten for children under the age of 4 that runs between 7 a.m. and 6 p.m. on weekdays for the children of mothers who work as housemaids and cleaners for businesses in the affluent residential community nearby. Many of the parents come from low-income families and some live in neighbourhood slums. Nearly half are single parents; 30% are illiterate and 30% of the children show signs of anaemia. A quarter of the children at the daycare centre don't have an appropriate diet because of poverty or because the mother lacks basic dietary information. The lack of access to computers is also considered very important because computers are everywhere, part of daily life and a guarantee of access to information that allows them to face the changes of the modern world. When questioned, 20% of the parents indicated an interest in learning more to help care for themselves and their children. Courses in computing, literacy, cooking, nutrition and health were tried in 2001 but the results were not satisfactory due to inadequate resources. The Y presently has only enough kitchen equipment to cover the needs of the daycare centre, and for the courses only 5 obsolete computers in bad repair, 1 Lexmark ink printer and 3 improvised tables.

Project: To provide education to 300 parents of daycare children in one year at times of the day which are appropriate for working parents (weekdays 3-5 p.m. and 7:30-9:30 p.m.). These courses will enable parents aged 14 years and older to exercise their citizenship through access to information necessary to their social, professional and personal lives, with full capacity for reading, writing, basic mathematics, and making use of resources of computers, etc. The computer course will have 5 half-year sessions of 14 students each (140 students in total), the literacy course will have 3 sessions of 20 students each (120 in total) and the nutrition/health course will have 4 sessions of 5 students each (40 in total). There will also be visits to museums, historical sights, theatre and exhibitions to expand their interests.

<i>Budget:</i>	Furniture	US\$	1,190	
	Literacy course (projector, screen, flip chart)		455	
	Computer course (7 Pentiums, datashow, 2 printers)		14,769	
	Nutrition/Health course (stove, freezers, food processor)		2,335	
	Staff salaries		67,700	(paid by YMCA)
	Food, supplies, maintenance		<u>26,352</u>	(paid by YMCA)
	TOTAL COSTS:		112,800	

They asked for a grant from "Time of Fast" of US\$18,748 with the YMCA contributing \$94,052 for staff time and maintenance.

Approved by ICM 03 for 2003/04: US\$ 18,748

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03-10 ASIA - Myanmar: Environmentally Sound Stoves

Location: The townships of Chi Bwe and Saw Lai in remote areas of northern Myanmar (Burma) around the major town of Myikkyina.

Background: The Myikkyina YMCA has been conducting environmental programs since 1998 to improve the use of forests and wild life preservation among villages where subsistence farming is the chief way of life, and where electricity is unavailable and educational opportunities very limited. They have been promoting the use of efficient stoves, which save as much as 60% of the firewood normally used for fuel. Seminars, workshops and training programs are used to educate the common people in environmental issues.

Project: To expand the environmental program into areas of northern Myanmar that are a long way from any town, and accessible only during dry seasons due to the poor condition of the roads. The townships are based on the distance that one person can walk in a day. Chi Bwe township is a lowland area with a population of 30,000, 88 miles from Myikkyina; Saw Lai is high in the mountains 123 miles away, with a population of 10,000.

<i>Budget:</i>	Environmentally sound stoves	US\$	2,000	
	Seminars, workshops, training		1,200	
	Travel		1,000	
	Training materials		800	(paid by YMCA)
	Miscellaneous		<u>800</u>	
	TOTAL COSTS:		5,800	

They asked for a grant from "Time of Fast" of US\$5,000 for one year.

Approved by ICM 03 for 2003/04: US\$ 5,000

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03-11 INDIA - Ernakulam: Y's Men Centre, Star Paradise

Location: The Centre is proposed for Thekkumbhagom in the neighborhood of Ernakulam..

Background: The majority of Y's Men's Clubs undertake projects of short duration. Government hospitals and other long-term establishments cannot cope with the needs of society. Orphanages in particular are scarce. The Y's Men Centre was founded in 1993 as a registered charitable trust for the long-term welfare of youth and children. Membership consists only of Y's Men, Y's Menettes and their families. There are presently 250 members and 15 clubs have become institutional members. The board of trustees includes many prominent Y's Men including 5 Council members, 2 Past Area Presidents and 4 RDs and Past RDs.

Project: The trustees have purchased 93 cents of land (0.93 acres or 3,720 sq. m.) in the country where a permanent institution may be built for the care and education of orphans, poor students, and the elderly, to make a peaceful community. There are 60 Y's Men's clubs within a 50 km radius of the site, and 5,000 poor families within a 10 km radius. The site will house an orphanage for at least 50 children; a nursery school for 25 children; technical training for 50 students in carpentry, construction, computer courses, paramedics, tailoring etc.; a residence hall and library for 25 students who cannot afford private accommodation; an auditorium for at least 250 people where social action lectures as well as social and religious functions may be held; a small health club and sports centre; an employment bureau; and an outpatient clinic for neighbourhood families. Future plans call for a hospital for 30 patients and a residence for the elderly. There are presently 2 teachers, 2 doctors, 2 nurses and a laboratory technician, a General Secretary, honorary Principal, clerk/warden and one attender.

<i>Budget:</i> Land	IRs. 1,873,786	(already spent)
Orphanage (500 sq. m.)	3,100,000	
Nursery school/training centre (50 sq. m.)	425,000	
Clinic (40 sq. m.) and equipment	315,000	
Ambulance	600,000	
Youth hostel (200 sq. m.)	1,250,000	
Auditorium (100 sq. m.)	825,000	
Health/sports club (40 sq. m.)	<u>340,000</u>	
TOTAL COSTS:	8,728,786	(US\$174,000)

They requested IRs. 2,225,000 (US\$46,548) from "Time of Fast." The remainder will come from donations from Y's Men members and clubs, which have already generated IRs. 3,640,000 (\$72,500).

Approved by ICM 03 for 2003/04: US\$ 30,000