



CISPES Material Aid Projects

Supporting Resistance and Alternatives to Corporate Globalization

The Salvadoran social movement and FMLN are leading the struggle to stop the implementation of “free” trade agreements, despite the increasing repression of organizers. CISPES is proud to be supporting the important work of our partners in El Salvador building a strong, national movement that is putting forward an alternative kind of development and people-centered power in El Salvador. Join us in working toward our commitment to raise \$18,000 in support of women-led, worker-led, and community-based organizing.

\$6000 to FMLN Women’s Secretariat

The FMLN’s National Women’s Secretariat is carrying out a grassroots campaign to organize and mobilize women in urban and rural areas. Ultimately, the Women’s Secretariat wants to contribute to the strengthening of women’s organizing from a gender-based perspective and to increase women’s empowerment and political leadership. This grassroots campaign has two components: first, a series of actions and the second, a series of leadership trainings. In the next year, 5 political protests and mobilizations are planned – from demanding an end to the reversal of the Peace Accords to the celebration of International Women’s Day. Leadership trainings will serve to build a revolutionary class through workshops covering subjects like the state’s structural violence against women, political and ideological formation, alternative and popular communication, etc.



\$5000 to The Union workers of ANDA (SETA)

The Union of Workers of ANDA (SETA), wants to raise Salvadoran people’s consciousness regarding our right to water as an inalienable human right. With this project, SETA will train ANDA workers and community leaders by organizing seminar workshops with experienced facilitators, community mobilizations to peacefully protest in the streets, and protests in the Legislative Assembly to denounce the decentralization processes. These seminar workshops will pertain to the draft bill being prepared by the government, the alternative bill, and workers’ rights, as well as water decentralization. Simultaneously, SETA will be continually mobilizing to demand public discussion and input on the General Water Law and the community-based alternative water law. The mobilization component will consist of organizing larger protests, in alliance with other organizations like those that make up the “National Forum for the Defense of the Sustainability and the Right to Water.”



\$4000 to Popular Social Bloc for Real Democracy (BPS)



The Popular Social Block (BPS), formed over three years ago, is a national social movement organization that brings together a wide representation of El Salvador’s Prominent social sectors - women, youth, religious groups, unions, campesinos, cooperatives, and other community organizations. The BPS remains determined to mobilize against CAFTA and ARENA’s rule in El Salvador. BPS is going to carry out two workshops during the year with representation from all of the BPS members to plan our work every six months, as well as a general assembly with all the BPS members in the first semester of 2007. Finally, BPS is kicking off their new bi-weekly bulletin to address current political issues.

\$3000 to Strategic Organizing Fund



The Strategic Organizing Fund serves the important role of allowing CISPES to respond to the immediate needs that arise for the Salvadoran social movement. In the past this fund has been used to finance emergency mobilizations, strikes, protests, picket lines and other mobilizations that are not included in the rest of CISPES’s docket. With the increase in state repression, attacks on the FMLN, social movement leaders and activists, and the recently passed “Anti-terrorist Law”, government authoritarianism and human rights violations are expected to rise. This emergency fund will support mobilizations and resistance to these attacks. This fund will prioritize projects that are women-led or have an element of gender consciousness.