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HOLIDAY APPEAL EXCEEDS TARGET, HELPS TO RAISE \$15,550 FOR SURVIVORS

January 18, 2008, Washington DC: The Advocacy Project's end of year fundraising appeal has generated over four times the target amount, and helped to raise \$15,550 for survivors of massacre, abuse and disaster in Bangladesh, India, Guatemala, Nepal and Bosnia.

The donations – from 46 individuals and one family foundation – far exceed the \$3,750 sought. The money is being transferred to AP partner organizations, to be spent as follows:

- \$1,225 for a scholarship program for indigenous girls in the highlands of Guatemala who lost relatives in the 1982 Chixoy massacres in Guatemala. The program is run by AP's partner, Adivima, a community-based group representing the survivors. It was featured in the first issue of Adivima's new newsletter that was produced with help from Abby Weil, an AP Peace fellow.
- \$1,140 for 42 disabled people who lost assets in the November cyclone that hit southern Bangladesh. The 42 survivors had participated in a microcredit program run by the [Blind Educational Rehabilitation and Development Organization \(BERDO\)](#), an AP partner. The project was profiled last summer by Caitlin Burnett, an AP Peace Fellow with BERDO.
- \$1,360 for the Srebrenica memorial quilt, which is comprised of panels commemorating victims and is woven made by women who lost relatives in the 1995 Srebrenica massacre. The money will pay for 34 new panels. The quilt was launched last summer with help from Alison Morse, an AP Peace Fellow with Bosfam.
- \$10,705 to help the Chintan Environmental Research and Action Group provide an educational alternative to children who work in trash in Delhi. This includes \$10,000, donated by a family foundation to Chintan through the Advocacy Project.
- \$875 for a training program in Nepal to train rural women in microcredit and engage women in the April elections. The program is run by the Nepal Social Development and People's Empowerment Center (NESPEC), an AP partner in Western Nepal. AP Peace Fellow Nicole Farkouh volunteered as a Peace Fellow with NESPEC last summer.
- \$250 for Baglung FM, the Internet radio project in Nepal that seeks to engage indigenous and minorities in the forthcoming elections. The project was

developed last summer by Yogendra Milan Chhantyal in Baglung, with help from AP Peace Fellow Tassos Coufaloglou.

AP and its partners wish to thank the 47 donors for their generous support. AP will provide regular updates on these projects and beneficiaries.

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