



## KAIROS Briefing Note

# How is CIDA's Funding to KAIROS Spent

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**Issue:** This briefing note provides a clear breakdown of how KAIROS' CIDA Funding is used.

### 1) KAIROS Spends CIDA Funds on Overseas Grants, Monitoring, Public Education and Administration

Between 2006 and 2009 KAIROS administered a contribution agreement with CIDA which detailed how the CIDA funds were to be spent. As our quarterly reporting and successful audit attest, KAIROS spent these funds directly as per the agreement. For example, in 2008, KAIROS received \$1.57 million in CIDA funding. KAIROS, through the contributions of its member churches, matches the CIDA contribution on a 1 to 3 basis (KAIROS members put in one dollar for every three by CIDA). The total CIDA program for 2008 was \$2.1 million. KAIROS spent these funds as designated by our contribution agreement in 4 areas:

- 1) overseas **grants** to partner groups: \$1,350,000
- 2) salaries and expenses related to **monitoring** of overseas projects: \$300,000
- 3) salaries and expenses for **public engagement** in Canada related to the overseas program, including visits to Canada to educate Canadians about the situation in their countries: \$200,000
- 4) **administrative** costs: \$200,000

A key component of CIDA's Voluntary Sector Program is the requirement to combine a program of overseas grants with a public education program that has as its goal "increased engagement of a large and diverse spectrum of Canadians in international development." The public engagement program is not more than 10% of the total CIDA contract. CIDA also sets out the level of funds for administration (12%).

### 2) KAIROS does not use CIDA funds to address domestic justice issues or on lobbying. KAIROS has Other Sources of Funding for Activities that Fall Outside of CIDA such as domestic justice.

KAIROS' total budget is just over \$4 million dollars. Revenue from CIDA has represented @40% of KAIROS' funding over the past years (\$1.57 million in 2008). Other sources of revenue include:

- 1) Contributions from member churches and religious communities: \$1,980,000
- 2) Contributions from individuals and groups, grants, sales, interest etc.: \$450,000
- 3) Grants from unions and foundations: \$210,000
- 4) Sales and interest: \$100,000

Funds received from these other sources contribute to our CIDA match. They are also spent on KAIROS domestic justice activities (research, policy development, education and advocacy) and on some global activities not included in our CIDA contribution agreement. KAIROS uses 19% of its revenues for administrative and fundraising purposes which is consistent with Canadian law and comparable non-profit organizations.