



The Year in Review

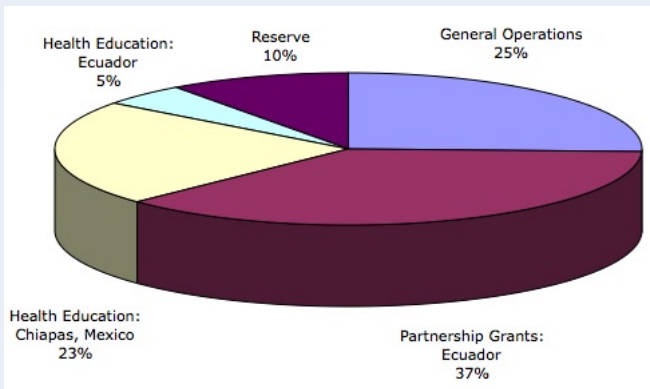
Global Pediatric Alliance embraced a number of exciting changes in 2006. Executive Director Mary Fifield, working closely with the advisory board and Founder Dr. Scott Cohen, launched a new program, Grassroots Health Partnership Grants, in Ecuador.

Through our on-the-ground work, we had witnessed the dedication and initiative of health workers and others who have creative ideas for addressing maternal and child health problems but lack financial or technical support. To meet this need, we created our program to provide small grants for child and maternal health projects designed by communities, for communities. Like our health education workshops, the Grassroots Grants are based on a core principle: empowering people to lead health efforts in their own communities is key to increasing, and sustaining, the quality of maternal and child health.

We funded four projects ranging from community workshops on child nutrition to education for Kichwa women on their legal right to free health care for themselves and their children under five. By the end of the year, all projects had made progress toward their goals, and we began collaborating with coordinators from the two most promising communities for longer-term projects starting in 2007.

In Chiapas, we conducted the last three workshops in our series for 30 Tzeltal-speaking midwives and began preparing for the next phase of educational support. After two years of GPA training, the midwives have received certification from the Mexican ministry of health, have begun working more closely with the state health center, and have started to form a more cohesive, professional group. To support these encouraging developments, explore new opportunities for health education, and implement the Grassroots Health Partnership Grants program in Chiapas, we created a new program director position based year-round in Chiapas. Michelle Tinkler, an international development professional, joined our team as Chiapas Program Director in late 2006.

2006 Allocation of Costs
total budget: \$129,397



2006 Income

Grants	\$18,000
Individual and family foundation donations	\$112,544
Total grants and donations	\$130,544

2006 Expenses

Expense	Cost	Percent Attributed to Programs
Personnel (wages, benefits, and taxes)	\$64,551	80%
Professional Services (website maintenance, translation, graphic design, etc.)	\$11,802	88%
General Operations (supplies, printing, utilities, etc.)	\$5,922	12%
Direct Grants to Projects	\$8,000	100%
Travel	\$14,457	88%
Insurance and Fees	\$11,665	0%
Reserve	\$13,000	100%
Total for 2006	\$129,397	

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