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Budget Financing (in US\$)	
INPUTS	REV "A"
UNDP	
01-UNDP-IPF / TRAC - (Trac 1.1.1 & 1.1.2)	0
Cost Sharing	
Third Parties	71,010
Country Office Admin. Costs:	3,551
TOTAL	74,561

Brief Description:

The object of this preparatory assistance is the organization of the International Seminar on Land and Property Rights and Legal Empowerment of the Poor, aiming at debating the rule of law and legal strategies to assure housing and property rights in urban and rural areas. This Seminar has the aim to support an international debate on the subject of housing and property rights in urban and rural environments, under a legal framework and with the support of the judiciary system. For the debate, participants from a broad range of sectors will be brought together to examine and consider new alternatives to reduce poverty through sharing of experiences on housing reform, property rights as well as access to legal services and protection. The main concern, therefore, is to debate how to make property rights work for the poor, either in rural or from urban areas, and to promote entrepreneurship amongst them.

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Executing Agency:		28/10/06	Anaclaudia Kessbach Presidente
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SEMINAR ON LAND AND PROPERTY RIGHTS AND LEGAL EMPOWERMENT OF THE POOR

Application for Financial Support

1. Situational Analysis

Considering that the main mission of United Nations is to promote universal values such as freedom, justice, peaceful conflict resolutions, social and sustainable development, equality, tolerance and dignity; and that UNDP has its mandate focused at promoting Human Sustainable Development in the world and also is responsible to coordinate the United Nations System in the country where it is represented;

Considering that at the Millennium Assembly, occurred in 2000, when 191 countries signed the Millennium Declaration which established a set of concrete aims for the social development and poverty eradication throughout the world, the so called Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), and having the General Secretary of United Nations, Kofi Annan, assigned to UNDP the rule of monitoring the progress of countries in achieving theses fundamental objectives for humanity;

Considering that the Embassy of Norway supports the initiative of the High Level Commission on Legal Empowerment of the Poor on exploring how nations can reduce poverty through reforms that expand access to legal protection and opportunities for all;

Considering that the Interaction Institute (Interação) has as mission to research and mobilize communitarian associations, civil society and non governmental organizations

for debating and supporting the formulation of public policies on social development in urban areas;

Considering that the debate on reducing poverty goes beyond a concern with the distributional impact of growth and expands to assuring basic rights for the poor, such as land and property rights, business regulation, access to finance and justice, support from legal system and legal empowerment of minority groups;

Considering that citizenship builds a democratic foundation and is the main axle for a focused intervention in establishing fair, sustainable and democratic cities; and highlighting that rules, legislations and legal system have an indispensable co-responsibility for developing new approaches and tools in order to achieve a broader social scenario that allow individuals to participate in legitimate economic systems;

Considering that there is congruency among UNDP mission with the mandate of the Embassy of Norway and the Interaction Institute, regarding promoting new initiatives for poverty eradication and social development, within the legal framework;

UNDP Brazil Country Office presents to the Norway Embassy in Brazil this application for financial support aiming at organizing an International Seminar to debate housing system and problems, property rights and the legal system support.

2. BackGround

The High Level Commission for Legal Empowerment of the Poor hosted on 19th of April 2006 a Regional Consultation in São Paulo Brazil on the following issues:

- Land property rights in urban and rural environments
- Labor informality, business regulation and access to finance
- Rule of law, legal systems and access to justice

- Legal empowerment in a regional context - an enabling environment for the success of future reforms

As a sequence to the consultation a seminar call took place on the 31st of May, between the High Level Commission, UNDP and Slums Dwellers International / INTERAÇÃO (Brazilian NGO). As an outcome of this seminar an international seminar was scheduled for November with the purpose of gathering the main actors in Brazil and from some Latin American countries, including NGO's, grass root movements, governments and academics.

3. Object

The object of this Application for Financial Support is the organization of the *International Seminar on Land and Property Rights and Legal Empowerment of the Poor*, aiming at debating the rule of law and legal strategies to assure housing and property rights in urban and rural areas.

This Seminar has the aim to support an international debate on the subject of housing and property rights in urban and rural environments, under a legal framework and with the support of the judiciary system. For the debate, participants from a broad range of sectors will be brought together to examine and consider new alternatives to reduce poverty through sharing of experiences on housing reform, property rights as well as access to legal services and protection. The main concern, therefore, is to debate how to make property rights work for the poor, either in rural or from urban areas, and to promote entrepreneurship amongst them.

4. Justification

The Seminar is based upon a detailed discussion of the conceptual issues related to fight against poverty, rule of law, democratic governance, urban and rural exclusion, legal empowerment, access to justice and financial systems, and land and property rights. In this occasion these key conceptual issues will be discussed among grassroots movements, government, legal and financial system representatives, in order to exchange perspectives and share challenges in urban poverty reduction. Some possible outcomes shall also be identified, followed by an exchange from different countries experiences and a future perspective of actions to be taken.

Due to the wide range of social, political, cultural and economical conditions of the countries at Latin American Region, and aiming at taking advantage of the debate for creating and designing new strategies for the legal empowerment of the urban and rural poor, the Seminar will comprehend experiences from Brazil, Argentina, Venezuela and Peru. The Seminar will be hosted in São Paulo City, Brazil, as its coordination is UNDP Brazil Country Office responsibility.

São Paulo City was chosen as an ideal place to host the Seminar, for it is the biggest city of Latin America and the 3rd biggest city of the world, with around 11 million inhabitants. Together with 38 other municipalities, the metropolitan region of São Paulo assembles up to 19 millions inhabitants, the 4th most populous metropolis in the world. It is important to highlight that around 15,7% of the economically active population is unemployed and 50% are poor or live under precarious conditions.

The intense urbanization process through with Brazilian society passed let as a heritage a striking social-territorial dilemma. In 1960 around 60% of the population lived in rural areas and in 2000 over 80% of the population lives in urban areas. This dilemma affects at least 1/3 of municipalities in Brazil, which then have to deal with housing conflicts,

property rights at urban areas and legal system. As part of a solution strategy the Statute of the Cities was designed and is being implemented all over the country. Brazilian experience will therefore be widely used to guide the organization of the Seminar, because the country has rather a unique coalition between Federal Government, Municipal Government and Civil Society, which strengthens a participatory process in the legislation formulation and social control over its implementation.

5. Expected Results

The main result expected from this Seminar is to bring closer grassroots movements, government, legal and financial institutions representative for a debate and design of new legal strategies destined to assist the poor in taking the greatest control over their lives.

6. Implementation Strategies

Draft Format of the Seminar

Date:	22-23 rd November
Place:	São Paulo
Size:	200-300 participants
Duration:	2 days
Agenda:	

22nd November - Wednesday

05:00 p.m.	Opening
07:00 p.m.	Cocktail

23rd November - Thursday

08:00 a.m.	Registration
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09:00 a.m. Panel 1: Local governments, some positive experiences on implementing the Statute of the City. Rule of law and legal empowerment.

11:00 a.m. Debate

12:00 a.m. Lunch

02:00 p.m. Panel 2: Property Rights and Poverty Reduction In Rural Areas

04:00 p.m. Coffee break

04:30 p.m. Debate

24th November - Friday

09:00 a.m. Panel 3: Practical experiences of grass root movements - rural areas

11:00 a.m. Debate

12:00 a.m. Lunch

02:00 p.m. Panel 4: Practical experiences of grass root movements - urban areas

04:00 p.m. Coffee break

04:30 p.m. Debate

05:30 p.m. Closing

Each panel will have presentations of grass roots experiences followed by debate and will gather representatives of NGO's, grass root movements, local governments and academics.

Deriving from the topics above the seminar was designed basically on three main panels:

Panel 1: Local governments, some positive experiences on implementing the Statute of the City. Rule of law and legal empowerment.

This panel should have presentations of best practices of local governments and NGO's concerning the implementation of the legal instruments allowed by the Statute of the City.

Panel 2: Property Rights and Poverty Reduction In Rural Areas

This panel will review the range of property rights challenges and opportunities which the poor face in rural areas. This will include a survey of the major land rights issues, rural titling schemes and collective and user rights issues.

Panel 3 and 4: Practical experiences of grass root movements – rural and urban areas

Representatives of the main Brazilian grass root movements involved in legal empowerment activities in urban and rural areas will be invited to present instructive experiences in how the law has worked for or against the poor in the areas of labor rights, business or access to justice.

Participants

The speakers and the audience must have acknowledged experience on the subject housing and gather representatives of grass root movements, NGO's, local governments and academics in order to promote a solid debate on practical actions, perspectives and bottlenecks on implementing the legal instruments for empowerment of the poor. Special emphasis will be put on inviting grass root movements and people who have gained real life experience in relation to the issues that will be discussed.

Municipalities: Belo Horizonte, Santo André, São Paulo, Rio de Janeiro, Recife, Porto Alegre.

Grass Root Movements: Movimento Nacional de Luta por Moradia; União dos Movimentos de Moradia – UMM, FACESP, União dos Núcleos e Associações de Heliópolis – UNAS; Unificadora dos Loteamentos, Federação Brasileira de Grupos de

Poupança; Movimento dos Sem Terra (MST); National Forum of Urban Reform - Forum Nacional da Reforma Urbana.

NGO's: Centro Gaspar Garcia, Associação Viva Rio, Observatório de Favelas, Instituto Polis; FASE and COHRE AMERICAS; CENDHEC (Recife).

Academics: LABHAB - University of São Paulo, IPPUR Rio de Janeiro, PUC Minas Gerais.

International Guests: In order to broaden the perspectives presented during the seminar, members of government and grass root movements from Argentina, Peru and Venezuela will be invited.

7. Implementation Arrangements

Rules and responsibilities from the institutions involved in the organization of the Seminar:

United Nations Development Program - UNDP (Brazil Country Office)

- To coordinate the organization of the International Seminar;
- To permanently inform and have contact with the High Level Commission on Legal Empowerment of the Poor;
- To identify, together with Interação, specialists from grass root movements, NGO's, local governments and academics, for the panels;
- To invite and confirm the speakers from grass root movements, NGO's, local governments and academics, for the panels;
- To divulgate the Seminar for partners from national government, private sector and international organizations;
- To elaborate, together with Interação, terms of reference for personnel and enterprises contracting;

- To select candidates and elaborate contracts for personnel;
- To supervise the services of personnel located in Brasilia;
- To authorize expenditures, after receiving at least 3 price quotations, and elaborate contract for enterprises;
- To provide the payment for either personnel and enterprises, according to the services or products in the contract;
- To coordinate the publication of reports and annals after the Seminar;
- To disseminate the reports and annals for the participant institutions and UNDP Country Offices for the in Latin America Region;
- To receive the donation of Norway Embassy and respond to the financial supervision and coordination;
- To update financial and managerial information in the corporative system (SAP/R3) and provide regular financial reports for the monitoring of Norway Embassy;
- To archive financial documentation for auditing purposes.

The Secretariat of the High Level Commission on Legal Empowerment of the Poor will oversee the development of the Seminar, and senior representative(s) from the Secretariat will travel to Sao Paulo to participate in the Seminar.

NGO Rede Internacional de Ação Comunitária - Interação

- To support UNDP/ Brazil in the organization of the International Seminar;
- To support UNDP with the identification of specialists for the panels;
- To invite and confirm the speakers from grass root movements, NGO's, local governments and academics, for the panels;
- To organize the logistics for speakers and IP guests in São Paulo, during the Seminar days;
- To contact and articulate the participation of national NGOs in the Seminar;
- To divulgate the Seminar for partners from national government, private sector and international organizations;

- To support UNDP in the elaboration of terms of references for personnel and enterprises contracting;
- To supervise the services of personnel located in São Paulo;
- To quote with at least 3 vendors the costs for any shopping or bidding process, up to US\$ 30,000 each;
- To send to UNDP the quotations for authorization and contract procedures;
- To supervise, control, evaluate and certify the services rendered by the contracted enterprises for the organization of the Seminar (air transportation, translations, printing services, publications, equipments rent, banners production, hotel and meals arrangements);
- To support the production of reports and annals after the Seminar;
- To disseminate the reports and annals for NGOs and grass root movements.

INTERAÇÃO is a non governmental organization linked to an international network of NGO's and people's organizations centered on savings schemes and women participation as basis for social mobilization. The NGO was founded in December 2004 by a group of professionals, specialists in the housing field with diverse backgrounds: lawyer, economist, social services, psychology, and architect.

The main mission of the organization consists on giving technical support to very poor communities living in informal settlements to organize themselves around savings and community databank in order to enable them to negotiate with local authorities and pilot their own development projects.

8. Budget

The global budget is US\$ 70,000.00 (seventy thousand dollars), to be executed as detailed below. The budget is estimated according to market prices in June 2006 and it may suffer changes over the time.



SBLN	Description	Implementing	Funding	Total	2006	2007
010.	PERSONNEL					
014.	UN Volunteers	NEX				
014.01	Voluntários das Nações Unidas			10,010	8,000	2,010
			Net Amount	10,010	8,000	2,010
			Total	10,010	8,000	2,010
014.99	Line Total			10,010	8,000	2,010
			Net Amount	10,010	8,000	2,010
			Total	10,010	8,000	2,010
017.	National Consultants	NEX				
017.01	Consultoria Nacional			10,000	10,000	
			Net Amount	10,000	10,000	
			Total	10,000	10,000	
017.99	Line Total			10,000	10,000	
			Net Amount	10,000	10,000	
			Total	10,000	10,000	
019.	PROJECT PERSONNEL TOTAL			20,010	18,000	2,010
			Net Amount	20,010	18,000	2,010
			Total	20,010	18,000	2,010
020.	CONTRACTS					
021.	Contract A	NEX				
021.01	Subcontratos			13,000	13,000	
			Net Amount	13,000	13,000	
			Total	13,000	13,000	
021.02	Passagens	NEX		9,000	9,000	
			Net Amount	9,000	9,000	
			Total	9,000	9,000	
021.99	Line Total			22,000	22,000	
			Net Amount	22,000	22,000	
			Total	22,000	22,000	
029.	SUBCONTRACTS TOTAL			22,000	22,000	
			Net Amount	22,000	22,000	
			Total	22,000	22,000	
030.	TRAINING					
032.	Other Training	NEX				
032.01	Capacitação/ Seminário			27,000	27,000	
			Net Amount	27,000	27,000	
			Total	27,000	27,000	
032.99	Line Total			27,000	27,000	
			Net Amount	27,000	27,000	
			Total	27,000	27,000	



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SBLN	Description	Implementing	Funding		Total	2006	2007
039.	TRAINING TOTAL			Net Amount Total	27,000 27,000	27,000 27,000	
050.	MISCELLANEOUS						
053.	Sundries	NEX		Net Amount	2,000	2,000	
053.01	Miscelâneo			Total	2,000	2,000	
053.99	Line Total			Net Amount	2,000	2,000	
				Total	2,000	2,000	
059.	MISCELLANEOUS TOTAL			Net Amount	2,000	2,000	
				Total	2,000	2,000	
099.	BUDGET TOTAL			Net Amount	71,010	69,000	2,010
				Total	71,010	69,000	2,010

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SBLN	Donor	Funding		Total	2006	2007
103.	Third Party cost-sharing					
103.01	NORWAY	NORWAY	Net Contrib.	71,010	69,000	2,010
			CO Adm. %	5.00	5.00	5.00
			CO Adm.	3,551	3,450	101
			Total	74,561	72,450	2,111
103.99	Line Total		Net Contrib.	71,010	69,000	2,010
			CO Adm. %	5.00	5.00	5.02
			CO Adm.	3,551	3,450	101
			Total	74,561	72,450	2,111
109.	COST SHARING TOTAL		Net Contrib.	71,010	69,000	2,010
			CO Adm. %	5.00	5.00	5.02
			CO Adm.	3,551	3,450	101
			Total	74,561	72,450	2,111
999.	NET CONTRIBUTION		Net Contrib.	0	0	0

1 US\$ = 2,25 R\$ (for calculation)

* Air Tickets have their price estimated for budget reasons.

9. Implementation Timetable

Personnel Support Contracts	July 2006 – December 2006
Logistics and Administrative Arrangements	August 2006 – November 2006
Seminar	November 2006
Reports and Publication of Annals for the Seminar	December 2006
Final Expenditures Report	December 2006

10. UNDP Bank Account Information

In case this application for financial support is approved, follows bellow the new bank account for UNDP Brazil, since 12th of June of 2006.

UNDP Representative in Brazil USD Account
Bank of America, 1401 Elm St., Dallas TX 75202
Account N.: 375 222 0643
Wire Routing Number: 026009593
SWIFT Address: BOFAUS3N

11. Support Documentation Attached

- Statute of the City

