

## INTRODUCTORY (COVER) LETTER to ACCOMPANY THE GUIDELINES

It is very important that we receive a copy of your most recent, **audited** annual report. This is true only if you normally have an annual audit done (applies mostly to NGOs in India). Please **do not** send a copy of your organizational by-laws. The following points give you a clearer idea of the types of projects we fund:

- ▶ RSWR funds income generating projects: Proposals **must** outline the economics (expenses and income) of an income generating project, especially the net income the beneficiaries can expect. Details of how beneficiaries will repay their loan of seed money must be provided;
- ▶ RSWR is particularly interested in funding new, small, grassroots organizations, especially those which are women-led;
- ▶ RSWR focuses its funding in south India (Tamil Nadu and the districts of Chittoor, Cuddapah, Anantapur, and Nellore in Andhra Pradesh in India), Sierra Leone and members of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) in the developing world;
- ▶ RSWR's grant making work focuses on the cultural, social and economic empowerment of impoverished persons. In our experience this is best accomplished in two areas; sustainable agriculture and implementation of microenterprise, self-employment projects.

Please note that there are two deadlines for receiving proposals, June 30 (for funding decisions in October) and December 31 (for decisions in April). However, it is **strongly** recommended that proposals be received by April 30 or October 31. This allows time for proposal revisions, if there are any needed. It is our experience that most proposals received in the month before the deadline are not funded.

For a more equitable world,

Roland Kreager  
General Secretary