

# Annual Report April 2007-March 2008

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## Executive Summary

In 2007/08, the Peru Support Group (PSG) has seen a continuation of its work on mining related to development issues, illustrated by the publication and launch in Peru of a Spanish version of our mining and development report. The PSG has also advised on speakers for, and taken part in, discussions on this theme in Leeds and London following screenings of the documentary 'Tambogrande'.

In addition to mining and development, we continue to advocate on issues such as the past and present human rights situation in Peru, including the status of the implementation of the recommendations of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's (TRC) 2005 report. This has been carried out through meetings with various British government agencies and politicians.

We have maintained our participation in various forums such as the interagency group, a gathering of British-based NGOs which has monitored the recommendations of the TRC and has discussed plans for the commemoration of the fifth anniversary of the publication of the report later in 2008. Further work on following up on these recommendations is carried out at an European level through our membership of the Peru Europe Platform (PEP), set up in 2005 by like-minded European solidarity and advocacy groups, together with NGOs. The PSG continues to regularly attend meetings in Brussels and, throughout the year, has supported various initiatives proposed by members of this group on human rights concerns.

At a UK level, the PSG joined the BOND (British Overseas NGOs for Development) Latin American & Caribbean (LAC) Group which meets regularly to exchange information on common issues in the region.

The PSG continues to raise awareness through the organisation of conferences and events, such as our Annual Conference. We have also participated in other organisations' events either related to Peru in particular or Latin America in general, such as *Movimientos* (cultural events in London) and Latin America 2007. These have provided a more varied platform for outreach work and explaining the objectives of the PSG on key issues concerning the rights and interests of Peruvian people.

Our regular activities have continued throughout the year. These include the publication of the bi-monthly newsletter for our members, *Peru Update*, the dissemination of our monthly e-bulletin *Peru News*, and the website ([www.perusupportgroup.org.uk](http://www.perusupportgroup.org.uk)).

We are grateful for continuing support from our core funders: CAFOD, Christian Aid (Peru Office), Oxfam GB (Peru Office).

The annual accounts are included as part of this report. Over all there was a deficit of £9,977.32. This was because a significant grant from one of our funders for FY07/08 was actually received in FY08/09; and the remaining amount represented costs from the mining report project which fell in FY07/08, although these costs were covered in grants given in FY06/07.



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## A Summary of the Year

The Peru Support Group's work on mining and development continued with the launch in May in Peru (Lima and Piura) of a Spanish version of the report 'Mining and Development in Peru – with Special Reference to the Rio Blanco Project'; and the visit by the Coordinator to the public referendum held on the Río Blanco project in Piura in September 2007. Monterrico Metals, the company at the centre of the original report, 'Mining and Development in Peru – with Special Reference to the Rio Blanco Project, Piura', was unable to comment on the publication until the offer period on a takeover bid for the company by Chinese consortium Zijin was over. It used the occasion of the launch of the Spanish version of the PSG report to disseminate its 34 page response, which has been made available on the PSG website. This response has major sections on the legal, environment and social & development issues plus a section with detailed responses to individual paragraphs in the PSG report. The Chinese consortium successfully concluded its takeover of Monterrico in April 2007, acquiring a majority shareholding. We are very grateful for special grants to fund this activity from CAFOD, Christian Aid, Outreach Peru, Oxfam GB (Peru Office), and Progressio; and for the Peru launch *El Instituto de Estudios Peruanos* (IEP) and the *Centro de Investigación y Promoción del Campesinado* (CIPCA).

Despite the emphasis on mining, issues from the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's (TRC) report have continued to be covered, particularly through the forum of the Peru Europe Platform (PEP). The PEP has members from Holland, Belgium, UK, Germany, Sweden, France and Switzerland. The main focus is on Truth and Reconciliation outcomes and the organisation of events to commemorate the fifth anniversary of the publication of the report and recommendations of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission in August 2008.

Our regular publications have continued throughout the year. These include our bi-monthly member's newsletter, Peru Update, and our free monthly e-bulletin, Peru News and we consider these in more detail in the section Information and Educational Resources (p. 12). Over the course of the last year, we have used these information tools to report on a number of issues relevant to development and human rights. For instance, last year was marked by a growing lack of contentment in Peru, illustrated by an increasing number of strikes and general social protest which was compounded by the often heavy handed reaction of the government. The discontent has been caused primarily by an economy fuelled by continued high global commodity prices because in spite of GDP growth of some 9% the key issue of how the benefits of the growth are to be shared throughout the country still need to be addressed..

We fear that the Free Trade Agreement with the US threatens to widen rural-urban disparities, still further endangering the livelihoods of many Peruvians, mostly those who are poor and lack political influence, who will see their livelihoods undercut by cheap (often subsidised) agricultural imports. Farmers producing for the domestic market will be among those hardest hit. Peru is also negotiating other bi-lateral trade deals with Canada, China, Mexico, and possibly Japan.

On the human rights front, this was in many respects a landmark year following the decision of the Chilean Supreme Court to uphold Peru's request for former president, Alberto Fujimori, to be extradited to Peru to be tried on corruption and human rights charges. He arrived back in Peru at the end of September and his trial began on 10th December. We acknowledge the significance of Fujimori's trial and the legal theory that heads of state must be held responsible for human rights violations that occur during their watch.

It also appears that the government has, during the year, become steadily more authoritarian and we are increasingly concerned that, in the current political and social climate, human rights organisations and activists working with them, together with sectors of the political opposition, are becoming targets for official criticism. This is something that the PSG will continue to report and lobby on in the coming year.



The environment is another area of concern in Peru and we would encourage the British government in its project to help define the roles and responsibilities of Peru's proposed environment ministry (MMA).

In our reactive work, we were able to lend support to our main partner organisations following the powerful earthquake that hit southern Peru (Chincha, Ica and Pisco) on 15th August 2007. We sent an e-flyer to our network detailing where there could make emergency donations. The PSG also advised the London-based Peru Earthquake Aid Committee on participants for an event which assessed the situation and the UK's response two months after the earthquake.



# Advocacy

## **Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO)**

The PSG met with the UK Ambassador to Peru, Catherine Nettleton, in September 2007 to talk about mining and human rights and other issues.

The PSG also maintains regular communication with the FCO desk officer for Peru in London in order to exchange information on our work and main concerns.

## **Department for International Development**

The coordinator met with the Head of the Latin America and Caribbean Department, Paul Spray, to discuss our work and that of DfID in Peru.

We also attended a Consultation Event on DfID's Latin America Regional Assistance Plan 2008-11 at Canning House in June 2007. As part of the consultation process the PSG sent a letter to DfID highlighting our main concerns (mining & development and climate change) regarding Peru.

## **MPs & Peers in Westminster**

As always, we have kept our contacts in Parliament informed of the current situation in Peru both through the Peru Update, the Peru News, and special briefings and supplementary publications.

We continue to provide information to all members of the **All Party Parliamentary Group on Peru**. The PSG has maintained its contact with the APPG-Chair Michael Connarty MP and met with Lady Thomas of Walliswood, also a member of the group and part of an Inter-Parliamentary British delegation to Peru in 2006, to talk about human rights and general development issues.

The PSG fostered new links, for example, we met with the vice-chair of the APPG-Latin America Baroness Miller of Chilthorne Damer.

In 2007/08 the PSG met with both **Lord Alderdice** and **John Battle MP**, in order to maintain the strong relationship formed with them during the 2004 delegation to look at the recommendations of the Peruvian Truth Commission.

**John Battle** also participated in a discussion on mining and development in Leeds (see under 'events') where he drew on his knowledge from the 2004 PSG delegation he took part in.

**Lord Avebury**, the PSG's President, gave the opening and closing addresses at our Annual Conference at Oxford Brookes University in December 2007 and chaired the AGM. He continues to give us advice and support on many occasions throughout the year.

## **Inter-agency Group**

The PSG co-ordinates the Interagency Group among British based NGOs to work on how best to follow up on the recommendations of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission and monitor common ground on other issues. In 2007/2008 PSG maintained contact with the group both through individual and group meetings. In the latest meeting, held in February 2008, the fifth anniversary of the publication of the TRC's report and recommendations was discussed.

The group includes representatives from the following NGOs:

- Amnesty International



- Christian Aid
- Progressio
- CAFOD
- Tearfund
- Christian Solidarity Worldwide
- Save the Children UK
- Oxfam GB
- Womankind Worldwide
- Outreach Peru

### **Peru Europe Platform - Plataforma Europea-Perú (PEP)**

PEP is a network of solidarity and advocacy groups, as well as NGOs from across Europe who are already working, or who wish to work, on lobbying efforts in their home countries and at EU level to support the implementation of the recommendations of the final report of TRC. The initiative, which was spearheaded by Solidaridad of Denmark, 11.11.11 of Belgium and the Peru Support Group, was launched in 2005.

PEP now has 16 members from across Europe, including NGOs from Holland, Belgium, UK, Germany, Sweden, France and Switzerland and has developed into a lasting network of Europe-wide initiatives to support and uphold human rights on Peru.

The PSG continues to be a key member of this group and attends the twice-yearly meetings in Brussels. The PEP continues to lobby Members of the European Parliament and the EC through letters and special meetings.

We hope that these lobbying activities will raise awareness of the Peruvian Truth Commission amongst MEPs and European Commissioners but that it might also lead to more action being taken at a European level in support of the final recommendations.

The PSG hopes to continue to strengthen its role in the PEP, and that this initiative will reinforce the work of the PSG in the UK in terms of putting pressure on the Peruvian government to implement the recommendations of the TRC.

Recent PSG publications have been of great use during this process, with a multiplying effect for awareness raising and amongst MEPs, commissioners and members of the PEP itself. Swedish member *Comité DD.HH* sends the Peru Update on a regular basis to a group of Swedish MPs who form part of an interest group on Latin America.

The PSG also lent its support and gave input on several initiatives taken by members of the PEP, such as a letter to Chilean government advocating the extradition of former president Alberto Fujimori to Peru to respond to accusations of human rights violations during his government.

This year, the PEP discussed how best to commemorate in our individual countries and at a European level the 5th anniversary (28<sup>th</sup> August 2008) of the publication of the TRC's report and recommendations.

### **BOND Latin America and Caribbean Group (LAC)**

In January 2008, the PSG attended its first meeting with the BOND (British Overseas NGOs for Development) LAC Group. This is a forum through which UK based agencies working in Latin America and the Caribbean engage on common issues, share knowledge and engage in policy and practice with other key actors and stakeholders to help raise the profile of the LAC area.



# Conferences, Meetings, Events & Outreach

## Conferences, Meetings, Events:

The PSG continued to organise and facilitate meetings and conferences with the aim of raising awareness amongst the British public and decision makers on issues concerning civil, political, social, cultural and economic rights including the following:

### **Publication Launch: Spanish version of the mining report 'Mining and Development in Peru' 17th May (Lima) and 18th May 2007 (Piura)**

The PSG collaborated closely with Oxfam GB in Peru on the translation, publication and launch of the Spanish version of the mining report. The PSG's Advocacy Correspondent and Consultant in Lima was able to report back on the launch.

### **PSG Presentation: Lima, Peru 20th September 2007**

The PSG Coordinator and our Advocacy Correspondent and Consultant gave a presentation on our work to NGOs and civil society organisations in Lima.

### **Film screening and discussion: Tambogrande – Mangos, Murder and Mining at Leeds International Film Festival 9th November 2007**

The PSG helped with Oxfam Leeds campaign office's request to advise on participants for this event. We publicised the event amongst our network of contacts and funded the attendance of one of the film's co-directors to attend the screening and post-film discussion.

### **PSG Presentations: University of East Anglia (UEA) 7th December 2007**

Committee member Nick Caistor made a presentation on the PSG's activities in response to a request from the Latin America Research group at the University of East Anglia. The idea was to bring together NGOs and support organisations working on Latin America and give UEA students the chance to become involved in the work done by NGOs.

### **PSG Annual Conference 2007, 'Participation, power and politics' – inequality, social discrimination and exclusion**

#### **8th December 2007 at Brookes University, Oxford**

This year the conference focused on civil society actors and inequality.

The keynote speakers were:

**Rosa Alayza**, Director of Lima-based *Instituto Bartolomé de Las Casas* since 2001. She spoke about the realities and challenges of civil society in Peru.

**Anthony Bebbington**, Professor in the Institute for Development Policy and Management at the University of Manchester. He spoke on mining and development strategy in Peru.

There were also a number of workshops:

- Gender, race and class as intersecting inequalities, **Jelke Boesten & Patricia Oliart**
- Decentralisation, regional governments and conflict, **Xavier Ricard**
- Is the Church in Peru an ally or an enemy? **Francis McDonagh**
- Perceptions of ethnic inequality, **Maritza Paredes**



**Film screening and discussion : Tambogrande – Mangos, Murder and Mining, part of the London Socialist Film Coop’s programme  
13th January 2008**

The PSG coordinator took part in a post-film discussion on foreign investment, mining and the rights of local communities as part of a panel which included Jeremy Corbyn MP and Stephen Hart (Professor of Hispanic Studies at University College London).

*The PSG also supported and advised on content and speakers for the following meeting:*

**Earthquake: The Earthquake In Peru – Two Months On: Assessment, Response, Reconstruction,  
16th October 2007**

Meeting at the House of Commons hosted by the All-Party Parliamentary Group for Peru (APPG-Peru) and the Peru Earthquake Aid Committee (PEAC).

In the initial planning of the event, the chair of the PEAC sought the PSG’s advice on participants and we were able to supply names and contact details.

*Outreach work:*

**Carnaval de la Independencias, London (Peckham Rye)  
22nd July 2007**

The PSG manned a stand of promotional material in the Peru tent

**Movimientos, London (Islington)  
2nd August 2007**

The PSG gave a short introduction on the TRC to the film ‘State of Fear’ at one of *Movimientos*’ regular documentary evenings. We also explained about the PSG’s work and took along promotional material.

**Discovering Latin American Film Festival, London  
22nd November to 2nd December 2007**

We left promotional material on the PSG at the two cinemas which screened Peruvian films: the Ritzy in Brixton and the Odeon Panton Street in the West End.

**Latin America 2007  
1st December**

The PSG had a stall with promotional material on our activities at this event which is a collaboration between civil society organisations, solidarity groups and unions.

## Publications and Resources

Minería y Desarrollo en el Perú  
Con Especial Referencia al Proyecto  
Río Blanco, Piura



IEP Instituto de Estudios Peruanos



The PSG continues to produce timely and useful publications. The report on mining was produced and launched first in English in the UK in March 2007 and then subsequently translated into Spanish and launched in Lima and Piura in May 2007. Both editions have been widely distributed in the UK and Peru amongst decision makers, NGOs and campaigners, government bodies, academics and the mining industry itself. They are also available for download on the PSG website.

**'Minería y Desarrollo en el Perú, Con Especial referencia al Proyecto Río Blanco, Piura'**  
**Published May 2007**

**'Mining and Development in Peru, with Special Reference to the Rio Blanco Project, Piura'**  
**Published March 2007**



### **Photographic exhibition “Testimonies of Courage and Pain”**

This exhibition produced in 2004 is an English version of a photographic exhibition that was originally commissioned by the Project Counselling Service (an international NGO consortium with its headquarters in Lima, working on conflict and human rights issues and with displaced people) called “Testimonies of Courage and Pain”. The exhibition includes photographs and testimonies of women affected by political violence in Peru. It highlights the need for truth and reconciliation and the role that women can play in this.

In July 2007, PSG member María Castañeda put this photographic exhibition on display at St. Anselm College, Birkenhead, the Wirral as part of its human rights week activities and at St Agnes Church (Justice and Peace Group) in West Kirby-Wirral as part of the *livesimply* project (an initiative amongst lots of organisations within the Church in England and Wales to look hard at our lifestyles, and to choose to live simply, sustainably and in solidarity with the poor).



Photos: María Castañeda

### **Photographic exhibition, “Peru on \$1 a Day: a Rough Guide to Living”**

This 2001 PSG photographic exhibition addresses themes such as poverty, education, women’s rights, health, environmental pollution and debt repayment. It illustrates the social, economic, environmental and political hardships faced by the majority of Peruvians. This year the exhibition was used by Project Peru during a fund raising event and displayed at Kingston University during the PSG Annual Conference.



## Information and Educational Resources

### **The Peru Update**

The PSG newsletter, *The Peru Update*, is produced and sent out on a bi-monthly basis; it has a print run of 500 copies. We use the Update as a way of keeping members and contacts of the organisation informed on issues of concern in Peru. The editorial reflects our standing on issues of key importance and the articles and news items are chosen to reflect our priorities.

The *Peru Update* has continued to report on mining and development, citizen security and social movements (including the increase in social protest), poverty, democracy, human rights and justice, education, the environment and climate change, monitoring of the current government's policies (especially economic and social), free trade agreements, national and international response following August's earthquake, as well as up-to-the-minute news coverage. The Update provides an important forum for raising topics of interest and concern from a variety of contributors, and also allows members of the PSG and the general public to participate in the work of the PSG by taking part in campaigns, workshops or cultural events. The editorial, together with selected articles from both the current Update and back copies are available on the PSG website at [www.perusupportgroup.org.uk](http://www.perusupportgroup.org.uk)

### **Peru News**

The e-bulletin, *Peru News*, has been going out every month since 2005. It was established as a means to capture and inform a new audience of people who rely on the Internet to receive information and news. The bulletin now has a total of 505 subscribers and has been very popular way to reach out to an increasingly varied and more international demographic of PSG supporters. As it is sent out on a monthly basis, we can use the *Peru News* not only as a way of informing people about current events in Peru, but also as a means to be more reactive. For example, following the earthquake in August 2007 we were able to use the e-bulletin to inform subscribers of the latest news and provide them with a list of organisations coordinating emergency appeals.

The email list compiled from these subscribers complements that of our members and is important when publicising PSG events and initiatives.



### **Information**

We regularly receive bulletins from a variety of Peruvian organisations, which provide an invaluable source of up-to-date and reliable information, particularly on the subject of political, social and economic rights. We are able to use this information in all our activities, particularly when dealing with a large number of enquiries and requests for information. We also respond to a significant volume of enquires from various sectors of society, either by providing information or building links between individuals and groups in Peru and the UK.

We have provided briefing packs to MPs, Members of the House of Lords and MEPs in advance of parliamentary delegations to Peru.

### **Library and resources**

We also receive publications and books from a wide range of Peruvian NGOs and other institutions which contribute to our library on contemporary Peru. This range of publications, including back issues of several key Peruvian magazines/journals (*Ideele*, *Que Hacer*, etc.), have aided many people in their research.

Human rights organisations, development organisations, the media, along with students - mainly from the Institute for the Study of the Americas (ISA - formerly the Institute of Latin American Studies), Oxford Brookes University, the University of Leeds, the University of Warwick and other higher education institutions - use the PSG resources.

This year, in order create more office space, we gave ISA in London many issues of *Caretas* and other periodicals. Consequently, we know that in London there is at least one full set of these publications.

**Website** [www.perusupportgroup.org.uk](http://www.perusupportgroup.org.uk)

We have continued to work on the website throughout the year, updating the key issues section of the site as well as the links page. The website has helped us to increase our membership base and we hope to continue to develop it so that more people will visit it regularly, and use it as a first point of contact for information about Peru. We are currently in the process of re-developing the site, with the aim of providing more news, and updating the site more regularly. This process has been more involved than originally thought; nevertheless we plan to re-launch a revamped site during 2008/09.



## Other activities

### **Peru trip, 10th – 28<sup>th</sup> September 2007**

PSG Coordinator attended meetings in Lima, Piura and Cusco in order to gain input into the work of the PSG and cement links and contacts with Peruvian civil society organisations, NGOs and human rights groups. The Coordinator met with:

#### **Lima**

SER – Raquel Reynoso  
IEP – Martín Tanaka  
Misereor – Susanne Freiss  
ILO – Francisco Verdera  
CooperAcción – José de Echave  
BBC – Dan Collyns  
The Economist – Lucien Chauvin  
British Ambassador to Peru – Catherine Nettleton  
British Embassy – Jane Sidebottom  
Oxfam GB – Fernando Romero & Martín Beaumont  
Aprodeh – Miguel Jugo, Francisco Soberón  
Christian Aid – Edith Montero and Hannah Erlichmann  
Progressio – Camila Gianella  
FEDEPAZ – Javier Jahncke  
CEPES – Fernando Eguren  
IBC – Rosa Alayza  
PQNSR – Rosa Villarán  
IDL – Sofia Macher  
Red Júbileo Perú – Carlos Bedoya  
CNDDHH – Pablo Rojas  
Defensoría  
11.11.11 – Freya Rondelez

#### **Piura**

Stephanie Boyd  
Ernesto Cabellos  
Bishop of Chulucanas – Monseignor Daniel Turley  
CEAS – Humberto Ortiz  
CIPCA – Bruno Revesz

#### **Cusco**

Ayuda en Acción – Erbert Cárdenas  
CADEP – Omar & Clotilde  
CBC



## **Contacts**

Part of PSG's role is to maintain and establish new contacts with experts on Peru's main issues. We are grateful to, and would like to thank, people who have come to help us understand further Peru and its complexities and whose expert knowledge we have sought on an informal basis and drawn upon throughout the year. These include: PSG members, committee members, academics and others.

## **Visitors**

### **Film screening and discussion: Tambogrande – Mangos, Murder and Mining at Leeds International Film Festival 9th November 2007**

The PSG sponsored the visit of **Ernesto Cabellos**, Guarango (Lima, Peru) to participate in the Leeds International Film Festival.

### **PSG Annual Conference 2007, 'Participation, power and politics' – inequality, social discrimination and exclusion**

#### **8<sup>th</sup> December 2007 at Brooks University, Oxford**

The PSG welcomed the speakers from Peru at our Annual Conference: Rosa Alayza, director of Lima-based *Instituto Bartolomé de Las Casas* and Xavier Ricard Lanata, director of the *Colegio Andino del Centro "Bartolomé de Las Casas"* (CBC) in Cuzco and editor of the CBC's *Centro de Estudios Regionales Andinos 'Revista Andina'*.

## **Membership**

The PSG has a committed and enthusiastic membership, many of whom attend PSG events and campaign on PSG initiatives. We hope to draw upon the experiences of those more long-standing members for the commemoration of our 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary in the latter half of 2008.

A number of members help out with events, attend public meetings, and volunteer with translation and interpreting work. Members and contacts have used our resources to organise their own events, which we report on in the Peru Update.

Our AGM provides our members with an opportunity to have an input into the proposed work of the PSG over the coming year. Consequently, our membership strengthens our mandate and maintains our credibility by ensuring that we are both answerable to and supported by a wide constituency in the UK.

We continue to receive a number of donations from members.

## **Relationship with other UK NGOs**

The PSG has maintained its relationship with our core funders, and many other small and large organisations within the UK. Because of these links, and due to our participation in forums such as the interagency group and the BOND LAC Group, we have also built on relationships with other UK NGOs working in or on Peru, as well as those working on issues linked to our work. We have encouraged groups to work together and have been able to put groups working on similar issues in contact with each other. We have continued to work with Christian Aid, Oxfam, CAFOD, Progressio, Christian Solidarity Worldwide, Outreach Peru, Womankind, Amnesty International and others. Many small organisations in the UK who also work on Peru use information from the Peru Update to create their own newsletters, thus multiplying the impact of our publication.



### **The Executive Committee**

The PSG's dedicated committee members are integral to our work. All committee members have continued to contribute their time, advice and expertise generously. They regularly contribute articles to the *Peru Update* newsletter, help with the editorial process of the newsletter and e-bulletin and at times give workshops on Peru and participate in expert panels during debates and discussions. Many members of the committee travel to Peru on a regular basis, facilitating communication with the various organisations with which we work. We would also like to recognise the time, work and advice provided by the Treasurer throughout the year on financial and general matters.

Committee meetings take place about once a month; with additional strategy meetings taking place every six months. The committee has recently diversified with new members coming from a broad range of backgrounds and interests.

### **Staff**

**PSG Coordinator** works full time at the PSG offices in London to coordinate, manage and carry out all PSG activities.

**Former PSG Correspondent (based in Peru)**, this part-time position was funded by Progressio for a one year period from January 2007 to January 2008.

### **Volunteers**

Volunteers have continued to donate invaluable time and effort. Mostly involved in desktop publishing, research activities, office administration, editing, mailings, and helping on stalls at events.

We currently have four key volunteers who support us in the following activities:

- Web design and maintenance
- Peru News e-bulletin research, writing
- Peru News e-bulletin formatting into web development application Dream weaver
- Office administration, membership monitoring and research



## End of Year Accounts 2007/2008

The PSG financial year is from 1 April to 31 March.

The accounts for 2007/08 given below are prepared on a cash basis: that is receipts and expenditure are recognised when they occur\*. Note that monies that we owe or are owed would not appear in the Payments/Receipts accounts or on the Balance Sheet

The accounts also show the budget agreed at the beginning of the year and the actual outcome at the end of the year. Footnotes are given explaining relevant issues.

The PSG is funded by grants from donor NGOs and from subscriptions and gifts. The major donors are CAFOD, Oxfam and Christian Aid. These donors support us through a core programme agreed on a three-yearly strategy with yearly detailed definitions of activities. This programme covers ongoing activities such as advocacy, publication of Peru update bulletin etc. In addition, special grants have been made for additional specific projects, funded from these donors and others such as Outreach Peru. The most important of these special projects was that on Mining and Development in Peru for which a few payments and expenditures were made in FY 2007/08.

PSG continued to give banking facilities to the Bolivian Information Forum (BIF) while it was being set up. This ceased in April 2007.

Subscriptions and gifts make a contribution to the core programme and to projects that are part funded by donors.

The deficit on the year of nearly £10,000 is for two main reasons:

- A grant of about £8,200 from one of our funders for FY07/08 was actually received in FY08/09
- About £2,300 net of costs on the mining report project fell in FY07/08; these costs were covered in grants given in FY06/07

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\* Thus for example a cheque from a donor might be received in January for work to be done January to July; this receipt would be recognised in January. Expenses would each be recognised as they occur between January and July.



**Payments**

**Budget**

**Actual**

Rent & Insurance	2,000.00	1,647.07
Salary & National Insurance	22,300.00	24,219.84
Volunteers	250.00	52.95
Equipment & Stationary	700.00	335.46
Travel	1,475.00	5,188.08 <sup>1</sup>
Phone & Fax, Email & Website	1,000.00	729.91 <sup>2</sup>
Postage	950.00	1,372.08 <sup>3</sup>
Printing & Copying	350.00	3,780.58 <sup>4</sup>
Resources	150.00	211.98
Update	900.00	931.75
Events	500.00	249.07
Production of Materials	475.00	0.00
Visitor expenses	250.00	266.38
Other	300.00	107.00 <sup>5</sup>
BIF Project	0.00	8,000.00 <sup>6</sup>
European Advocacy Work	1,500.00 <sup>7</sup>	
<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>	<b>33,100.00</b>	<b>47,092.15</b>

**Receipts**

Grants	27,980.00	19,280.00 <sup>8</sup>
Special Grants	2,000.00 <sup>7</sup>	4,905.00 <sup>9</sup>
Subscriptions	2,400.00	2,016.00
Donations	400.00	193.00
Events	100.00	133.00
Crafts	20.00	
Other	0.00	1,938.38 <sup>10</sup>
Interest	200.00	649.45
BIF Project	0.00	8000.00 <sup>6</sup>
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>33,100.00</b>	<b>37,114.83</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>-9,977.32</b>

**Balance Sheet**

	Petty Cash	Current account	Deposit account	Assets <sup>11</sup>	Liabilities <sup>12</sup>	Total
<b>01-Apr-07</b>	-160.76	2,879.31	31,576.85	1,614.64	-2,134.30	<b>33,775.74</b>
<b>31-Mar-08</b>	54.35	1,620.01	22,725.30	0.00	-601.24	<b>23,798.42</b>
<b>Difference</b>	<b>215.11</b>	<b>-1,259.30</b>	<b>-8,851.55</b>	<b>-1614.64</b>	<b>1,533.06</b>	<b>-9,977.32</b>

<sup>1</sup> This figure is much higher than that in the budget because it includes travel costs from Peru for the lead author of the mining report to attend the report launch of the English version in London; costs were covered by a special project grant.

<sup>2</sup> This is lower than envisaged because we are now sharing facilities with BIF.

<sup>3</sup> This cost is high due to payment of an invoice for about 6 months of postage made in FY 2006/07; also costs of posting the mining report are included in FY 2007/08.

<sup>4</sup> This includes the printing costs of the mining report which is covered by a special project grant.

<sup>5</sup> This includes direct costs of the Peru Post who was a development worker (DW) based in Peru and employed by Progressio. The DW's contract with the PSG came to an end in January 2008.

<sup>6</sup> This was a grant made by Oxfam GB for the Bolivia Information Forum (BIF) into the PSG's bank account; the grant was then transferred by the PSG to the BIF's bank account.

<sup>7</sup> The budgeted receipts and expenditure was for the special initiative on European Advocacy. The receipts for this work are now part of 'Grants' and the expenditure mostly under 'Travel'.

<sup>8</sup> Core grants from CAFOD and Christian Aid. A payment of £8200 in May08 from Oxfam GB for FY07/08 means that its contribution will fall into the PSG's FY 2008/09 account.

<sup>9</sup> This includes: Special grant for special project on Mining and Development in Peru (£3,530); £189 from CAFOD for audit expenses and media training for the coordinator in FY 2008/09; and £1,186 as a contribution to salary for PSG's services to BIF whilst setting that organisation up.

<sup>10</sup> Includes: return of a float for expenditure in Peru during the delegation's visit; Internet Incentive Payment from HM Revenue & Customs for Income Tax Year 2006/2007.

<sup>11</sup> Cheques received but not yet cashed by PSG.

<sup>12</sup> Cheques issued by PSG but not cashed by recipient.