

*Co-organizing the preparations for the 'HIER' Climate campaign of 45 NGOs in the Netherlands*

This was a very exciting and successful project of the Climate Centre in 2005. Not the least because it is in itself unique that 45 NGOs are interested to work together on a new theme: climate change. All participating NGOs recognised that both adaptation and mitigation are essential elements of a risk reduction strategy. The collaboration will consist of a number of projects by the different NGOs and a joint communication campaign. The opportunity was given through a special fund of the Dutch Postcode Lottery, one of the main financial donors of the Dutch NGO community, in which all involved NGOs participate. The Fund is financing the Program with a total budget of €16.3 million for 2006-2007. Implementation of the joint climate change program will start in 2006.

The Netherlands Red Cross, initially represented by the Climate Centre, participated in the steering committee that developed the program. Half October the board of the Lottery agreed to the program, which was announced officially to the Dutch public on 26 January 2006. The climate change projects of the Netherlands Red Cross in Central America will be funded in the context of the Dutch Postcode Lottery.