Dear WIEGO Members, Partners, and Funders,

As you will read in this report, 2009-2010 was a year of significant achievement for WIEGO and our member organizations and partners. Throughout this period and around the globe, those working for and with WIEGO explored issues, shared their knowledge and energy, and forged new alliances.

This was the first full year for the Inclusive Cities project. WIEGO’s many partners in this exciting, multifaceted project came together at a first Annual Review Meeting in Durban, South Africa in November 2009. Among the Inclusive Cities highlights for the year was an important study on the global recession’s impact on urban informal workers in ten countries. The resulting report helped inform global discussions at the highest levels.

As well, WIEGO piloted an Informal Economy Budget Analysis tool, which is contributing to our ability to understand how government budgets address the needs and interests of informal workers, and helping identify what opportunities exist for informal workers, or their representatives, to participate at different stages of the budget process.

Progress was made, too, as waste pickers stood on the global stage and had their concerns about climate change mechanisms heard for the first time. We were proud to support them, and also to support the International Domestic Workers Network as they advocated for a Convention on Domestic Work at the ILO.

WIEGO also looked inward this year. Following structural changes and the dramatic growth of our activities in recent years, WIEGO’s Board determined that both internal and external reviews were necessary to ensure the organization continues to make effective use of our resources and meet our mandate.

Much has been accomplished in recent years. However, for the working poor to be able to influence the wider environment in which they work, their voice and visibility must dramatically increase. WIEGO remains committed to promoting the voice and visibility of the working poor, especially women, in the informal economy.

On behalf of the WIEGO Ltd. Board, I extend our sincere appreciation to all those who make our work possible. The ongoing generosity of our funders, who are listed at the end of this report, is essential, and we are grateful to them. Thanks also to the many professional, knowledgeable employees and consultants working in our virtual global network. Finally, and most importantly, I want to thank our partners around the world, and especially the millions of working poor engaged in the informal economy whose determination to build a better future inspires us, and drives us forward.

Renana Jhabvala, Chair
WIEGO Ltd. Board
December 2010
Letter from International Coordinator

Dear WIEGO Family and Friends,

This year, the global economic recession continued to shift international development priorities and change the landscape for the working poor in the informal economy. Fortunately, during 2009 and 2010, we saw productive employment and decent work find their way back onto the global development agenda, due in large measure to the Decent Work campaign of the International Labour Organization (ILO). Also, there is renewed interest in the informal economy due to the global recession – as the informal economy is widely perceived to provide a cushion to those who lose their jobs in the formal economy.

By the end of 2009, there were signs of economic recovery in many countries around the world. However, as with other crises, employment has not recovered as fast as production. In developing countries, the majority of the labour force works in the informal economy, so unemployment rates are not the best indicator of a population’s economic well-being. As our research into the recession’s impact on urban informal workers in ten countries clearly depicted, this recession has adversely affected millions of informal workers and their families. However, until WIEGO released No Cushion to Fall Back On: The Global Economic Crisis and Informal Workers, this impact was not widely understood. The voices of informal workers need to be heard, and their contributions understood in policy circles. By conducting and disseminating ground-breaking research, WIEGO continues to help move informal workers’ issues onto the policy agenda.

Of equal concern is the fact that cities around the world, as they seek to modernize and compete for “world class” status, tend to exclude the working poor and undermine their livelihoods in city planning, services and infrastructure, and regulatory policies. As this report details, we have worked hard on a number of fronts to address these multifaceted threats in 2009-2010.

Through all the programmes and outreach activities we have jointly undertaken with our members, partners and allies, WIEGO will continue to play an important role in ensuring that the renewed interest in the informal economy is informed by the perspective of the working poor, especially women, who depend on it for their livelihoods.

Sincerely,

Marty Chen,
International Coordinator
WIEGO Network
December 2010
WIEGO MISSION

WIEGO believes that all workers should have equal economic opportunities and rights and be able to determine the conditions of their work and lives.

WIEGO works to improve the status of the working poor, especially women, in the informal economy through increased organization and representation; improved statistics and research; more inclusive policy processes; and more equitable trade, labour, urban planning, and social protection policies.

Achieving our Goals: Highlights 2009-2010

WIEGO serves the working poor, especially women, in the informal economy by helping to increase their

- **VOICE** through building and strengthening organizations of informal workers, networking and linking such organizations, and helping these workers gain representation in the policymaking and rule-setting bodies that affect their work and lives.

- **VISIBILITY** by sponsoring and undertaking research, convening and participating in research conferences, and helping develop and improve official labour force and other economic statistics on the informal economy.

- **VALIDITY** by promoting mainstream recognition of the working poor in the informal economy as legitimate economic agents who contribute to the economy and are, thereby, legitimate targets of economic and social policies; and by promoting their incorporation into policy-making and rule-setting processes.

This report demonstrates how we achieved our goals in 2009-2010.
Highlights

VOICE

UN Climate Change Negotiations: Waste Pickers Have Their Say!
For the first time ever, waste pickers, united as the Global Alliance of Waste Pickers and Allies, were able to make their voices heard on the international stage when the UN process for negotiating a new climate change accord led to the Conference of Parties 15 (COP15) in Copenhagen in December 2009.

In June 2009, waste pickers attended preparatory meetings in Germany to speak out on issues that directly affect their livelihoods and families. WIEGO and our partners – including an important new partner, GAIA (Global Alliance for Incinerator Alternatives) – attended to support the waste pickers. Prior to meeting with government officials, the waste pickers group learned more about the complicated funding mechanisms (“carbon credits”) associated with the treaty process, and undertook a day of strategy and message development. A press conference allowed them to publicly outline concerns about how the carbon credit process affects them, and how they believe waste picker communities can make a positive contribution to the fight against climate change.

Then in December, WIEGO, GAIA and the India-based Chintan Environmental Research and Action Group provided technical, communications and logistical support to the waste picker delegation in Copenhagen. The waste pickers, who garnered significant media coverage, attended meetings with key climate change negotiators, including Clean Development Mechanism (CDM) authorities. The waste pickers made these core demands:

1. Recognize the critical, productive role the informal recycling sector contributes to climate change mitigation and a healthy economy;

2. Approve a Global Climate Fund to invest in resource recovery programs that will ensure decent livelihoods for all workers, and that are directly accessible by waste pickers and other informal economy groups;

3. Exclude waste disposal technologies from the Clean Development Mechanism (CDM) and other climate funds.

The waste picker movement has been gaining ground worldwide. Recent legal victories in various Latin America countries are helping to increase recognition of this work, and new national waste picker movements were created in Ecuador and Bolivia. In South Africa, waste pickers held their first national meeting. The publication in 2009 of Refusing to be Cast Aside: Waste Pickers Organising Around the

We need the same policy decisiveness that saved banks now applied to save and create jobs and livelihoods of people. This can be done through strong convergence of public policies and private investment.

Juan Somavia, ILO Director-General

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World by Melanie Samson, WIEGO Waste Picker Coordinator for Africa, details some of the achievements of this movement.

The waste picker groups will continue to press their case in the on-going UN climate change negotiations. WIEGO is continuing to support research that will help strengthen the position of waste pickers.

VISIBILITY

Impact of the Global Economic Crisis on Informal Workers: “No Cushion to Fall Back On”

In 2009, WIEGO and our partners in the Inclusive Cities project studied the impact of the global economic crisis on three categories of urban informal workers in ten countries. The study found informal enterprises and wage workers are adversely affected in many of the same ways as their formal counterparts. Informal workers suffer directly and indirectly from shrinking consumption, declining demand, and fluctuating prices. They are often the first to be laid off, and face increased competition as more people enter the informal economy and more jobs are informalized.

The three groups studied experienced these general trends in different ways. Waste pickers experienced the sharpest decline in demand and selling prices. Home-based workers who produced for global value chains experienced a sharp decrease in their work orders, and those who worked on their own or for local markets reported increased competition that forced price reductions. Street vendors also experienced a significant drop in consumer demand, while reporting the greatest increase in competition, as the newly unemployed turned to vending as a possible source of income.

The evidence strongly suggests the global recession has further impoverished informal workers and their families. Respondents
reported working longer hours, taking on additional risks and still having to cut back on expenditures, including food, children’s education and health care.

The resulting report, *No Cushion to Fall Back On: The Global Economic Crisis and Informal Workers*, was widely disseminated and cited. It was submitted to the UN Secretary General’s office in late August 2009 to inform the process of assessing the impact of the global crisis on the vulnerable and poor. The UN Secretary General’s report *Voices of the Vulnerable: The Economic Crisis from the Ground Up* cites the research, and reiterates WIEGO’s key finding: “The informal sector’s ‘resilience’ to downturns is a myth. It has not cushioned the impact of the economic crisis.”

With funding from the Asian Development Bank (ADB) and with our partners in Asia, WIEGO subsequently extended the research to include a fourth sector, construction, and four additional countries: Indonesia, Thailand, India and Pakistan. The Asian findings were synthesized by Zoe Horn, the study coordinator, in a paper called “The Impact of the Global Economic Slowdown on Poverty and Sustainable Development in Asia and the Pacific,” which she presented at an ADB regional high-level meeting in September 2009.

**VALIDITY**

**The Warwick Junction Project: Integrating Street Traders in Urban Planning**

June 2009 saw the publication and launch of *Working in Warwick: Including Street Traders in Urban Plans* by architect planner Richard Dobson, who pioneered the Warwick Junction Urban Renewal Project, Caroline Skinner, Director of WIEGO’s Urban Policies Focus group discussion with informal workers in South Africa for the Global Economic Crisis study. Photo by Caroline Skinner
Programme, and Jillian Nicholson. During the previous two and a half years, WIEGO supported Dobson and Skinner’s documentation of the lessons learned from the Warwick Junction Project.

The book offers a fresh look at street traders’ lives, the integrated role they play in city life and their contribution to the economy. It contains practical examples and can inspire other local authorities and planners as they address the informal economy. Architectural photographer Dennis Gilbert contributed photographs to the book; the launch coincided with an exhibition of his photographs. The event was attended by over 350 people and acted as a call to Durban city officials to rethink a plan, announced in January 2009, to build a shopping mall in Warwick Junction – a major reversal of their previously progressive approach. The change threatens the livelihoods of most of the 8,000 street traders who operate there.

WIEGO is also supporting Asiye eTafuleni, a new NGO in Durban. Led by Richard Dobson, this organization provides support services to street traders in the area and disseminates the experience of Warwick Junction to other cities in Africa and beyond. In addition to these core functions, Asiye eTafuleni helped street traders as they struggled to have their voices heard in the Warwick Junction redevelopment process leading up to the FIFA World Cup in June 2010. It also trained street vendors to provide walking tours of the different traditional markets in Warwick Junction.
Action and Initiatives in Five Core Programmes

1. Urban Policies Programme

The Urban Policies Programme oversees and generates research, policy analysis and good practice documentation on how urban policies affect the working poor – especially home-based workers, street vendors, and waste pickers – for the global Inclusive Cities project. This work is designed to help membership-based organizations of urban informal workers in their on-going negotiations and advocacy with city governments around the world.

Significant activity was conducted during the 2009-2010 period under the leadership of Caroline Skinner, Programme Director. In addition to the research project to monitor the impact of the global recession on urban informal workers (see Highlights earlier in this report), this work included a range of activities.

Statistical Profiles
In collaboration with the WIEGO Statistics Programme, urban statistical profiles were undertaken in 2009-2010 for Argentina, Brazil, Ghana, India, Kenya and South Africa. More information is included in the Statistics Programme portion of this report.

Good Practice Documentation
Three WIEGO Sector Specialists have been working on documenting and disseminating good policy and organizational practice. Among other highlights in 2009-2010, Sonia Dias documented interventions supporting waste collectors in Brazil; Shalini Sinha analyzed the implementation of India’s national street vending policy; and Sally Roever drafted a guide on street trading censuses. In addition, Sara Rusling prepared a case study on the work of the Mahila Housing SEWA Trust (MHT), a sister organization of the Self-Employed Women’s Association (SEWA).

Impact of Mega Events
Previous evidence on the impact of mega events was collated and reviewed. This helped to establish mechanisms to monitor the impact of the Commonwealth Games in Delhi and the Soccer World Cup in South Africa on the working poor. This work was done in support of StreetNet’s World Class Cities for All (WCCA) Campaign.

Observatory of Laws that Affect the Working Poor
Nazish Peer established a wiki containing current laws – both national and local – that impact the working poor generally, and street traders particularly, in 21 countries. Peer systematized a collection of laws that StreetNet had compiled, as well as researching other national and local laws.
Dissemination
In 2009 WIEGO launched a dedicated Urban Policies Research Report and Briefing Note series.

2. Global Trade Programme

The Global Trade Programme focuses on how informal workers are inserted into global value chains and excluded from export markets, and how this might be done on more ethical terms. It also explores strategies to link small producer groups of women to export markets on fair terms.

Programme Director Elaine Jones represents WIEGO in the NGO caucus of the UK Ethical Trading Initiative (ETI) and was elected to represent the NGO caucus on the Board of the ETI. In this capacity, she seeks to highlight and address how the purchasing practices of member corporations affect workers on the lowest rungs of outsourcing chains, especially home workers.

Worker Education Manual for Home Workers
A consultative design workshop with SEWA Bharat and HomeNet South Asia was held in New Delhi in May 2009. The draft of a manual, We Are Workers Too! Organizing Home-Based Workers in the Global Economy, designed to help home workers engage more effectively in markets, was completed by Celia Mather in collaboration with Elaine Jones, and was subsequently published. See http://www.wiego.org/pdf/we_are_workers_too-web.pdf.

Case Studies of Fair Trade for Women Producers
By allowing women to tell their own stories through case studies, the Fair Trade for Women Producers project is demonstrating how informal workers have organized collective forms of enterprise to engage with local/global markets. WIEGO worked with lead organizations to identify appropriate self-organizing women’s groups, and to select and train local facilitators. Consultant Carol Wills and Elaine Jones visited Fair Trade country network partners to launch the project in seven countries (India and Nepal in Asia; Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda in Africa; Mexico and Nicaragua in Latin America). In May 2009, a consultative design workshop was held in Kathmandu with participants from Cambodia, India, Kenya, Nepal, Tanzania, and Uganda, and subsequent workshops were carried out to establish in-country methodologies and introduce the project to producers at the village level. An estimated 4,000 women are now involved through the country partners.

Each case study is couched in an analysis of the context of trade liberalization in that sector, country, and region. Through this process, WIEGO is helping to open up avenues for analyzing the effect of trade liberalization on informal wage workers and producers, and the impact on gender equity. The ultimate goal is to enhance the sustainability of the livelihoods of informal women producers.
Because of the low literacy level of many of the women producers, it is important to complement text with visual images. Many local facilitators were given digital cameras to capture the reality of women working and participating in organizational activities. Some countries have commissioned professional documentaries, while others are developing songs, murals and basketry that depict the women’s stories.

In Latin America, an initiation workshop was held in Nicaragua in 2009, with a sub-regional meeting for participants from Mexico and Nicaragua planned for April 2010.

3. Social Protection Programme

Existing social protection systems do not adequately serve informal workers. WIEGO’s Social Protection Programme takes a life-cycle and gender-sensitive approach to highlighting contingencies facing informal workers and advocating for universal health and old-age pensions. The programme documents good practices, and promotes policy dialogues between membership-based organizations (MBOs) of the working poor, mainstream economists, and policy makers.

WIEGO’s Social Protection Programme is led by Programme Director Francie Lund, with significant support from Carmen Roca, Latin America Regional Advisor, and Laura Alfers, Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) Researcher.

In June 2009, Francie Lund presented the keynote address on WIEGO’s approach to social protection at the OECD/ILO Training in Social Protection for Africa/Pacific/Caribbean countries, held in Brussels. This was significant, given that OECD has imposed

Member of the Oro Verde Cooperative picking coffee, Nicaragua. Photo courtesy of PRODECOOP.
trade conditionalities that in all likelihood will lead to more people becoming poor; a new social protection programme is supposed to mitigate this. After the presentation, WIEGO was invited to speak at the ILO’s international conference on the social economy in October 2009.

A Strategic Review of the programme in January 2010 determined that a critical niche is serving as a convener and conduit between informal worker organizations and mainstream policy makers. In addition, as more countries adopt social protection policies, there is a need to focus now on potential hindrances to implementation.

**Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) Project**

Designed to rethink and reform occupational health and safety to match the conditions and locations of informal work, this project will be undertaken initially in six countries between 2009 and 2012.

Laura Alfers is the WIEGO Research Assistant on the OHS project. In Ghana, she carried out participatory research with headload women porters (the *kayayei*) and indigenous women caterers (chop bar operators). Focus groups, workshops and meetings jointly organized by WIEGO and the Institute for Local Government Studies (ILGS) were attended by StreetNet Ghana, Makola Union, Takoradi Association, Indigenous Caterers Association, Madina Market Association and the Ghana Trades Union Congress (TUC); these focused on OHS status and on interactions with OHS authorities. The information gathered through these efforts will provide the basis for informal workers to participate in policy dialogues with authorities later in the project.

*Market traders in an occupational health and safety focus group led by Laura Alfers (at the back) Accra, Ghana, September 2009. Photo courtesy of Takoradi Traders’ Association.*
In Brazil, Professor Vilma Santana, who is leading the project, undertook initial planning and focus groups. A professor at the Institute of Collective Health at the Federal University of Bahia, Salvador, Vilma is connected with the OHS establishment and with organizations of informal workers, particularly domestic workers. One of the emphases in her work will be on the working conditions of the thousands of informal workers who come to the city for the annual carnival.

By 2010, the OHS project was launched in India and Tanzania. In all countries, the project is being undertaken in collaboration with MBOs of informal workers. A microsite about the OHS project has been created on WIEGO’s website at www.wiego.org/ohs/.

**Case Study Documentation of Good Practices**

Laura Alfers completed the draft of a case study on the Ghana National Health Insurance Scheme, the first in a planned set of case studies on promising approaches to health insurance for the working poor. As part of the process, she held focus group discussions with members of StreetNet Ghana and the Ghana TUC to get their views on whether and how the new scheme is meeting the needs of informal workers, especially women. Other case studies in the set will describe national health schemes in Thailand and India and the insurance cooperative of SEWA (Self-Employed Women’s Association) in India.

### 4. Organization and Representation Programme

This was an especially busy and productive period for the Organization and Representation Programme under the leadership of Director Chris Bonner, with expanded activities and new partners.

**Worker Education/Capacity Building for Informal Workers and Organizations**

At its Advisory Committee Meeting in June 2009, the Organization and Representation Programme agreed to focus more on its education and capacity building work with membership-based organizations (MBOs). This increased effort included developing a deeper understanding of the different forms of MBOs by conducting research on and classifying the form and strategies of organizing. This initiative also involved working with the SEWA Learning Hub and HomeNet South Asia to support the development of MBOs amongst home-based workers in Asia (more detail under the Inclusive Cities section of this report). A series of six resource books for those organizing in the informal economy was completed and published in partnership with StreetNet, first in English and then in Spanish, with French and Portuguese versions pending. As well, case study materials useful for those organizing waste pickers is contained in the book by Melanie Samson, *Refusing to be Cast Aside: Waste Pickers Organising Around the World.*
International Domestic Workers Network (IDWN)
The Organization and Representation Programme is helping build an international movement of domestic workers by assisting with fundraising, personnel and technical support for the International Domestic Workers’ Network (IDWN) and its Campaign for an International Convention on Domestic Work. (See the Women’s Economic Empowerment Project section of this report for more.)

The IDWN Steering Committee attended the International Labour Conference (ILC) in June 2009 to gain firsthand experience of how the ILC works. Following this successful event, which had technical support from WIEGO, the IDWN held regional conferences/workshops in Mexico, Kenya and Hong Kong in preparation for standard-setting discussions on domestic work at the ILC in June 2010.

In addition to participating in the ILC and holding workshops, the IDWN identified organizations of domestic workers and mobilized domestic workers and allies around the campaign for an ILO Convention on Domestic Work. It also strengthened the Network’s structure through active involvement of the Steering Committee in the regions to encourage trade unions, governments and employers’ associations to support the demands of domestic workers for a Convention. These efforts raised awareness among the public at large and gave greater validity to domestic workers internationally. Through all these processes, the IDWN gathered the demands of domestic workers to build their platform for negotiations.

Domestic worker delegates, organizers and supporters in Geneva, Switzerland June 2009. Photo by Marty Chen.
In addition to the two projects above, Organization and Representation Programme activities included:

- Implementation of the Law and Informal Economy project’s second phase in India, and its first phase in Colombia.

- Progress towards an international network of waste picker associations. Lucia Fernandez was appointed as global coordinator; Melanie Samson was contracted to coordinate the work in Africa; and KKPKP (a trade union of waste pickers in Pune, India) coordinated network activities in India and in Asia.

- Assistance to StreetNet International with planning and facilitation of its International Theme Workshop on Employment Relationships amongst informal traders, held in May 2009 in Durban, South Africa.
5. Statistics Programme

WIEGO’s Statistics Programme seeks to develop statistics on the informal economy as an essential component of mainstream or official statistics at the national, regional and international levels, and to ensure that statistics and analyses are available to policy makers, researchers and advocates in easily accessible formats. Progress was made over the year in several key areas:

- *The Manual on Surveys of Informal Sector and Informal Employment* is being finalized. The manual was prepared by an international team and edited by Ralf Hussmanns, ILO Statistics Bureau, and Joann Vanek, WIEGO’s Statistics Programme Director. The near-final draft was reviewed by the International Expert Group on Informal Sector Statistics (known as the Delhi Group) in January 2010.

- The programme supports the Inclusive Cities Project and WIEGO by preparing statistics on informal employment in urban areas and on specific categories of informal workers. In 2009-2010, urban statistical profiles were undertaken for six countries (South Africa, Argentina, Brazil, India, Kenya and Ghana). This work aims to profile the size and contribution of urban informal work both country-wide and in specific cities. It also entails methodological recommendations on the collection and preparation of statistics on the urban informal economy and categories of informal workers.

- Work is ongoing to update the 2002 ILO booklet *Women and Men in the Informal Economy: A Statistical Picture*. This includes identifying national data sources and analysts for analyzing recent labour force statistics, in both developing and developed countries, compiling data on specific categories of workers, and finalizing the proposed work plan and budget. WIEGO is collaborating with the ILO in the preparation of this publication.

In addition, Joann Vanek sits on various technical advisory committees related to labour force statistics and other economic statistics. She also serves on the international advisory committee for a comparative study of labour markets in China and India, which includes the design and implementation of two city surveys in each country.
Regional Activities

WIEGO has two Regional Advisors who help develop and coordinate activities in their respective regions. Their knowledge and efforts are integral to the success of projects and programmes in these regions.

Europe Region

Karin Pape is WIEGO’s Regional Advisor for Europe. In April 2009, in Bratislava, Slovak Republic, she collaborated with the Friedrich Ebert Foundation (FES) and the International Trade Union Confederation – Pan European Regional Council (ITUC-PERC) to co-organize a seminar on “Informal Economy Workers’ Protection and Representation: Regional Alliance Building Conference between NGOs and Trade Unions in Central and Eastern Europe.” The workshop was attended by representatives from eight Eastern European countries. Pat Horn, the International Coordinator of StreetNet International, also participated and afterward, made field visits to help expand affiliation of street vendors’ organizations in Europe.

For much of 2009 and 2010, Karin was also heavily involved with the International Domestic Workers’ Network (IDWN) and their goal of achieving a Convention on Domestic Work at the ILO. WIEGO has seconded Karin Pape to the IUF (International Union of Food, Agricultural, Hotel, Restaurant, Catering, Tobacco and Allied Workers’ Associations), which is coordinating support to the IDWN.

Latin America Region

Carmen Roca is WIEGO’s Regional Advisor for Latin America. In collaboration with the Consorcio de Investigación Económica y Social (CIES) in Lima, Peru, she has been coordinating a project called “Strengthening the Voice of Informal Workers in Social Policy Decisions in Latin America.” The project was initiated in Peru in the second half of 2009 and in Mexico in 2010; Colombia will follow in 2011. The project is designed to promote social policies that better address the needs of the poor by integrating representatives of informal workers into policy and decision-making, and expanding their organizational capacity.

Carmen is also working with StreetNet on a capacity-building programme to strengthen the leadership of its affiliate FEDEVAL – the Lima Federation of Street Vendors. The project consists of a series of thematic training modules developed over time, as well as providing technical assistance to individual district associations.
Global Projects

Inclusive Cities Project

WIEGO coordinates the Inclusive Urban Planning for the Working Poor project, also known as the Inclusive Cities project, which was initiated in late 2008. In addition to contributing research, policy analysis, and good practice documentation generated through our Urban Policies Programme, WIEGO strives to enhance the organizing and institutional capacity of membership-based organizations (MBOs), and is working with partners to build a common framework for monitoring and evaluation.

One of WIEGO’s key responsibilities under the project has been to create and maintain a common website on behalf of project partners. The site launched in three languages in June 2009: English (inclusivecities.org); Portuguese (cidadesinclusivas.org) and Spanish (cuidadesinclusivas.org). Enhancement and updating of these websites has been ongoing. As well, a comprehensive logo and look for project materials was developed, and an external newsletter was launched; the latter will be produced regularly.

Under the leadership of Global Projects Director Rhonda Douglas, the Inclusive Cities project undertook significant activity in 2009-2010. This included:

- developing an implementation plan for SEWA’s role as a Learning Hub and translation of key training materials, undertaken by the SEWA Academy with support from WIEGO’s Dave Spooner;

Home-based worker beading a garment in Thailand. Photo by Leslie Tuttle.
• visiting HomeNet Southeast Asia affiliates in Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Philippines and Thailand to determine the management and organizing capacity needs of these organizations;

• holding a first Annual Learning Meeting of all the partners in Durban, South Africa in November 2009; this was preceded by a meeting of all the grantees of the Urban Poverty Initiative of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation;

• providing technical, communication and logistical support to the waste picker delegation at the climate change negotiations in Copenhagen (see Highlights earlier in this report);

• conducting a workshop in Liberia in July 2009 in partnership with Realizing Rights – The Ethical Globalization Initiative. Facilitated by Rhonda Douglas, this workshop brought together various government agencies and groups of informal workers, as well as NGOs concerned with the situation of informal workers in Liberia. Subsequently, WIEGO contracted with a consultant in Liberia (Armah Gray) to hold follow up discussions with a street vendor group and other informal worker organizations and supportive NGOs.

Informal Economy Budget Analysis (IEBA)

An Informal Economy Budget Analysis tool, first developed in South Africa, was pilot tested in Brazil, Pakistan, Peru and Philippines. These studies were coordinated by Debbie Budlender, a worldwide expert on gender budget analysis, in consultation with Francie Lund and Marty Chen. Debbie and Francie, along with Caroline Skinner and Imraan Valodia (a WIEGO research partner based at the University of KwaZulu Natal), had initially designed the tool for use in South Africa to adapt gender budget analysis techniques to understand how government budgets address the needs and interests of informal workers, and also to identify what opportunities exist for informal workers or their representatives to participate at different stages of the budget process.

Four cities were involved in the IEBA pilot: Belo Horizonte, Brazil; Lahore, Pakistan; Lima, Peru; and Quezon City, Philippines. The analysis included a review of informal employment statistics, and a budget analysis for three levels of government: central or federal/national, sub-national, and local/municipal. Following completion of the work, substantive reports and shorter popular reports were created for each country. Each case focused on both the national budget and the budget in one city or district, and examined all initiatives that receive public funding and in some way touched the lives of informal workers. Also, an overview report synthesized findings, and a technical briefing note was created to guide others who want to use this tool.
The IEBA tool has given excellent insight into how the provision (or lack of provision) of infrastructural services relates to risk mitigation and social protection, and how the organizations of waste pickers in Latin America negotiate with local level governments for better provision.

**Institutional Networking**

Inclusive Cities partners took an active role in World Urban Forum 5 (WUF5) in Río de Janeiro in March 2010. Biennial WUF events, organized by UN-HABITAT, bring the global community together for discussion and debate. Over 12,000 people attended the 2010 dialogues, presentations, training events and a large exhibition.

The Inclusive Cities delegation included informal workers, organizers and researchers from SEWA, StreetNet, HomeNet South Asia and HomeNet Southeast Asia, Latin American Network of Waste Pickers, Avina and WIEGO. Although most delegates had not participated in earlier World Urban Forums, the Inclusive Cities partners had a remarkable impact at WUF5. Delegation members relayed personal experiences and delivered core messages through networking, meetings, a press conference and a book launch. Several were panelists in various Dialogues; others made presentations at two networking events (“The Right to the City” and “The Informal Economy and Inclusive Planning and the Working Poor”). Also, the Inclusive Cities booth, which distributed network information as well as partner publications and materials, drew great interest; there were many requests for more information and to receive the Inclusive Cities Newsletter.

WUF5 was also used as the platform to launch the World Urban Campaign (WUC), a high-profile initiative for sharing experience on
sustainable urbanization developed through Habitat partners. Alison Brown, a planner based at Cardiff University, represents WIEGO on WUC’s Steering Committee. Brown has been contracted to work on institutional networking and other Inclusive Cities activities, and in 2009, attended the UN Habitat Professionals Forum and subsequently met with the chair of Advisory Group on Forced Evictions to inform him of WIEGO’s work.

**The Women’s Economic Empowerment Project**

The Women’s Economic Empowerment Global Project connects several streams of WIEGO’s work related to the economic empowerment of women informal workers. The project will run until June 30, 2011. A website has been developed (wiego.org/wee/) to share the project’s findings and achievements.

Significant progress was made on several of the project’s main components in 2009-2010.

**Organized Strength for Home-Based Workers**

*Organized Strength for Home-Based Workers* is a collaborative research and advocacy project between WIEGO and HomeNet Thailand. The project is building a membership-based organization that focuses on issues of concern to home-based workers such as social protection, legal status and labour rights. Objectives are to improve the livelihood, economic security and empowerment of women home-based workers in Thailand, including providing greater access to social protection and, especially, occupational health and safety.

The Foundation for Labour and Employment Promotion (FLEP) is the host organization of HomeNet Thailand and an affiliate of HomeNet Southeast Asia. In 2009, its efforts focused on strengthening informal workers’ organizations, particularly those in the country’s northern, central, northeastern and southern regions. Training sessions were held for 184 leaders and members of the networks to improve their knowledge and capacity. Topics covered legal and policy advocacy, gender issues, access to public resources, group management, and coordination with support organizations.

Eight model groups were selected, two from each target region. For each region, local leaders and FLEP staff created a plan to develop knowledge and skills, including ways to improve the safety of the working environment. The northeastern network produced a set of rules to avoid health risks for members of ten occupational groups. The central and northern networks produced tools for monitoring improvement of both behaviours and environments. In the southern region, women’s well-being was included in the sessions.

Launched in 2010, the *Informal Workers Newsletter* is a quarterly production to keep members informed of project activities. This complements an improved, comprehensive informal workers’
website (wiego.org/wee/organized-strength-homebased-workers), where interested parties can monitor activities.

Organization of Domestic Workers
In partnership with the International Union of Food, Agricultural, Hotel, Restaurant, Catering, Tobacco and Allied Workers’ Associations (IUF), WIEGO’s Organization and Representation Programme is helping to build an international movement of domestic workers by focusing on a campaign for an international convention on domestic work. Mapping of domestic workers was undertaken, as well as consultation with domestic workers’ organizations in preparation for the June 2010 International Labour Conference. (See the Organization and Representation Programme section in this report for more details.)

A new website for the network and the global campaign was also launched at domesticworkerrights.org.

In Thailand, activities to encourage the organization of domestic workers were coordinated with the Committee for Asian Women, Foundation for Child Development, Foundation for Women, Friedrich Ebert Stiftung, ILO Sub-Regional Office for East Asia, Labour Congress of Thailand, and the State Enterprise Workers’ Relations Confederation. In 2009, the partners communicated the needs and concerns of domestic workers to the Government of Thailand so that the government could provide information to the ILO’s preparatory process for the discussion on Decent Work for Domestic Workers at the 2010 International Labour Conference. The partners also organized training sessions for 25 domestic workers in Thailand. Furthermore, to mark Human Rights Day in December 2009, about 200 representatives of domestic workers in Thailand staged a march to communicate to society why domestic workers should be protected. The marchers also submitted a petition to the National Human Rights Commission demanding that the introduction of the ministerial regulation on the protection of domestic workers in Thailand be sped up.

Additional Project Updates
Updates on several elements of the Women’s Economic Empowerment Project can be found throughout this Annual Report.

- For more on Fair Trade for Women Producers, please see page 8.
- For an update on Market Support for Street Vendors, please see page 6.
- For more on Occupational Health and Safety for Working Poor Women, please see page 10.
- For more information on the Global General Assembly of Working Poor Women please refer to the WIEGO 2010 General Assembly Report (wiego.org/ga/).
Special Initiatives

Seminar on “People-Centered Economics”
In June 2009 in Geneva, the WIEGO Board Chair Renana Jhabvala and James Heintz organized a seminar on “people-centered economics” designed to jumpstart an internal discussion in WIEGO on alternative economic visions to purely competitive models of individual behaviour and economic organization. As part of the follow-up, International Coordinator Marty Chen wrote a conceptual note called “Three Sectors and Three Domains: Rethinking the ‘People’s Economy’” and a policy note called “The Formalization Debate: An Informal Economy Perspective.”

China-India Research Project on Labour Markets
In collaboration with Sarah Cook of the Institute of Development Studies (IDS), Sussex, (now the newly-appointed Director of the UN Research Institute for Social Development (UNRISD) and research teams in China and India, WIEGO’s International Coordinator Marty Chen helped plan a comparative research project on labour markets and informal employment, including links with poverty and other social outcomes. The International Development Research Centre (IDRC) approved funding in 2009 for the quantitative components of the proposals, including labour force surveys in two cities per country and the analysis of existing data on labour markets, informality and poverty.
Membership Support and Outreach

WIEGO’S Membership Support Coordinator Dave Spooner worked to improve two-way communication with our Institutional Members while also helping build their organizational capacity.

In 2009, Dave visited the head offices of HomeNet South Asia and HomeNet Southeast Asia, and met member organizations in Indonesia, the Philippines, and Thailand. In India, he visited two Institutional Members to learn what support KKPKP would like from WIEGO, and to help SEWA develop training modules for its Learning Hub function under the Inclusive Cities project. He also attended the Council meeting of StreetNet International in Durban, where he held discussions with several of WIEGO’s Institutional Members. This was followed by visits to the Alliance of Zambian Informal Economy Associations (AZIEA) and their partners in the Zambian copper belt, and meetings with the Ghana Trades Union Congress and their affiliates and partners who are organizing in the informal economy.

An annotated list of education materials relevant to informal workers was made into an online resource for trade unions and other associations organizing informal workers. As well, to help keep members informed, WIEGO produced and circulated a newsletter specifically for Institutional Members.
External Evaluation and Internal Review

External Evaluation
In 2009, consultants carried out an extensive evaluation of WIEGO, including our past achievements, our influence, and our future potential. An internal Evaluation Committee contracted evaluation expert Bernadette Orr, who worked with Barbara Klugman (formerly of the Ford Foundation) to structure and facilitate the evaluation. Five independent consultants with substantial knowledge in WIEGO’s five programme areas were contracted to conduct case studies, while Orr interviewed WIEGO Board members, employees, and external stakeholders on aspects of WIEGO’s work.

The evaluators concluded that WIEGO, in collaboration with our partners, has had substantial impact in most areas due to our clear vision, strategic mission, strong advocacy, and the strength of our partnerships. However, they also identified challenges, including WIEGO’s organizational capacity and staffing pressures given our recent growth, and the need for some improved coordination between programmes. As well, they emphasized the ongoing need for consensus building with regard to policy options and other solutions to address the needs of the working poor, and highlighted the importance of strengthening and broadening our core constituency (the membership-based organizations of informal workers) and alliances with key relevant stakeholders. The review’s lead evaluators recommended WIEGO put a sharper focus on priority setting and resource allocation, and develop a roadmap with milestones to guide future work. Case study evaluators made specific recommendations about future strategies and partnerships in specific domains of WIEGO’s work.

The findings and recommendations were presented to the WIEGO team at their annual retreat in Boston in October 2009, and to the WIEGO Board and funders on the eve of a WIEGO Ltd. Board meeting in Manchester in January 2010. Both groups have begun reflecting on the implications of the external evaluation, which will feed into the strategic review process leading up to a strategic planning retreat in 2012 as WIEGO marks its 15th anniversary.
Internal Review
At the January 2010 Board meeting, the WIEGO Board and team developed a list of critical questions that an internal review, undertaken for our 15th anniversary, should answer. The questions examine WIEGO’s past accomplishments (e.g. How has the organization met its objectives to improve conditions for people, especially women, who work in the informal economy?) and then look to the future:

• What is the future of the informal economy?

• Is WIEGO’s mission statement still relevant, and what strategies can help WIEGO achieve that mission?

• How can WIEGO best employ resources, especially human resources, to ensure continuing effectiveness and sustainability going forward?

The responses to these questions, in combination with the external evaluation recommendations, will guide WIEGO into the future.
Websites and Other Resources

WIEGO Website
In consultation with WIEGO employees and consultants, Pat Carney updated the WIEGO website. A new microsite for the Occupational Health and Safety project for informal workers was also launched: www.wiego.org/ohs/.

Inclusive Cities Website
The Inclusive Cities website was successfully launched (in Spanish, Portuguese and English) in early June 2009. In addition to information on the Inclusive Cities project and the global partners, the site provides information, policy guidelines, and good practice examples for policy makers, municipal governments, local organizations, and researchers who are interested in the topic of inclusive urban planning. Immediate feedback has been positive, with over 750 visitors from 34 countries visiting. The site is a focal point for the dissemination of important research documents, including the May 2009 Global Economic Crisis study.

Although managed and maintained by WIEGO, the website belongs to all of the partners in the global project. Rhonda Douglas, Demetria Tsoutouras and Julian Luckham developed and designed the website. Visit www.inclusivecities.org.

Database of 450+ Organizations for Informal Workers
The WIEGO Organization and Representation Database (WORD) is now live on our website: www.wiegodatabase.org. WORD is a resource for those working on issues relating to informal workers, and encourages the exchange of information and networking among organizations that involve informal workers.

Photo Archive
Leslie Tuttle, WIEGO Photo Archivist, created this inventory of photos, catalogued by topic and country. The online library, www.wiegophotos.org, contains extensive images on the informal economy and can serve as an important communications tool for everyone in the WIEGO network.
WIEGO Structure

The members of WIEGO, including the members of our Board, are drawn from our three constituencies:

- membership-based organizations of informal workers
- researchers and statisticians
- practitioners in development agencies: governmental, intergovernmental, and non-governmental.

MBOs of informal workers are invited to become Institutional Members of WIEGO; individuals from the other two constituencies are invited to become Individual Members of WIEGO. By 2010, WIEGO had 15 Institutional and 120 Individual Members from some 35 countries.

Board of Directors

The role of the WIEGO Board is to direct the affairs of WIEGO and to ensure that the organization is solvent, well-run and delivering outcomes to benefit the working poor in the informal economy, especially women (in accordance with WIEGO’s mission). The Board is also responsible for ensuring compliance with the laws and regulations that govern our activities as a limited company in the UK.

WIEGO’s Board has one physical meeting, one teleconference, and two “email meetings” per year.

The WIEGO General Assembly meets every four years (most recently in mid-2010). At each General Assembly, a new Board of Directors is approved and the next Nominating Committee, with representation from each of the WIEGO’s three constituencies, is elected.

As of March 2010, the WIEGO Ltd. Board was comprised of the following ten members. (Those with stars (*) next to their names serve on the Management and/or Finance Committees of the Board.)

Kofi Asamoah
General Secretary
Ghana Trades Union Congress
Ghana

Jacques Charmes
Director, Département Sociétés et Santé (DSS)
Institut de Recherche pour le Développement
France
Debra Davis (Treasurer)*
Independent Consultant
UK

Dan Gallin*
Director
Global Labour Institute
Switzerland

Patricia Horn*
International Coordinator
StreetNet International
South Africa

Renana Jhabvala (Chair)*
National Coordinator
Self-Employed Women’s Association (SEWA)
India

William F. Steel*
Adjunct Professor
University of Ghana
Ghana

Victor Tokman
Senior Fellow
Economic Commission of Latin America (CEPAL)
Chile

José del Valle Pérez
Secretary of International Affairs
Confederación Revolucionaria de Obreros y Campesinos (CROC)
Mexico

WIEGO Team

The number of people working for WIEGO has doubled since 2007. In 2009-2010, our virtual global network had 27 employees and consultants in ten countries and two offices. Eleven of these individuals were based either at WIEGO’s Secretariat at the Harvard Kennedy School in Boston, USA or in our Manchester, UK office; the rest lived and worked around the world. Only four people worked full-time for WIEGO; others worked from one-third to three-quarters time.

WIEGO Secretariat at Harvard Kennedy School, USA
Marty Chen, International Coordinator
Beth Graves, Operations Manager
Pat Carney, Web Manager
Szelena Gray, Administrator
Leslie Tuttle, Photo Archivist
WIEGO UK Office in Manchester, UK
Joe Holly, Company Secretary
Dave Spooner, Operations Manager
and Membership Support Coordinator
Susan Cosgrove, Financial Controller
Lucy Hopley, Finance Officer
Marieke LePelley, Administrator
Justina Pena-Pan, Event Planner

WIEGO Programmes and Projects:
Chris Bonner, Director, Organization
and Representation (South Africa)
Rhonda Douglas, Global Project Director (Canada)
Elaine Jones, Director, Global Trade (UK)
Francie Lund, Director, Social Protection (South Africa)
Caroline Skinner, Director, Urban Policies (South Africa)
Joann Vanek, Director, Statistics (USA)
Françoise Carré, Research Coordinator (USA)
James Heintz, Research Coordinator (USA)
Karin Pape, Regional Advisor for Europe (Switzerland)
Carmen Roca, Regional Advisor for Latin America (Peru)
Laura Alfers, Researcher, Occupational Health
and Safety Project (South Africa)
Sonia Dias, Waste Sector Specialist (Brazil)
Sally Roever, Street Trade Sector Specialist (Israel)
Shalini Sinha, Home-based Work Sector Specialist (India)
Lucia Fernandez, Waste Pickers Global Coordinator (France)
Melanie Samson, Coordinator:
Africa Waste Picker Programme (South Africa)
Zoe Horn, Research Coordinator,
Global Economic Crisis Study (Canada)
Carol Wills, Fair Trade Technical Advisor (UK)
Julian Luckham, Web and Graphic Designer for
Inclusive Cities project (Canada)
Sofia Trevino, Global Projects Officer (Canada)
Demetria Tsoutouras, Communications Officer for
Inclusive Cities project (Canada)
Third Annual WIEGO Team Retreat: Teamwork in a Virtual Workplace

In Boston in October 2009, the now-annual team retreat offered a crucial opportunity for these far-flung employees and consultants to meet face-to-face and share ideas, discuss overlaps and synergies between their areas of work, voice concerns about working virtually, and build a sense of team spirit.
Financial Report: Year ended 31 March 2010

Financial Summary
The financial strategy for the year was developed to build on plans from previous years. These plans are designed to ensure the sustainability and future viability of WIEGO, and make certain that resources are used efficiently to contribute towards meeting programme and project targets and achieve WIEGO’s priorities.

The figures for 2010 shown in this report are extracted from the statutory accounts, which were approved by the Board of Directors on 15 October 2010. The full statutory financial accounts, on which the auditors, Crowe Clark Whitehill LLP, gave an unqualified report, were delivered to the Registrar of Companies.

These extracts may not contain sufficient information to allow a full understanding of the financial affairs of the company. For further information, the full statutory accounts should be consulted, together with the auditors’ report and the Directors’ Report.

The auditors have confirmed to the Directors that the 2010 figures extracted from the statutory financial accounts are consistent with the statutory financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2010. The full annual accounts, together with the auditors’ report and Directors’ Report, are available from the Company Secretary at the company’s registered office in Manchester UK, and are also posted on our website: www.wiego.org.

Revenue and Expenditure
The report combines the income received and expenditure incurred both in the USA and the UK. The tables making up this report reflect the overall organization’s results. We are very proud of the number of funders continuing to support WIEGO. The major Inclusive Urban Planning for the Working Poor project, known as Inclusive Cities and supported by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, commenced in 2008; the Equality for Working Poor Women project, known as the Women’s Economic Empowerment Project and funded by the MDG3 Fund of the Government of the Netherlands, commenced in 2009. Both projects continue to make progress in achieving their objectives and deliverables.

Further grant income was received during March 2010 from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation for support of waste picker initiatives under the Inclusive Cities project. Also, in 2009, the Voice of Informal Workers in Social Policy in Latin America project commenced, with support from the UK Government’s Department for International Development (DFID). The Ford Foundation, the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida) and Oxfam-Novib continued to contribute generously to the funding of WIEGO’s core programmes and overall network and programme coordination.
The expenditure charts summarize expenditure on the major projects together with core expenditure on WIEGO’s five programme areas, governance and evaluation costs, and network and programme coordination.

Financial Governance and Fiscal Sponsors
In addition to funds managed by the WIEGO office in the UK, WIEGO has two fiscal sponsors in the US, Harvard University and the Tides Centre, for funds that cannot be routed via the UK. The WIEGO accounts at Harvard University are audited each year as part of the annual financial audit of that institution. Similarly, our accounts at the Tides Centre are audited each year as part of the annual financial audit of the Tides Centre.

The Finance Committee of the WIEGO Board reviews the budgets and reports of all WIEGO funds and accounts, including those managed by the two fiscal sponsors in the USA and those managed by WIEGO in the UK.
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- MDG3
- Oxfam-Novib
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- UNECE

Uses of Funds: FY 2009-10

- Inclusive Urban Planning for the Working Poor
- Equality for Working Poor Women
- Strengthening Voice for Informal Workers in Social Policy
- Global Trade
- Organization & Representation
- Social Protection
- Statistics & Research
- Urban Policies
- Governance & Evaluation
- Network/Programme Coordination
WIEGO Publications in 2009-2010


1: Recruiting Informal Workers into Democratic Workers’ Organisations
2: Building and Maintaining a Democratic Organisation of Informal Workers
3: Handling the Day-To-Day Problems of Informal Workers
4: Collective Negotiations for Informal Workers
5: Handling Disputes between Informal Workers and those in Power
6: Collective Action for Informal Workers

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WIEGO Presentations in 2009-2010


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__________. “Global Recession and the Informal Economy: Economic Crisis at the ‘Bottom of the Pyramid’.” World Bank, PREM Learning Day Panel on Global Economic Crisis, Washington, D.C.


__________. “Female Informal Entrepreneurs: Constraints and Opportunities.” World Bank and University of Michigan Conference Female Entrepreneurship: Constraints and Opportunities, Washington, D.C.


__________. “No Cushion to Fall Back On: Crisis, Informality, and Gender.” UNIFEM: Executive Director Lunch Seminar, New York.

__________. “Persistent Inequalities: Women Workers in a Globalized Economy.” American University Annual Endowed Lecture in Honour of Irene Tinker, Washington, D.C.

“The Informal Workforce in a Global Economy.” Public policy course at Harvard Kennedy School, Cambridge, USA.


“Changing Social Policy: The Child Support Grant in South Africa.” Africa Seminar Series, Nordik Afrika Institut, Uppsala; Institute for Futures Research, Stockholm, Social Science Faculty, University of Stockholm; and Sida, Sweden.


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