In the North and the South

International pressure results in transparency of revenues generated by raw material extraction. Corruption and lack of control cause the extraction of minerals and oil to be an industrial activity that seldom benefits the local population. As a member of the international network Publish What You Pay, 11.11.11 has been emphasizing the necessity of transparency and control for years.

Indeed, if companies publish the amount of royalties they pay, and governments disclose how much they receive, local populations have essential information to monitor expenditures.

In 2013 a breakthrough was realised in a matter that had seemed unreachable for a very long time. The US and the EU have now determined that all listed companies must report in detail on their payments for raw materials.

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The power of an umbrella organization

An essential aspect of 11.11.11’s activities is joining forces. As the umbrella organisation of the Flemish North-South movements, 11.11.11 makes sure that organizations in the North bring their activities in line with each other, thus increasing their influence on politicians. In the South, 11.11.11 assists other organizations by supporting well-considered development initiatives and stimulating collaboration.

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A just world without poverty

Millions of people are still seeing their rights violated: they do not have access to sufficient food, clean drinking water, health care, basic education, a viable income, security or freedom of speech. Every day and all over the world, people are fighting to make a decent living.

11.11.11 fights with them in various ways:
- by supporting development initiatives in the South
- by lobbying national and international governments and organizations
- by campaigning in Belgium for a solidarity world

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Our vision

Poverty is injustice

Poverty and injustice are often caused by humans and, more specifically, by unjust power balances. No matter how different situations may be, one element remains the same: it is very hard, if not impossible, for poor people to influence economical and political power relationships.

Basic rights for everyone

Governments and international institutions worldwide recognize that every person must have access to basic rights like sufficient food, education, health care, security... Nevertheless, these rights are violated all over the world.

Development for everyone

11.11.11 fights injustice, but at the same time it helps developing democractic alternatives that allow people and countries to shape and realize their own development. 11.11.11 does not see development as a favour for some, but as a basic right for everyone. Involving all dimensions of a decent living, it is more than just poverty reduction or a minimal fulfilment of basic material needs.

Our approach

11.11.11 has decided on a structural approach to tackle poverty, since it is caused by inequitable power relations. Together with its members and partner organizations in North and South, 11.11.11 challenges the institutes accountable for economical and social policies. It supports sustainable programs in the South, strengthens local organizations and organizes campaigns and actions to influence policy.

Joining forces in the North

As an umbrella organization, 11.11.11 unites development organizations and others to campaign and organize actions for a fairer world. Together, we surely are stronger than on our own.

Joining forces in the South

11.11.11 collaborates with partner organizations in several countries. It strengthens local groups and supports partnerships that defend the local population’s basic rights in Central-Africa (Congo, Burundi and Rwanda), Asia (Indonesia and the Philippines) and Latin-America (Peru, Bolivia, Ecuador, Colombia and Haiti).

Supporting members

To stimulate collaboration and to improve the quality of development work, 11.11.11 also supports thoroughly screened member programs financially.

Investing in development

In order to mobilise initiatives of social change and to stimulate the empowerment of disadvantaged groups, 11.11.11 needs money. It brings this in by raising funds.

Your money is well spent

Following the request of its partners in the South, 11.11.11 invests 25% of the net proceeds of fundraising in awareness raising, studies and lobbying. In doing so, it challenges both the politicians of its own country as policy makers of international organizations like the World Trade Organization, the EU and the World Bank.

75% of the net proceeds are transferred to partners in the South and member organizations.

- 22% goes to 54 partner organizations with which it cooperates directly, amongst others in Congo, Rwanda, Burundi, Indonesia, the Philippines, Peru, Bolivia, Colombia and Ecuador.
- 53% goes to its member organizations and to joint initiatives with an action program approved by a commission of independent experts.

11.11.11 is a member of VEF/AERF, an association for ethics in fundraising that prescribes a deontological code for fundraising and transparency of accounts.

Specific approach in the South

Some examples

Bangladesh and Cambodia: more rights for textile workers
The exploitation of textile workers is shockingly big, but this is not a coincidence: the employers and the government make every effort they can to prevent independent labour unions from operating. Nevertheless, the workers’ living conditions are so appalling that they organize themselves anyway, despite the repression. The support of 11.11.11 is aimed at member education, and at raising awareness of local and national leaders.

Uganda: tackling climate change
The Mpanga region is getting dryer, harvests are getting smaller. Trees are cut for firewood, erosion increases. JESE en Protos halt this downward spiral with an integrated approach: awareness raising through schools, reforestation, terracing, rainwater storage and kitchen stoves which need less wood.

Burundi: joining forces for better governance
Burundi is one of the poorest countries worldwide. This situation can not improve without an efficient government. PARCEM is a very committed organization that investigates corruption, acts against fraud in public institutions and promotes a stronger deontological attitude of officials.

Peru: caring for the water and environment
Peruvian farmers are confronted with an increasing shortage of irrigation water. Climate change causes the snow caps on the mountains to shrink, and the mining companies use and pollute enormous quantities of water. MOCICC unites organizations that claim stricter regulations for the mining sector, promote alternative energy, encourage recycling and demand good environmental management.

The Philippines: alliance against large-scale mining
Alyansa Tilig Mina unites environmental and social organizations campaigning together for a better protection of man and environment against the negative consequences of mining. It is not a coincidence that the poorest regions of the country are mining areas.

Guatemala: local women combine their forces
Tz’u-Nunija unites indigenous women and women’s organizations. United they have a bigger impact on public opinion and policy makers. One of their goals is to stop the violence against indigenous women.

Indonesia: saving the forests benefits everyone
The Indonesian rain forest is disappearing fast. Environmental umbrella organization Walhi wants a ban on forest clearing and demands more responsibilities for the local population when it comes to forest management. Saving the forests is important for the preservation of biodiversity and the struggle against climate change.