Building the Global Movement for Social Justice
Grassroots International promotes global justice through partnerships with social change organizations. We work to advance political, economic and social rights and support development alternatives through grantmaking, education and advocacy.
Letter from the Executive Director

At times the prevalent climate of fear and violence whittles away at our hope for a more just world. I’m happy to report to you that with your strong support for Grassroots International, we continued to embrace that hope every day, working to build a global community that does not succumb to a cynical acceptance of an unjust status quo. Working with our partners and allies we made great inroads for global justice in 2006.

This is not to say that there weren’t plenty of things to be concerned with in the world. The same forces that have moved to criminalize and terrorize progressive activists around the world (please see Defending Human Rights, p. 8) have made it more challenging than ever for people of conscience in the United States to stand up and support their fellow global citizens who are organizing, mobilizing and struggling to build a more just world. The ongoing war on Iraq and the repression of civil rights and liberties here at home, especially of non-citizens, continued to be on our minds this past year. And so did post-Katrina reconstruction fiascos, widening income and wealth gaps and the deregulation of corporations.

But we also saw many signs of hope and unity. This past fall, the world saw the power of organizing when the World Trade Organization’s Doha Round of negotiations—the “development round” that was to benefit African, Asian and Latin American countries—was stalled by the determined opposition of hundreds of millions of peasants, family farmers, fishers, indigenous peoples and other small producers in the global South. “Free” trade policies benefit rich northern countries substantially more than impoverished southern nations, even according to the World Bank’s own data.

Opposition to the Iraq war, meanwhile, grew significantly in the United States. This past spring, the country came alive with massive immigrants’ rights mobilizations—with record numbers of people on the streets since the Civil Rights movement. Migration, fueled significantly by displacement induced by U.S. and European trade and agricultural policies, is an issue that is fundamentally connected to the work Grassroots International supports in the global South.

More Americans are now seeing the negative impact of our nation’s policies—even those like agriculture that we usually see as “domestic”—on not only our own economic well-being but those of our compañeros overseas. It is important to emphasize this because it is easy in hard times, as we have historically, to fall back on scapegoating and xenophobia.

For our part, we’re doing all we can at Grassroots to support this growing demand for social change and economic and political justice. This year, we worked with dynamic community-led movements and organizations to give the largest amount of financial support in our 23 year history—almost $1.14 million in strategic grants in Brazil, Central America, Haiti, Mexico, the Occupied Palestinian Territories and elsewhere—and launched two emergency appeals, in response to the war in Lebanon and the continuing crisis in Gaza (please see Rethinking Aid, p. 12).

In February, we co-sponsored a public forum on “Family Farmers and Food Sovereignty: Global Struggles for the Future of Food and Family Farming” in Washington DC, with the National Family Farm Coalition and the Via Campesina. The forum highlighted the shared concerns of U.S. and global South small producers about how the U.S. Farm Bill and other agricultural and trade policies undermine small farmers’ livelihoods (please see Healthy Food, Healthy Communities, p. 4). We developed a number of educational tools for U.S. audiences that speak to those concerns. These food, land and water issues were further debated in the very first World Forum on Food Sovereignty in Mali, West Africa, in 2007, where an alternative vision grounded in hope, unity and sustainability was put forth. We were pleased to support that gathering.

We’re also addressing directly the climate of fear itself. Along with advocating for our overseas partners, we joined with peers in the United States in a number of other efforts. We were one of the first to sign on to an amicus curiae brief initiated by the American Civil Liberties Union in Humanitarian Law Project v. Gonzalez before the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals. It challenges the broad sweep of a law that has potentially adverse impacts on organizations providing humanitarian aid in conflict areas.

And we are widening the circle of people and partners with whom we work. 2006 saw the launch of our first regional program in Mesoamerica; consolidating our work in southern Mexico and Central America (please see Movement Building, p. 6). We now have nine partners in the Mesoamerica region, seven of whom are new. We are also very excited about our restructured Palestine program—our oldest continuing—with new partnerships in the Occupied Palestinian Territories and, in a first step towards a Middle East regional program, a new partner in Israel.

The restructured Middle East program reflects a strategic shift toward focusing our work on the equitable control of, and access to land and water. These resources are at the core of the Palestinian-Israeli conflict, and essential to Palestinian national self-determination and a just peace in the region (please see Sustainable Livelihoods, p.10).

All of our work is made possible by the support we receive from each of you, and I thank you for your loyalty to Grassroots and your passionate belief in human rights and global justice.

For peace with justice,
Healthy Food, Healthy Communities

MAKING THE FOOD AND FARMING SYSTEM MORE JUST

There’s a powerful movement gaining strength that you’ve helped to build through your support to Grassroots International.

In the growing global movement to build a healthy and just food and farming system, we have been inspired by a first-of-its-kind gathering in a Malian village. Writing by flashlight, more than 500 representatives from grassroots organizations around the world worked late into the night to build action plans for food sovereignty. They discussed how to loosen the grip of corporate agriculture so that farmers can grow for local markets and consumers can purchase local, healthy foods.

Grassroots supported this alliance-building forum. Our travel grants enabled partners from Latin and North America and the Middle East to participate. Our web journal told on-the-ground stories from the conference.

Over the course of the year, support for the Forum in Mali was just one way that Grassroots International advanced the cause of resource rights—the human rights to food, land, water and biodiversity. From Gaza’s refugee camps to Mexico’s biodiverse forests, we made more than $700,000 in grants for innovative community development and organizing work based on resource rights principles.

We provided support to the Via Campesina to advocate for fair trade rather than free trade at global trade negotiations, where vocal farmer and environmental activists stalled corporate-biased talks and are forcing new negotiations.

In Brazil, rural workers and activists reclaimed public land from a large corporate farm in the buffer zone of the Iguazu National Park in Paraná. The Landless Workers Movement is transforming it into an agroecological farm.

From the Great Plains to the Gulf Coast, Grassroots worked with the National Family Farm Coalition to advance its alternative farm bill, one that would help rather than hurt family farmers around the world. We are in the midst of creating a curriculum for farmers, environmentalists, food activists, consumers and faith communities to spark debate about the shape of our food system.

How will we know when our work is done? When the food chain is not rotten with injustice. For Grassroots, food is a political lens through which we see the injustice and inequality in the world—who has it, who grows it, who profits from it, and who never has enough. We hope you will join us in convincing friends, family, neighbors and policy makers that we can—and must—create a political and economic system that puts people and the environment first.

Start by winning over your family and then convince your neighbors. Before you know it you will convince the world.

Mariam Sissoko, organizer of World Forum for Food Sovereignty

Farmers, pastoralists, environmentalists and indigenous peoples from around the world met in Mali in February, 2007, for the World Forum on Food Sovereignty.

Support Food Sovereignty…
For an agriculture with peasants
For fishing with fisherfolk
For a healthy environment for all
—from a banner hung in the main hall of the World Forum on Food Sovereignty

Education for Action

Building a movement for food sovereignty requires educating and moving people to action. We’ve produced educational materials that we hope inspire people to learn and reflect, connect with allies and advocate on global food policy issues.

• With the National Family Farm Coalition and the Via Campesina, we created a food sovereignty booklet that features profiles of family farmers from around the world. It captures farmers’ ideas about how vital food sovereignty is to them.
• Our “Fixing the Broken Food System” placemat shows two views of our food and farming system—today’s broken system and a more hopeful tomorrow, based on the organizing work of our partners around the world.
• Our web journal offers timely analysis and stories, including original writing by resource rights activists around the world: http://www.grassrootsonline.org/weblog/grijournal.html.
MOVEMENTS IN MESOAMERICA
SUPPORTING SMALL FARMER AND INDIGENOUS PEOPLES’ MOVEMENTS IN MESOAMERICA

From its very beginnings in 1983, Grassroots International has identified movement building for social change, equitable development and human rights as a core area of work. While we recognize that this is a long-term process, we realize that lasting social change happens when led by those most affected and when it occurs at multiple interconnected levels—locally, nationally and globally.

In 2006, Grassroots launched a new Mesoamerica program. It is our first regional program, building on the foundation of more than a decade of work in Mexico. The Mesoamerica program embodies our support for movement building. Two of the most vital and vibrant social change movements in Mesoamerica today are those of campesinos (including peasants and other small producers) and indigenous peoples.

These two distinct but often-intersecting movements are, from their own perspectives, confronting the growing political, economic and social inequalities in the region, and articulating new social, economic and political visions rooted in their lived experience and identities as campesinos and indigenous peoples.

Both recognize the connections between the common challenges they face: cuts to social safety nets imposed by the World Bank and International Monetary Fund; exposure of vulnerable small farmers to unfair competition with agribusiness giants through free trade agreements like NAFTA and the corporate-biased rules of the World Trade Organization; and the privatization of public goods or “the commons,” such as water, seeds and land.

Our support for movement building involves multi-layered funding for the leadership training and capacity building of dynamic groups like Mexico’s National Union of Autonomous Regional Farmers’ Organizations (UNORCA). Our grants help groups like UNORCA to organize and advocate for communities on the losing end of globalization.

Our approach is horizontally broad—funding movements and organizations that are part of related, complementary networks such as the Via Campesina. Our World Is Not For Sale and the Movement of Indigenous Peoples and Campesinos of Mesoamerica—and vertically deep—supporting many different aspects of their work from the very local to the national and international levels.

For example, UNORCA is a federation that works with its affiliates at the local level on community-led sustainable development projects, at the national level on agrarian reform in Mexico and with U.S. and Canadian allies (through its membership in the Via Campesina) to end NAFTA provisions that hurt Mexican farmers.

Our Mesoamerica program combines grantmaking, education and advocacy in supporting the struggles of indigenous and peasant farmers in the region to:

• secure and defend biodiversity and resource rights, including land, water and territorial rights;
• advocate for comprehensive agrarian reform and rural development;
• promote food sovereignty as an integrated alternative development strategy;
• advance indigenous rights and autonomy;
• promote fair trade that lifts small producers and challenges U.S.-led free trade agreements that favors corporations.

Grassroots uses these same strategies in all of our movement building work around the world. Grants are made for: leadership development, particularly for women; organizational development and base building; participatory action research in support of movement goals; education, training and advocacy; and connecting organizations through knowledge and technology exchanges within and between networks.

Building the Global Movement for Social Justice
Grassroots believes that democratic, participatory movements are the key to building lasting social change. We support social movements around the world by nurturing leadership (especially among women and youth) and by helping our partners train and organize their constituents, build alliances and advocate with decision-makers. Here are some of the Movement Building grants we made in FY 2006:

• Haitian Platform to Advocate Alternative Development (PAPDA): Organizing and mobilizing local community groups to advocate for local rice production in place of imported, subsidized food in Haiti.
• Federation of Southern Cooperatives:
• Stop the Wall Campaign: Anti-Separation Wall Advocacy to protect land rights of small farmers and others in the West Bank, Occupied Palestinian Territories.

Land and Liberty: detail of a banner from an indigenous peoples’ forum in Chiapas, Mexico.
Hunger for Justice
DEFENDING HUMAN RIGHTS

In the struggle for agrarian reform, we try our best to operate within the laws of the land and the spirit of justice, but the State wants to brand us as criminals. They want to make it illegal for us to demand our rights.

Jaime Amorim, MST

Every day around the world the members and leaders of social change movements risk jail time, physical harm and even murder as they work to make the world a more just place. That's why, in addition to supporting community-led sustainable development projects and movement building, Grassroots supports organizations that defend the human rights of social change activists.

To most eyes, the small scrap of land known as the Alto da Balança settlement near the town of Morena in Pernambuco, Brazil wouldn't look like much, but it was home to the families who had been living on and farming it for six years. In fact, it was so precious that Josias Barros and Samuel Matias Barboça gave their lives to protect the land from developers who were trying to seize it. Josias, Samuel and their neighbors owned the land under a provision of Brazil's constitution that allows landless families to stake claim to unused land to grow food. Around the world, we are all guaranteed food, water and livelihoods through international treaties like the U.N.'s Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

Yet, they were murdered in August, 2006. The assassins, reportedly hired by a local businessman who wanted the land for a natural gas pipeline, are known to the police but have never been arrested. Instead of attempting to bring the killers to justice, the authorities in Pernambuco arrested Jaime Amorim, a national coordinator of the Landless Workers Movement (MST) who is based in Pernambuco, on trumped up charges. Jaime was arrested while traveling between the funerals of his two murdered friends.

Josias, a longtime member of the MST, made crucial contributions to the culture of the movement, helping to form a shared language and a shared body of ritual to bring together diverse people from different parts of Brazil, different ethnic groups and different backgrounds. His funeral included dancers in traditional costumes from the interior of Pernambuco, celebrating his life as they mourned the movement's loss.

This pattern of intimidation and repression is all too familiar to anyone who engages in the struggle for social justice. The forces of oppression act with impunity, the forces of change are labeled as criminals, malcontents and enemies of the State and community leaders are arrested to distract the public from real crimes. For helping to organize peaceful demonstrations and direct actions and for claiming their rights under Brazil's land reform laws, Jaime was arrested and accused of gang formation and creating a public menace and Josias and Samuel were gowned down.

In Brazil, Grassroots works with a network of human rights and legal aid organizations that work with the social movements that are struggling for change, including many of Grassroots' partners. In August, our partners in the Human Rights office of the MST-Pernambuco worked with dozens of other local grassroots organizations to mobilize a call for justice for the murdered men, while a legal team including lawyers from Grassroots' partner the Social Network for Justice and Human Rights (Rede Social) worked to free Jaime from jail.

Jaime was eventually released, but the families and friends of Samuel and Josias are still awaiting justice, and the persistent economic and social inequality that inspired the murdered men to action remains entrenched. That is what inspires us to keep working, and it's why we adopt a human rights perspective for our economic development work and fight for the political and civil rights of social change activists everywhere. We believe that this kind of coordinated, multi-faceted approach is essential for creating real justice.

A Rights-based Approach
Our Human Rights work is closely integrated with the rest of our program, so that grants for legal aid, human rights monitoring and training and rights-based advocacy also serve to strengthen local, national and international movements and build a safe, secure base for more progressive community organizing and more productive community-led development. We focus our work particularly on land and water rights activists, women and indigenous groups.

• Platform of Haitian Human Rights Organizations (POHHD): Human rights response and impunity campaign, including training for community activists in Haiti.
• Palestinian Center for Human Rights (PCHR): Human Rights documentation in Gaza.
Sustainable Livelihoods
LAND, WATER, FOOD AND HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE OCCUPIED PALESTINIAN TERRITORIES

In the West Bank, four Palestinian men pass small boulders from one to the next as a fifth lays the rocks down. They create an intricate terrace on a steep hillside. Nearby, the Israeli-built Separation Wall looms.

Begun by the Israelis in 2002, the Wall has had severe economic, social and environmental consequences for Palestinians as it dips deep into the West Bank, uprooting olive trees and separating farmers from their fields and precious water resources. The terracing work, part of a larger land reclamation project, serves dual purposes: it makes the hilly land farmable and it also ensures that the land is actively in use and not easily subject to “legal” confiscation by Israel under its Absentee Land Laws.

We see the conflict between Israel and Palestine not as an unalterable clash of civilizations, but rather as a political struggle arising out of unjust control and distribution of resources. Land and water have been at the core of the Palestine/Israel conflict from its very origins.

Although agriculture has always been a cornerstone of the Palestinian economy, it has suffered greatly under Israeli occupation. Food security has become one of the area’s most pressing issues. Like the land reclamation work of the Union of Agricultural Work Committees (UAWC), all of our partners are responding in creative ways to the agricultural and food security crisis. In addition, beginning in 2007, Grassroots will provide support to the Ahali Center for Community Development in Nazareth, our first on-the-ground partner in Israel. This marks the beginning of the expansion of our Palestine program into a regional Middle East program, and allows us to continue this sustainable livelihood work in exciting new cross-border collaborations.

With Grassroots’ support, the Palestinian Agricultural Relief Committees (PARC) runs an innovative urban agriculture and food aid program that builds a bridge between local farmers and consumers. It makes a lot more sense to boost the local economy than ship grains in from wealthy countries—a subsidy boondoggle to agribusiness.

Grassroots’ multi-layered approach to grantmaking recognizes that sometimes it takes more than just seeds and tools to guarantee a dignified livelihood for people. We also support policy advocacy and legal aid that advance rights to land, water and food. Through advocacy, documentation and communications work, The Stop the Wall Campaign helps Palestinians resist the Wall’s construction and stay on their land. The Palestinian Centre for Human Rights (PCHR) has been protecting the livelihoods of Gaza’s fishermen—who face increasingly restricted access to the sea—by documenting and monitoring the violations of fishermen’s rights and providing free advice, consultation and representation to the victims in Israeli courts.

We have been proud to support these groups over the past year as they struggle for a viable Palestinian state, oppose the Israeli occupation and engage in life-giving community work that helps people maintain their land and livelihoods.

Based on this work, we continue to advocate with allies in the U.S. for Palestinian rights and a just and peaceful end to the conflict. Globally, we help amplify Palestinian voices and issues by facilitating their participation in international forums like the World Forum for Food Sovereignty.

We hope the day is not long in coming when Palestinians can live freely, grow their own food and trade across mutually defined borders when they choose.

Above: Watchtower on newly-built section of the Separation Wall, Ramallah, West Bank, Palestine. Opposite: West Bank beekeepers provide delicious local food and earn needed income.
because they cannot compete with cheap, imported rice.

The MPP is working to boost small farmers and the local economy. Instead of putting U.S. and European grains on oil-guzzling container ships, the MPP secures contracts from the U.N. for local farmers to provide peanut butter and manioc cakes for school lunches in Haiti’s Northeast. This food replaces the imported grains that would otherwise be used in the school lunch programs.

Grassroots is proud to support similarly innovative projects from the MPP’s sister organizations in Palestine and Brazil. For many years the Palestinian Agricultural Relief Committees (PARC) has worked with the United Nations’ World Food Programme to distribute their food aid. But recently, local farmers in Gaza approached PARC and asked them to distribute the food that they grow. In response, PARC launched the Farm to Table program. It pays local farmers a fair price for their produce and provides fresh, healthy food to hungry families.

In Brazil, the Landless Workers Movement (MST) grows the local rural economy by pushing municipal governments like Recife to source food for school lunch programs from their cooperatives, much like U.S. Farm to Cafeteria programs.

One thing all of these programs have in common is a creative response to emergencies. They fight hunger yet dig deeper for long-term solutions. They sustain the livelihoods of farming families, build the capacity of communities to make the best use of their resources and model effective public policy. Critically important, they are based on advocacy strategies that strengthen powerful organizations capable of pressing for lasting social change. That way, access to food isn’t simply a human right on paper. It’s a reality on a plate.

Building Local Capacity When Disaster Strikes

Too much disaster relief is channeled to large national and international aid agencies, bypassing local grassroots organizations. It’s these local organizations that will be accompanying communities long after the disaster no longer dominates headlines. This year, we sought to build local capacity in the following emergency situations:

- **War in Lebanon**: We gave funds to the secular humanitarian organization Al Leqaa for emergency relief.
- **Hurricane Stan**: We gave support to the coffee growers’ cooperative Distribuidora Vida y Esperanza in Chiapas for relief and rehabilitation.
- **Conflict in Palestine**: We supported sourcing food aid from local farmers in Gaza through the Palestinian Agricultural Relief Committees.
- **Hurricane Katrina**: We supported long-term rehabilitation through the Federation of Southern Cooperatives and Gulf Coast Latin American Association.

An earthquake leaves families homeless; political instability or violence creates food shortages. Our most basic instinct is to help. But what constitutes effective aid? So much aid serves political self-interests of nations and their corporate backers. Humanitarian aid itself has mushroomed into an industry with its own logic, both good and perverse. How can we be sure that our helping hand does more good than harm?

In 2006, like every year since 1983, Grassroots International worked in crisis and conflict zones. Some are places featured in headlines, others are forgotten corners of the globe, written off as chronic “basket cases,” receiving little attention from the mainstream media.

The Peasant Movement of Papaye (MPP) has a new approach to food aid in the Haitian countryside, one that helps rather than hurts local farmers. It builds up local economies rather than reinforces dependence on imports. It’s a style of food aid whose logic is food sovereignty, not fattening the bottom line of transnational agribusiness.

The challenges are staggering. One statistic that hasn’t changed much is the criminal percentage of undernourished Haitian children. From 1969 to 2003, that number has remained at right about 50%. At the same time, Haiti’s rice imports grew from nearly zero to 200,000 tons a year. And yet, in Haiti’s formerly prosperous rice-growing Artibonite region, thousands of small farmers have lost their livelihoods. Processing local peanut butter, Papaye, Haiti.
Grassroots International

PARTNERS AND PROJECTS – FY 2006

In FY 2006, Grassroots International made almost $1.14 million in grants, the most cash grants in the 24-year history of the organization. We also facilitated a shipment of medical supplies valued at more than $300,000 to the Palestinian Medical Relief Society.

Many of the grants are made possible through our relationships with special activist funds.

Grants with a ☀ are from Friends of the Jenin Theatre, a giving circle that supports political theater in Palestine.

Grants with a ☉ are from Pangea, a giving circle focused on funding global social change.

Grants with a ❉ received support from the Presente Fund, a donor-advised fund focused on resource rights, economic justice, peace and democracy building.

Grants with a ☞ are from Sharing the Harvest, a donor-advised fund that supports Latin America’s most dynamic social movements including the campesino and indigenous peoples’ rights movements.

Grants in blue support our Resource Rights program.

**Defending Human Rights**

Democratic and Workers’ Rights Center (DWRC), Palestine $20,000 - Legal aid and advocacy for workers’ rights ☀

Landless Workers Movement (MST), Brazil $14,212 - Human rights monitor, legal aid and advocacy for landless workers and activists in Pernambuco ☉

Mexican Commission for the Defense and Promotion of Human Rights (CMDPDH), Mexico $17,500 - Defending indigenous rights in Oaxaca and Chiapas ☞

Palestinian Center for Human Rights (PCHR), Palestine $21,500 - Legal aid ☀

Platform of Haitian Human Rights Organizations (POHDO), Haiti $20,000 - Human rights response and impunity campaign ☀

Social Network for Justice and Human Rights (Rede Social), Brazil $20,240 - Legal assistance, training, human rights monitoring, documentation and advocacy for social movement activists ☀

Women’s Center for Legal Aid and Counseling (WCLAC), Palestine $11,700 - Legal aid for women’s rights, including domestic violence cases ☞

**Economic Justice**

50 Years Is Enough, U.S. $10,000 - Economic justice training ☀

Cambridge Friends School, U.S. $1,500 - Bridging the Class Divide: Economic justice training ☀

Class Action, U.S. $20,000 - Economic justice training ☀

**Movement Building**

The Association of Rural Workers (ATC), Nicaragua $23,181 - Central American Training Center ☀

ATC, Nicaragua $17,304 - Central American leadership training ☀

Authentic Labor Front (FAT), Mexico $10,000 - Organizing and outreach ☀

Center for Economic Research and Community Political Action (CIEPAC), Mexico $35,000 - Organizing and outreach ☀

Federation of Southern Cooperatives (FSC), U.S. $15,000 - Organizing and advocacy ☀

Gaza Community Mental Health Program (GCMHP), Palestine $15,000 - Women’s capacity building and leadership development ☀

Harlan Platform to Advocate Alternative Development (PAIPDA), Haiti $20,000 - Food sovereignty Campaign ☀

Ibidaa Cultural Center, Palestine $12,440 - Youth media training ☀

Latin American Information Agency (ALAI), Ecuador $18,000 - Minga Informativa Latin American alternative media project ☀

Mexican Free Trade Action Network (RMALC), Mexico $35,000 - Organizing and outreach ☀

Missouri Rural Crisis Center, U.S. $15,000 - Organizing and advocacy ☀

MST, Brazil $5,000 - Brazil-Peru peer learning exchange ☀

MST, Brazil $25,000 - Leadership training in Maranhão ☀

MST, Brazil $5,000 - Support for MST National Congress ☀

MST, Brazil $8,040 - Women’s mobilization for Forum on Land, Territory and Dignity ☀

National Coordination of Indigenous Peoples and Campesinos (CONIC), Guatemala $10,000 - Indigenous leadership training ☀

National Coordination of Peasant Organizations (CNOP), Mali $10,000 - Support for World Food Sovereignty Forum ☀

National Family Farm Coalition, U.S. $15,000 - Outreach and organizing for food sovereignty and fair trade ☀

National Union of Autonomous Regional Farmers’ Organizations (UNORCA), Mexico $3,000 - Support for conference of North American leaders of Via Campesina ☀

Palestinian Medical Relief Society (PMRIS), Palestine $15,000 - Women’s health and empowerment ☀

Peasant Movement of Papaye (MPP), Haiti $20,000 - Leadership and technical training ☀

Public Conversations, U.S. $5,000 - Cross-border education and outreach ☀

Rebuilding Alliance, U.S. $9,000 - Outreach and organizing for Middle East peace ☀

ReDe Social, Brazil $5,000 - South-South human rights monitoring in Paraguay ☀

Rural Women’s Development Platform (GCMHP), Palestine $10,000 - Support for MST National Congress ☀

Stop the Wall Campaign, Palestine $25,000 - Anti-Separation Wall advocacy ☀

The Union of Indigenous Communities of the Northern Zone of the Isthmus (UCZINI), Mexico $20,000 - Organizing and outreach ☀

UNORCA, Mexico $20,000 - Support for North American Secretariat of Via Campesina ☀

Via Campesina, Honduras $15,000 - Global Campaign for Agrarian Reform ☀

Via Campesina, Indonesia $20,000 - Support for International Secretariat ☀

Waqìq’aj, Guatemala $10,000 - Support for organizing Abya Yala Indigenous Summit ☀

**Peace**

Deep Democracy, U.S. $23,000 - Vets4Vets: Organizing and outreach against the Iraq war ☀

Institute for Policy Studies, U.S. $25,000 - Education for solidarity ☀

Institute for Policy Studies, U.S. $45,000 - Organizing and outreach against the Iraq war ☀

Military Families Speak Out, U.S. $23,000 - Organizing and outreach against the Iraq war ☀

Project on Youth And Non-military Opportunities, U.S. $15,000 - Education and outreach ☀

The Freedom Theater Foundation, Palestine $4,750 - Support for political theater production ☀

**Public Health**

Ikonzon Musanda Self Help Group, Kenya $7,000 - HIV/AIDS prevention ☀

Teens Against AIDS, Tanzania $7,000 - Community health outreach for HIV/AIDS ☀

**Rethinking Aid/Community-based Emergency Relief**

AI Leqaa, Lebanon $24,528 - Emergency relief for Lebanon crisis ☀

Distribuidora Vida y Esperanza, Mexico $5,437 - Hurricane Stan relief in Chiapas ☀

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FSC, U.S. $3,943 - Hurricane Katrina relief and rebuilding
Gulf Coast Latin American Association, U.S. $10,000 - Hurricane Katrina relief and rebuilding
Via Campesina, Indonesia $800 - Tsunami relief and rebuilding

**Sustainable Livelihoods**

Association in the Settlement Areas of the State of Maranhão (ASSEMA), Brazil $35,000 - Family-based agroecology
Brookwood Community Farm, U.S. $7,000 - Model organic community farm
Center for Integral Campesino Development of the Mixteca (CIDICECAM), Mexico $3,000 - Ita Nuni Cooperative marketing project
Center for the Support of the Oaxacan Popular Movement (CAMPPO), Mexico $25,000 - Community-led development
Kinal Antzetik, Mexico $18,400 - Community-led development
Lambi Fund of Haiti, Haiti $6,000 - Community-led development
Movement of Small Farmers (MPP), Brazil $15,000 - Training and support for family-based agroecology and seed sovereignty
MPP, Haiti $35,000 - Reforestation and agroecological forestry

Palestinian Agricultural Relief Committees (PARC), Palestine $21,330 - Urban agriculture in Gaza
Pólo Sindical, Brazil $16,000 - Agroecology and local water self-sufficiency
Rabour Village Project, Kenya $39,500 - Seeds and tools for sustainable sunflower production project
Saint Margarita Development Center, Kenya $1,016 - Water infrastructure improvements
Saint Margarita Development Center, Kenya $10,000 - Support for children and parents with HIV/AIDS
Village Volunteers, Kenya $4,500 - Water, food security and girls’ education projects

**Leader in sustainable biofuels workshop, Central Plateau, Haiti.**

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Grants received between November 1, 2005 and October 31, 2006
Grassroots International recorded another year of solid growth in programs. While continuing to invest accumulated surplus from our 20th anniversary campaign in education and advocacy programs for resource rights, Grassroots surpassed the previous year’s best-ever mark for cash grants by almost 7%, providing $1,139,986 to partners and other organizations working for justice. Grassroots also set the stage for future growth in international programs with the opening of a new million-dollar donor-advised fund, the Sharing the Harvest Fund. This partnership will allow Grassroots to expand support for strategic grantmaking in Latin America. Grassroots continued to maintain low operating overhead, devoting more than 80% of spending to programs and education. Grassroots does not seek U.S. government funding, and remains outspoken in support of global justice. As always, your active support makes all of this possible.
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Our work depends entirely on generous donors like you who believe that supporting visionary social change movements and grassroots organizations for human rights and equitable development is crucial to create a just world.

Five Reasons Why Grassroots Gives Me Hope
Howard Zinn, author of A People’s History of the United States

1) **Hope from democracy.** Grassroots gives strength to landless families in Brazil standing up for their rights to land, food and water in the face of violent oppression.

2) **Hope from solidarity.** Grassroots brings farmers and farm workers from the U.S., Africa, Asia and Latin America together to share their challenges and strategies.

3) **Hope from ending hunger.** Grassroots’ partner the Palestinian Agricultural Relief Committees promotes urban family food gardens to fight child hunger.

4) **Hope from speaking truth to power.** Grassroots brings global hunger, water shortages and biodiversity loss home to U.S. policy makers and those who influence them.

5) **Hope from our common humanity.** Grassroots International gives people around the world a path for creative resistance and positive change.

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