



Recipes for a Sustainable Future

ANNUAL REPORT 2014

Sharing recipes

For more than three decades of activism and creative partnership, the Grassroots International community has shared countless meals and many struggles for justice with our friends.

Along the way, we have gathered lots of recipes. In this year's Annual Report, we share a few of those recipes. Some are for dishes made from foods grown by the farmers and indigenous peoples you support through your contributions to Grassroots International.

Other, more metaphorical "recipes" create movements instead of meals. We need these recipes, too, because a truly sustainable world will only come about through a global movement of grassroots communities and friends like you.



GRASSROOTS INTERNATIONAL'S RECIPE FOR A SUSTAINABLE GLOBAL FUTURE

Ingredients:

- Land, Territory and Water Rights
- Food Sovereignty
- Economic and Climate Justice
- Native seeds and livestock
- Organized and empowered communities of small farmers, indigenous peoples, youth and women
- You!

Directions:

- **Choose the right cooks:** People-led movements.
- **Use local recipes:** Communities most affected have the best solutions.
- **Mix and let rise:** Together, farmers, indigenous peoples and friends like you form a powerful international movement for resource rights.
- **Cook over a steady flame:** Making change on a global scale takes time and persistence.

Feeds more than 7.5 billion and cools the planet, too!



Executive Director's Message



Dear Friends,

As the new Executive Director of Grassroots International, I am often asked: Why Grassroots International?

And I answer with gusto:

- Because Grassroots International and our global partners and allies offer powerful and achievable alternative solutions to hunger, deep and unacceptable global inequality, and climate disruption.
- Because we are your progressive alternative to U.S. foreign policy and the global status quo.
- Because I want to be a part of a movement of women, small farmers and indigenous peoples who are taking back their communities and building a lasting movement for justice and peace.
- Because lasting social change comes from the bottom up.
- Because I believe that we can and we must galvanize more people like ourselves in the U.S. to become donor-activists, to join this exciting movement.

This Annual Report takes a look at recipes for a sustainable future for all of us. Its pages include stories from the grassroots movements, small farmers and climate justice leaders who form the core of Grassroots' partners. And it also includes some actual recipes we've encountered for everything from delicious Chicken Musakhan to Soup Joumou.

But we cannot do this work without one key ingredient—you! Thanks to our community of thousands of donor-activists who believe in the shared vision for a more just and sustainable future, Grassroots International is able to provide strategic funding and vital support to scores of leading global social movements. Thank you!

In partnership,

Chung-Wha Hong
Executive Director



OUR MISSION

Grassroots International works in partnership with social movements to create a just and sustainable world by advancing the human rights to land, water, and food through global grantmaking, building solidarity across organizations and movements, and advocacy in the U.S.



Choose the right cooks *Small farmers, indigenous peoples and women are the game changers*

Small farmers like Dina in Guatemala, Fatima in Ghana and Tamarai in India provide food for 70 percent of the world's people. And they do it on about one-quarter of the world's agricultural land, feeding themselves, their children and their neighbors on farms of a few acres or less.

Peasant farmers, and women in particular, produce food far more efficiently and more sustainably than the industrial plantations that have displaced so many families over the last 70 years. The concentration of land, water, markets and seeds in the hands of a few conglomerates is not a food system—it is a profit system. More and more people now recognize that small farmers hold the key to feeding a hungry world and combatting climate change.

Your contribution to Grassroots International is an investment in a future global food system based on agricultural democracy and the simple wisdom of letting small farmers feed the world.

A mother's garden

Dina Julaju Quiche's husband had urged her to participate in the Women's Vegetable Garden Project, organized by our Guatemalan partner, the National Coordination of Peasants and Indigenous Peoples (CONIC). When he died unexpectedly, she was grateful that she had followed his advice.



Today, Dina feeds her family of four children thanks to the organic farming methods she learned and now uses on her micro-farm of just 150 square

feet, where she grows vegetables and medicinal plants for neighbors. Dina leases another plot to raise chickens and pigs. She shares knowledge and friendship with other women growers through the project.

**“I say this to all women:
Grow a garden for yourself
and your children because it
brings important things.”**

DINA JULAJU QUICHE

Advancing Local Solutions to Hunger and Climate Change

Fatima Adi describes herself as a family farmer in Ghana, where she grows cassava, corn and other vegetables on her small plot of land. Together with thousands of other family farmers, she is part of “We are the Solution,” a campaign supported by Grassroots International that stretches across five countries in West Africa. Fatima and other rural women organize together to amplify African small farmers' voices, experiences and solutions that support biodiversity and agroecology. They challenge industrial agriculture, which relies on genetically modified seeds, and toxic chemical fertilizers and pesticides.

In 2014, Grassroots International launched a Fund to Advance Resource Rights in West Africa. Collaborating with other supporters, the Fund supports grassroots organizations and social movements in West Africa that advance food sovereignty, climate justice and the human rights to land and water as solutions to hunger, poverty and ecological disruption.

Women farmers unite

Tamarai, a 45-year-old widow and mother of three children, learned about ecological and organic farming methods through the Tamil Nadu Women's Collective in India, which Grassroots International has supported for several years. Even though she owns and farms two and a half acres, Tamarai and other women farmers in Tamil Nadu are classified as “farm laborers” and don't get the farm credit and relief that male farmers receive.

The Collective taught Tamarai about seed banking, water conservation and other ecologically sustainable farming methods that have helped her make the land more productive in the face of a harsh climate. Just as vital, the Collective has organized Tamarai and other women to challenge discriminatory laws.



Women grow more than half the food produced in non-industrialized countries, yet they usually lack equal rights to own land or access other critical resources.



This circular "mandala" garden in Brazil efficiently organizes vegetable beds around its water source, a duck pond.

CAN SMALL FARMERS REALLY FEED THE PLANET?

Yes! Contrary to assumptions that have guided global food policies for decades, peasant farmers produce more of the world's food than industrial agriculture does, using far less land, water and energy. The food they grow is better for us, too – primarily fresh fruits and vegetables from hundreds of species with deep roots in local soils and cultures. And farming through sustainable agroecological methods both reduces greenhouse gas emissions and allows communities to build resilience to climate impacts.

- Small farmers feed 70 percent of the 7.5 billion people living on earth today.
- Small farms occupy less than 25 percent of all agricultural land worldwide – and their share shrinks every day.
- Women produce 60 to 80 percent of the food grown in non-industrialized countries.
- Women own just 2 percent of agricultural land in non-industrialized countries.
- Around the world, small farmers are 200 to 1,000 percent more productive per unit of land than larger farms.
- Industrial agriculture produces 44 to 57 percent of the world's greenhouse gas emissions.
- The industrial food system receives 80 to 90 percent of all agricultural subsidies while accounting for nearly half of greenhouse gases produced annually.
- Agroecology restores nutrients to the soil and cools the planet.

“The 2009 global food crisis signaled the need for a turning point in the global food system. Modern agriculture, which began in the 1950s, is more resource intensive, very fossil fuel dependent, using fertilizers, and based on massive production. This policy has to change. New research in agroecology allows us to explore more effectively how we can use traditional knowledge to protect people and their environment at the same time.” ”

UNITED NATIONS SPECIAL RAPPORTEUR ON THE RIGHT TO FOOD,
PROFESSOR HILAL ELVER, IN A SPEECH IN 2014.

Use local recipes *The people most affected have the best solutions*

Today, more people than ever before want to know where and how their daily food is grown. We've learned that food grown locally and organically tastes better and is better for us than industrially produced food. We know that a healthy network of independent farmers makes our communities stronger.

For those very same reasons, peasant farmers around the world are working to free local and national food production from a global corporate system that destroys their livelihoods and communities, poisons their land and water and uproots their traditional foodways and cultures. Around the world, Grassroots International partners with organizations that nurture an alternative approach to growing called agroecology that values people, communities and the planet over corporate profits. Agroecology cools the planet in several ways, including rebuilding organic matter and nourishing depleted soil.



It starts with the seeds

Using patented seeds from Monsanto, Syngenta and other global agribusinesses puts farmers on a slippery slope. They start each planting season deeper in debt for the cost of new seeds, fertilizer and pesticide. Heavy applications of chemicals steadily destroy the land's health and productivity. Insects develop resistance to the chemical pesticides, while the other biodiverse living matter that may have held pests in check is destroyed. Many farmers lose their land, while others become low-wage industrial farm workers. Many more migrate, leaving behind a community and a culture that is all too often transformed into a food desert by plantation agriculture.

Grassroots International's Brazilian partner, the Popular Peasant Movement (MCP) has a different transformation in mind, combining traditional farming methods with low-cost, environmentally beneficial innovations. Their Creole Seeds Program works with farmers to save and share local varieties of seeds reserved from each year's harvest. By using natural pest control and organic fertilizers, farmers can plant a broad variety of food crops debt-free and keep the harvest to feed their families and earn cash. Over time, the family farm grows and prospers, providing a good living and sustaining a healthy community.

Palestinian women grow autonomy

For rural Palestinian women, the opportunity to work together as food producers can transform

These Palestinian women created vital new sources of local food in Gaza, working with the Palestinian Agricultural Relief Committees.

“Peasant farmers don't produce commodities, they produce food. Peasant farming is the farming of hope.”

VALDIR MISNEROVICZ, OF THE LANDLESS WORKERS MOVEMENT, BRAZIL

their own lives as well as their communities. The Women's Empowerment and Food Sovereignty Project, coordinated by Grassroots International's partner the

Union of Agricultural Work Committees, has organized women through cooperatives for olive growing, beekeeping, poultry-raising and vegetable gardens, all enterprises adapted to the dry climate and the harsh constraints on farmers due to the Israeli occupation.

But the cooperatives provide even more than fresh, local food for their families and extra income. In addition to agricultural and business training, the project also develops rural women as new community leaders and advocates for food sovereignty, as an important element of Palestine's national struggle for self-determination and control of its own land and water resources.



A RECIPE FOR HEALTHY SOILS



Carlos shares his recipe for organic compost with fellow farmers from Honduras, Guatemala and Brazil at a farmers' learning exchange.

It took two years and careful experiments to persuade Carlos Henríquez to give up chemical fertilizers and pesticides. But Carlos' bumper crop of beans from his organic test plots convinced him and other farmers in Santa Gertrudis, Mexico, to change completely to agroecological methods. After that, says Carlos, "I started to abandon the chemicals. I see the positive results in my harvest."

Carlos first learned about agroecology from members of the Union of Organizations of the Sierra Juarez of Oaxaca (UNOSJO), a Grassroots International partner. Now, he is the teacher. Farmer knowledge is the key to successful agroecology. At a Latin American agroecology learning exchange hosted by UNOSJO (and supported by Grassroots International), Carlos and other farmers shared and compared natural fertilizers, soil-building methods and pest control strategies. Participants also talked about organizing for land reform and human rights.



MUSAKHAN

A Traditional Palestinian Chicken Dish

- 4 lbs. Bone-in chicken legs and thighs with skin
- 3 Tbls. ground sumac
- Salt
- Juice of 1 lemon
- 1 large red onion, peeled and thinly sliced
- 3 Tbs. olive oil plus extra for oiling the pan
- ½ cup rich chicken stock
- 1 piece flatbread for each person being served
- ¼ cup slivered almonds, toasted

1. Rinse the chicken and pat dry.
2. Combine the sumac and a pinch of salt. Set aside 2 teaspoons and mix the rest with the lemon juice. Rub into the chicken flesh and marinate up to 1 day.
3. Place the onions in a large skillet, toss with 3 tablespoons of the olive oil, half the chicken stock, reserved sumac, and a pinch of salt. Cover and cook gently for 1 hour until onions are fully caramelized.
4. Bring the chicken to room temperature and preheat the oven to 400 degrees F.
5. Place the chicken, skin side down, on a nonstick baking sheet. Cover with foil and bake 20 minutes.
6. Brush a large ovenproof serving dish with olive oil. Dip a piece of the bread in the remaining chicken broth. Place it on the bottom of the pan and spread some of the onions on top. Repeat until you have completed all of the bread and the onions. Sprinkle with any remaining chicken stock and carefully flip the chicken onto the bread so that the skin side is up. Return to the oven and bake 30 minutes. Heat under a broiler until beautifully browned. Serve at once with a sprinkling of the pine nuts. Serve plain yogurt with a parsley, tomato and cucumber dressing on the side.

This recipe is adapted from the conversations our delegation to the West Bank had with the multiple cooks who prepared it for us and is also inspired by Paula Wolfert's recipe for Musakhan in "The Cooking of the Eastern Mediterranean."

Mix and let rise *Global movements support global change*

Rural families and indigenous peoples are fighting the forces that would drive them off their land and territory, privatize and contaminate their water, cause devastating climate impacts on their communities and even deny them the right to preserve their seeds.

Grassroots International accompanies and connects movements of millions of peasants, indigenous peoples, and friends like you around the world in a unified and growing global movement for resource rights and climate justice.

March for Climate Justice

Miriam Miranda's journey from Honduras for the People's Climate Justice Summit put her in front of thousands of people in New York last September. A leader of the Black Fraternal Organization of Honduras (OFRANEH, a Grassroots International partner), Miriam and her community have been on

the front lines of work for climate justice. She boldly told the crowd gathered during the #FloodWallStreet action, "We cannot accept nor perpetuate this supposed development which does not take into account or respect nature and the earth's natural resources... We should and must have the obligation to leave water, air, food and secure the safety for our sons and daughters and other living things."

Grassroots International collaborated with the Grassroots Global Justice Alliance and other members of the Climate Justice Alliance in making this possible. By both funding and organizing, together we played a vital role in bringing global activists like Miriam to the People's Climate Justice Summit and Tribunal, to offer real solutions.

Guatemalan farmers roll back the "Monsanto Law"

When national legislation backed by the Monsanto lobby threatened to make the traditional cultivation of corn and beans a crime, the Mayan people of Guatemala rose up and led a country-wide resistance. In September, that movement won a great victory when Guatemala's national Congress repealed the "Monsanto Law."

Miriam Miranda (right) brings the Garifuna people's struggle against arbitrary land seizures in Honduras to Wall Street at the People's Climate Justice Summit in September. She is accompanied by Grassroots International's Jovanna Garcia Soto (left).

“Having that big picture analysis of power, plus connections on the ground with people making change on the ground. That’s why Grassroots International is so central.”

BURKE STANSBURY,
GRASSROOTS INTERNATIONAL DONOR

Under the law, farmers could have been sued if traits of patented corn strains unintentionally appeared in their crops, even through natural pollination, as has happened in the United States. Daniel Pascual, director of the Peasant Unity Committee (CUC), a Grassroots International partner, noted that this victory was a first step toward repeal of other national legislation that gives international corporations special privileges over the Guatemalan people.

The meaning of food sovereignty

"A country without food sovereignty isn't a country," says Rose Edith Raymonvil Germain, National Coordinator of the National Congress of the Papaye Peasant Movement (MPNKP) in Haiti, a Grassroots International partner since 1996.

She says that true agricultural reform goes far beyond redistribution of the land to include systems for water, seeds and technical support. Training is also critical. "Trainings are vital for all organizations that have a vision. Through Grassroots International, we are able to train people to understand and take charge so that we can change the country."





“We in the movement have a lot of tasks and challenges, but we need to have the courage and character to transform the society. I transformed my life and will continue working to transform the lives of all peasants in Brazil.”

GERALDO DE MATOS BARBOSA , CARPENTER AND
MEMBER OF THE LANDLESS WORKERS MOVEMENT, BRAZIL

Movements from the Global South lead the way at the Climate Justice march.

SOUP JOUMOU

Haitians traditionally enjoy this savory pumpkin soup on January 1, Haitian Independence Day, celebrating freedom and equality.

Beef with Marinade:

Blend ingredients below until smooth. Put into a glass bowl or dish, add 1-pound of cubed beef and marinate 4-24 hours.

- 1 tsp. each of black pepper, thyme, Adobo salt, garlic powder and onion powder
- 2 diced shallots
- 1 scotch bonnet chili, seeded (optional)
- 2 Tbls. lime juice
- ½ cup of water or stock

Soup Ingredients:

Chopped Vegetables (1 ½-inch pieces): 2 carrots, 2 stalks celery, 1 small leek, 1 small yellow onion, 2 peeled potatoes, 2 peeled turnips, ½ small green cabbage. Chop 1 winter squash (pumpkin, kabocha or butternut) into 1-inch cubes.

- 1 Tbls. olive oil
- 8 cups beef stock
- 1 Tbls. tomato paste
- Scallion and lime wedges

1. Remove beef from marinade and dry with paper towels. Heat oil in a large saucepan or Dutch oven over medium high heat. Brown the beef, about 8 minutes. Add stock and tomato paste and bring to a boil. Reduce heat to medium and cook, stirring occasionally, until beef is tender, about 1 ½ hours. Add chopped vegetables and cook, slightly covered and stirring occasionally, until vegetables are tender, about 20 minutes.
2. Meanwhile, bring winter squash and 2 cups water to a boil in a 2qt. saucepan over high heat. Cook covered on medium until squash is tender, about 10 minutes. Drain, reserving ½ cup cooking liquid. Transfer squash and reserved liquid to a blender; puree until smooth and set aside.
3. When vegetables are tender, stir in squash puree. Cook, stirring occasionally, until soup is slightly thick, 5-10 minutes. Season with salt and pepper to taste; serve with scallions and lime wedges.

Cook over a steady flame *Long-term partnerships make long-term change*

Dep and lasting partnerships with the groups we support has been a Grassroots International hallmark since our early days. Grassroots International knows that long-term change requires long-term commitment. We provide our partners with much more than money, helping to convene peasant-to-peasant exchanges among our partners and allies and advocating for policy change here in the US. Our partners tell us that knowing people like you share their struggle makes a huge difference.

After decades of struggle, a victory in Brazil

For decades, the Movement of People Affected by Dams (MAB) has led campaigns to secure protection, compensation and recognized rights for thousands of communities displaced or affected by dam construction throughout Brazil. In June, the governor of the state of Rio Grande do Sul signed a decree that gives standing to those affected by dam construction, sets standards for reparations and creates a forum with representation from civil society to decide on the feasibility of any dam project. This was the first such law in Brazil.

Neudiciéia Oliveira of MAB's national coordinating body hopes that Rio Grande do Sul's example will

inspire more states and perhaps lead to national legislation. MAB has been a Grassroots International partner, since 2010, so your support played a part in this victory.

“We are very happy about what we are building with Grassroots International.”

JOSIVALDO ALVES DE OLIVEIRA,
MOVEMENT OF PEOPLE AFFECTED BY DAMS

Sustained giving for hope

When Ava Cheloff wanted to support Palestinian groups working for justice, she ran into some problems. First, how could she be sure groups were effective and aligned with her values? How would she get the money to Palestine? How would she claim a charitable deduction on her federal taxes? It was complicated!

Giving to Grassroots International resolved those problems for Ava and

introduced her to the global movement for food sovereignty. “After a while, I no longer designated my contributions just to Palestine,” Ava says. “I realized Grassroots International was supporting good work through all their partners.”

Last year, Ava joined Grassroots International's delegation to Palestine. “About four hours into the trip, I realized that there is nothing more political than who controls land and water,” she says now. “Its all about power. The people put up with constant encroachment, uprooting, harassment and conditions that make their lives incredibly hard. The fact that they are holding out and still struggling gives me hope. As long as they are hopeful, what right have I to throw in the towel?” Ava and her family have supported Grassroots International since 1989.

“Grassroots International may not be our biggest funder. But we consider Grassroots International to be our most important partner in this work.”

ANTONAL MORTIME
PLATFORM OF HATIAN HUMAN RIGHTS ORGANIZATION

*The Grassroots
International
delegation
to Palestine*



***iPresente!** A year of human rights struggles and heroes*

Peasants and indigenous communities are increasingly the frontline defenders of land, water, food and the environment. They risk violence, abuse and criminalization.

Sadly, in 2014, we mourned the deaths of many courageous activists and the appalling death toll from the bombing in Gaza. But we also celebrated the lives of these heroes, remembering their courage and promising to carry on their mission.

Our friend, organizer and internationalist **Charity Hicks** of the East Michigan Environmental Action Council, took her call of "Wage Love!" from Detroit to the world. She died on July 8, after being struck by a hit-and-run driver.

Miriam Miranda was one of 21 members and leaders of Grassroots International partner OFRANEH who were abducted and later released by organized crime associates in Honduras last July. She and the other community members continue to face serious threats for their courageous organizing. Two months later, we celebrated as Miriam represented her community at the People's Climate Justice Summit in New York.

Daniel Dorsinvil, General Coordinator of our partner the Platform of Haitian Human Rights Organizations, was killed on the streets of Port-au-Prince, along with his wife **Girdly Larêche** in February.

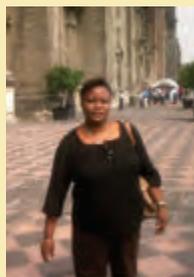
We are deeply grateful for the life of **John Kinsman**, Wisconsin dairy farmer, sustainable farming pioneer, tireless campaigner for food sovereignty and founder of Family Farm Defenders. John died on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

We celebrated in October when **Hassan Karajah**, youth coordinator of our partner Stop the Wall, was released from an Israeli prison after 22 months of harsh conditions and interrogations.

On September 19, 2014, **eight people from the community of Los Pajoques** in Guatemala were killed in a massacre. Our partner the Peasant Unity Committee is organizing resistance to a cement factory project that would contaminate water supplies in Los Pajoques and nearby communities.

On August 26, 2014, **Margarita Murillo**, a leader of La Via Campesina Honduras was assassinated after having received many death threats in recent years. On November 11, 2014, **Juan Galindo** – a leader of the peasant movements defending land in the Bajo Aguan region of Honduras – was assassinated. Since 2009 over 130 peasants in the Bajo Aguan region have been assassinated.

Over the course of Israel's bombing and ground offensive in Gaza last summer, **2,191 Palestinians were killed**, more than 10,000 were injured and more than 460,000 were displaced. Israeli bombs destroyed farmland, fishing boats, homes and vital systems for water, sanitation and energy, according to first-hand reports from our partner, the Palestinian Center for Human Rights.



Girdly Larêche



Daniel Dorsinvil

Facebook/Girdly Larêche and Facebook/Daniel Dorsinvil



Charity Hicks (third from the left) visited the MST

Friends of the MST



2,191 were killed in Gaza

Palestinian Centre for Human Rights



John Kinsman

Nic Paget-Clarke



Hassan Karajah



Miriam Miranda

Steve Pavey, Agricultural Missions



Margarita Murillo

CLOC - Via Campesina Central America



Eight people from the community of Los Pajoques in Guatemala were killed

Coordinación y Convergencia Maya Waq'ib' Kej

“Nothing causes greater distress to the established order than men and women who dream. We are dreaming and organizing that dream.”

AN ANONYMOUS QUOTE ON THE WALL OF A SETTLEMENT OF THE LANDLESS WORKERS MOVEMENT, BRAZIL



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Join us in building the global movement for resource rights.

Sustain

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- Donate stock
- Give a gift in someone's honor or memory
- Include Grassroots International in your will or insurance policy
- Host a house party or other fundraiser

Donations are tax deductible and secure. Grassroots International earned the Better Business Bureau's coveted Seal of Approval and the seal of excellence from Independent Charities of America.



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For their countless hours of unheralded (and unpaid!) work, we thank these marvelous volunteers!

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Financial Report for 2014

Grassroots International continued to provide critical support to dynamic movements, both domestically and abroad. Over \$1.2 million in the form of cash grants and material aid bolstered movements for human rights, food sovereignty and sustainable livelihoods. As before, Grassroots International maintained an efficient operation, devoting more than 75 percent of spending to grants, education and program services.

Grassroots International does not seek or receive U.S. government funding, so we can remain an independent and outspoken advocate for the human rights to land, water and food. It is the active support and solidarity of our donors that makes all our work possible.

Statement of Support, Revenues and Expenses

For the year ended October 31, 2014

	Unrestricted		Temporarily Restricted		FY 2014
	Undesignated	Board-designated	General	Donor-advised	Total
Support and Revenues					
Institutional grants & contributions, including from donor advised funds	304,396	-	648,592	-	\$ 952,988
Individual contributions	817,439	-	101,139	-	918,578
In-kind material aid (medical supplies)	-	-	430,360	-	430,360
In-kind gifts (real estate)	-	-	249,460	-	249,460
Investment and other income	44,038	-	43,000	-	87,038
<i>Sub-Total</i>	1,165,873	-	1,472,551	-	2,638,424
Net assets released from program restrictions	1,210,285	(15,000)	(1,185,165)	(10,120)	-
Total Support and Revenues	2,376,158	(15,000)	287,386	(10,120)	\$2,638,424
Expenses					
PROGRAM SERVICES					
Grants:					
Cash grants	801,260				801,260
Shipping grants	19,984				19,984
In-kind material aid grants (medical supplies)	430,360				430,360
<i>Sub-Total</i>	1,251,604	-	-	-	1,251,604
Humanitarian/social justice program	352,921				352,921
Education	257,187				257,187
<i>Total program services</i>	1,861,712	-	-	-	1,861,712
SUPPORT SERVICES					
Management and general	266,438				266,438
Fundraising	344,416				344,416
<i>Total support services</i>	610,854	-	-	-	610,854
Total Expenses	2,472,566				\$2,472,566
Change in Net Assets	(96,408)	(15,000)	287,386	(10,120)	165,858
Net Assets, Beginning of Year	258,851	721,864	104,359	10,120	1,095,194
Net Assets, End of Year	162,443	706,864	391,745	-	\$1,261,052

Balance Sheet

As of October 31, 2014

Assets	
Cash and equivalents	\$ 117,679
Grants and pledges receivable	77,277
Investments - securities	887,916
Investments - real estate	249,460
Fixed and other assets, net	38,302
Prepaid expenses and other	32,333
Total Assets	\$1,402,967

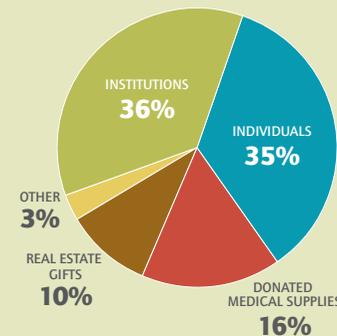
Liabilities and Net Assets

LIABILITIES	
Grants Payable	55,600
Accounts payable & accrued expenses	86,315
Total Liabilities	\$141,915

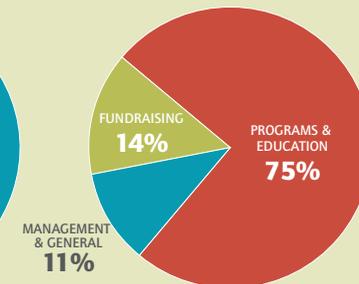
NET ASSETS

Unrestricted	
General (undesignated)	162,443
Board-designated	706,864
Temporarily Restricted	
General	391,745
Donor-advised	-
Total Net Assets	\$1,261,052
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$1,402,967

SUPPORT AND REVENUES



EXPENSES



Partners and Grantees 2014

Below is a partial listing of grants made by Grassroots International between November 1, 2013 and October 31, 2014. In total, 62 grants were disbursed to organizations across the world to support movement building, sustainable livelihoods, and human rights.

Movement Building Connecting social movements within countries and across borders, sectors, or issues in order to build their capacity, strength and global voice.

Belize

Maya Leaders Alliance – Protecting Mayan lands and forests by improving access to information on oil extraction

Brazil

Landless Workers Movement-Maranhao – Base organizing to strengthen youth leadership

Movement of People Affected by Dams – Learning Exchange with US Allies

Popular Peasant Movement – Agroecology Learning Exchange

Guatemala

Peasant Unity Committee – Organizing and movement building with small-scale farmers, indigenous communities and youth

Haiti

Haitian Platform to Advocate for Alternative Development – Haitian redevelopment and reconstruction campaign; Food sovereignty and rural development

Tèt Kole - Heads Together Small Producers of Haiti – Defense of Creole seeds, reforestation and food production.

Honduras

National Federation of Rural Workers – Campaign for agrarian reform, food sovereignty, land and territory

Via Campesina-Central America – Women's Regional Commission to implement the Global Campaign to End Violence Against Women in the region

India

Tamil Nadu Women's Collective – Agroecology learning exchange

Yakshi – Agroecology learning exchange

Mexico

Center for the Study of Change in the Mexican Countryside – Strengthening Via Campesina in Mexico through women's leadership development and promotion of agroecology

Enlace Civil – Strengthening political participation of the autonomous Indigenous Communities and empowering women and youth

Nicaragua

Via Campesina-Central America/Rural Workers Association – Training and Leadership Development for peasant, indigenous and Afro-descendant organizations

Palestine

Stop the Wall – Empowering the Jordan Valley Bedouin communities to defend their land and livelihoods

Union of Agricultural Work Committees – Participation in the US Food Sovereignty Prize ceremony

United States

Global Alliance for Incinerator Alternatives – International participation in September NYC Climate Justice events

IDEX - International Development Exchange – International participation in September NYC Climate Justice events

Indigenous Environmental Network – International Indigenous participation in September NYC Climate Justice events

Labor/Community Strategy Center – General Support

Migrant Rights International – Global Coalition on Migration participation in September NYC Climate Justice events

National Family Farm Coalition – General Support; Food Sovereignty

Southwest Organizing Project – General Support

Via Campesina-North America – Participation in September NYC Climate Justice events

Via Campesina-North America – General Support

Zimbabwe

Via Campesina-International – To promote and strengthen movements around food sovereignty, agroecology, social and climate justice

Human Rights Training of local human rights monitors; legal defense for resource rights activists; communications, education and training to raise public awareness of resource rights as human rights; and presentation of documentation or cases at regional or international human rights bodies.

Brazil

Landless Workers Movement-Pernambuco – Human rights training and defense

Movement of People Affected by Dams – Resistance in the Amazon to demand rights to land, water and other rights for communities impacted by proposed and actual dams

Rede Social – Social Network for Justice and Human Rights – Human rights education, advocacy and legal defense in support of rural social movements

Haiti

Haitian Human Rights Platform – Human rights education and monitoring in the Central Plateau

Honduras

Black Fraternal Organization of Honduras – Participation in the International Court of Human Rights in defense of Garifuna territory and rights

Mexico

SER Mixe - Mixe Peoples Services – Land and water rights defense; women's rights to health

Union of Organizations of the Sierra Juarez of Oaxaca – Building Zapotec territorial autonomy and support for youth leadership

Palestine

Ensan Center for Democracy & Human Rights – Legal aid for victims of human rights violations in the West Bank

Gaza Community Mental Health Program – Community awareness in identifying and addressing mental health, particularly under daily stress of human rights abuses

Palestinian Center for Human Rights – Protecting Palestinian land and property rights

Union of Agricultural Work Committees – Securing farmers' rights

Sustainable Livelihoods Supporting community-led sustainable development projects that advance democratic access to and management of crucial local food production and the right to natural resources; and serve as an entry point for organizing.

Brazil

Association of Settlement Areas in the State of Maranhão – Support to peasant women and their families in Babaçu areas on solidarity economy, gender and policy

Landless Workers Movement-National Agroecology Training Program – Training leaders and organizers from the base communities and settlements

Landless Workers Movement-Pernambuco – Agroecological Productive Project

Popular Peasant Movement – Creole Seeds Program preserving local genetic materials and opposing the rapid expansion of agrofuels

Guatemala

National Coordination of Indigenous Peoples and Campesinos – Women-led Sustainable Livelihood Projects

Haiti

Regional Coordination of the Southeast – Family vegetable gardens for 40 families in Jacmel as part of a movement for food sovereignty

National Congress of the Papaye Peasant Movement – Creole Pig Repopulation and Goat Distribution

Peasant Movement of Papaye – Agroecology through agroforestry and organic agriculture

India

Tamil Nadu Women's Collective – Women's empowerment project

Yakshi – Resource and Creativity Center for Rural Children and Youth – Indigenous peoples and food sovereignty in Andhra Pradesh

Kenya

Fahamu – We are the Solution campaign, advancing African family agriculture

Mexico

Foundation of Organized Small Producers – Strengthening marketing and organization strategies of small farmers in Mexico

Union of Organizations of the Sierra Juarez of Oaxaca – Agroecological Production and Training Center

Palestine

Palestinian Agricultural Relief Committees – Gazan urban agriculture using nonconventional water resources

Union of Agricultural Work Committees – Women's Empowerment Project

Rethinking Aid Delivering critical humanitarian and rehabilitation aid that strengthens, rather than diminishes, community institutions that are able to address or avert crises in the future.

Brazil

Movement of People Affected by Dams – Emergency support for people affected by flooding

Haiti

Haitian Platform for Human Rights – Support following the murder of its General Coordinator

Palestine

Gaza Community Mental Health Program – Mental health care for children experiencing trauma from bombing in Gaza

Palestinian Agricultural Relief Committees – Emergency support after bombing of Gaza

Palestinian Center for Human Rights – Emergency funds for documentation during "Operation Protective Edge"

Palestinian Medical Relief Society – Emergency Medical Relief during and after bombing of Gaza

Union of Agricultural Work Committees – Emergency support after bombing of Gaza

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