



CLIMATE JUSTICE

for People and the Planet



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FUNDING GLOBAL MOVEMENTS FOR SOCIAL CHANGE

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Our planet's future depends on climate justice

From decades of partnership with grassroots organizations around the world, we know that when people who are the most affected by problems organize in dynamic movements, they will devise the most effective and sustainable solutions and responses to the challenges posed, including by climate change.

And we know that truly sustainable solutions to climate change must also be just solutions. They must enable millions of people to feed themselves and live in dignity and freedom.

It won't be easy. The causes of climate disruption are built into the world's dominant economic and political systems. We must change those systems and build alternatives, from the ground up.

That's why Grassroots International launched the Climate Justice Initiative.

GRASSROOTS INTERNATIONAL'S CLIMATE JUSTICE INITIATIVE Strategic, Effective, Urgent

Support the solutions – Get resources to the communities and social movements on the frontlines of leading the transition from the extractive economy to sustainable local, living, and linked economies, particularly those led by small farmers, Indigenous Peoples, and Afro-descendent communities.

Change the story – Show how sustainable and linked communities everywhere are the key to a healthy planet and better future for all, and advocate for policies that support climate justice.

Globalize the struggle – Make powerful connections between climate justice movements in the Global South and frontline communities in the US resisting exploitation and environmental damage.

Climate justice operates at the intersection of racial, gender, ecological and economic justice. It is based on the understanding that those who are experiencing the first and most severe impacts of climate change are not the ones who are most responsible for greenhouse gas emissions, but that they are the ones with the best solutions. Climate justice focuses on the root causes of climate change, and calls for a transformation to regenerative, community-controlled economies.

Message from the Chair and Executive Director

Dear Friends,

We accomplished so much together in 2016. With your partnership, Grassroots International distributed more than \$1 million in cash grants to movements around the world, facilitated powerful exchanges among diverse communities working for global justice, deepened and expanded our advocacy network here in the US, and stood in solidarity with human rights leaders facing tremendous dangers.

But in the face of the alarming rise and mainstreaming of right-wing populism and frontal assaults on basic rights and values, we must do more: we need to build deeper solidarity and mobilize more resources to support movements on the frontlines of the fight for people and the planet.

Our work for resource rights—access to land, water, food, and seeds—is inextricably tied to climate change. Insatiable resource extraction and abuse destroys communities and Mother Earth at the same time. Fortunately, there is a vibrant global movement for climate justice—from small farmers cooling the earth, to Indigenous Peoples protecting our rivers, to women and people of color leading transformative movements.

Our Climate Justice Initiative is designed to put our money where the solutions are; where the deepest inequalities are; where the hope is. Join us as we build a campaign to raise critical awareness and resources for climate justice.

With the additional resources, we will Support the Solutions, Change the Story, and Globalize the Struggle—key goals for our Climate Justice Initiative. As you read this Annual Report, we hope you will enjoy learning about the people and the solutions we support and be proud of the impact of your generosity and solidarity.

Thank you for being part of this work, and together, let's make 2017 a year of spirited resistance and transformative movement building!



Leticia Alcantar
Board Chair

Chung-Wha Hong
Executive Director



Grassroots International connects people in the US with global movements solving the root causes of inequality and climate change.



The Grassroots International Staff



Fund the solutions

Those most affected by climate change have the most effective solutions.

To achieve climate justice, we must turn to collective leadership that combines ancestral wisdom with fresh ideas and creative methods.

You can find those leaders, ideas, and planet-cooling innovations at the global grassroots: expanding agroforestry, creating community-controlled food and energy systems, protecting water and ecosystems, and transforming local economies.

Women lead in Haiti

People in Haiti's Central Highlands must rely on their own resources to create responses to devastating drought, deforestation, and the destructive effects of intensifying storms.

Even as they organize to hold government leaders accountable for shirking these responsibilities, the people look to their own organization, the Peasant Movement of Papaye (MPP), and locally-trained leaders like MPP Co-Director Juslene Tyresias for answers.

In response to water scarcity, the MPP created a reservoir, built the region's only piped water system, and developed water-saving innovations to grow vegetables. The MPP tackles deforestation by planting millions of new trees—and by developing alternatives to charcoal-making for fuel, the major cause of Haiti's massive forest loss. They've created whole ecovillages based on sustainable agroforestry.

"My daughter is the reason I'm in the MPP," says Juslene. Like 20,000 other

“Climate change's effects on Palestinians are double because the Israeli occupation takes our resources, including land and water. Climate justice means resource rights, land justice, gender justice, food sovereignty and peace.”

HIBA AL-JIBEIHI, UNION OF AGRICULTURAL WORK COMMITTEES (UAWC)

women members of the MPP, she joined the movement to create a better future for her child Naendra and other young Haitians.

The Climate Justice Initiative supports movements made up of thousands of women like Juslene, building a better future for their children and for our children, too.

Farmers plant seeds of justice in Palestine

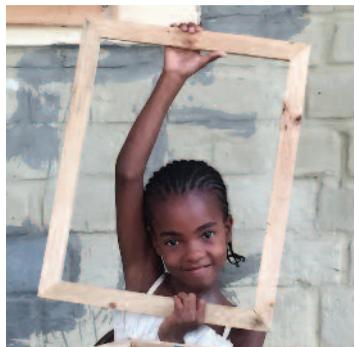
For Palestinian farmers, resistance to climate change cannot be separated from their struggle to survive as a people. And local seeds are fundamental to those farmers' livelihoods and dignity.

That's why the National Bank for Local Seeds, a project of the Union of Agricultural Works Committees, is so important. Israeli agricultural policies aim to replace local seeds with commercial seeds unsuited to the arid conditions. They require costly pesticides and fertilizers and must be repurchased each season.

UAWC's seed bank gathers, preserves and shares traditional Palestinian seeds suited to organic growing methods. Since 2009, the seed bank has gathered 270 different types of locally adapted seeds.



The Creole Seeds project of Brazil's Popular Peasant Movement (MCP) helps farmers resist pressure to buy commercial seeds. "Our local seeds are more productive, insect resistant and produce better-tasting crops," says Elias Freitas Mesquita.



Children like Naendra inspire movement leaders in the MPP to organize for climate justice and resilience. Grassroots International funds the MPP as it works to reforest Haiti and develop alternative energy sources.

The only cost to farmers? To pay it forward by sharing a portion of the new seeds produced each year at harvest time.

Grassroots grantmaking for climate justice

There's no quick fix for climate change and the damage it brings. That's why Grassroots International's strategy of long-term investment in people and partnerships is an essential response to this global challenge.

We don't pick single projects for funding—we build lasting partnerships with vibrant social movements based on shared values and analysis, mutual learning, and trust. We learn from and accompany our partners as they grow.

Loyal Grassroots International donors make this funding model sustainable. Sustainable funding builds enduring and growing movements for social change and climate justice.



Carlos Henriquez, a member of the Union of Organizations of the Sierra Juarez of Oaxaca in Mexico, showing some of the successful agroecology projects in the community.

Change the story

The global policymakers and corporations responsible for climate change tell the world that they now offer the solutions. We say those are false solutions.

Agro-fuels like ethanol and hydropower from mega-dams are not “green energy.” Carbon trading is not a “market based solution” to climate change. Packages of corporate-controlled seeds, pesticides, and chemical fertilizers are not a “climate-smart” approach to agriculture. To change the policies supporting planet-warming agriculture and energy systems, we must replace false narratives with the stories of real solutions and real people.

“Clean and green” hydropower has dirty hands

Mega-dam projects in Brazil wipe out whole ecosystems and force thousands of citizens off their lands. Developers justify the human and environmental cost with the promise of “clean and green” electric energy. Hydropower has boomed, taking advantage of carbon credits under international clean energy development mechanisms and supportive government policies.

But the promise is a lie. Even after completion, operating dams add to greenhouse gases by releasing huge amounts of methane from disturbed rivers. Grassroots International’s partner, the Movement for People Affected by Dams (MAB), defends the often-ignored rights of low-income and indigenous communities against hydro developers.

In 2016, after years of MAB organizing with Indigenous communities, the Brazilian government cancelled a permit for a mega-dam planned on the Tapajos River, the one remaining river in Brazil without large scale hydropower projects.

MAB promotes “energy sovereignty” for Brazil, a democratic alternative that places culture and community at the center of energy policy. It has become a leading voice in the international movement for climate justice.

Women farmers know the real solutions

Across West Africa, national governments adopted farm policies favoring international agribusiness that push packages of corporate-controlled seeds, pesticides, and chemical fertilizers. These World Bank “reforms” undermine local food growers and support practices that destroy soils, devastate household economies, and warm the planet.

Women farmers, who produce, process, and market most of the food

Representatives from We are the Solution and Grassroots International were among more than 10,000 people from 15 West African countries who joined a caravan from Burkina Faso to Senegal to advocate for family farming and food sovereignty.

“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.”

MIRIAM MIRANDA, A LEADER OF THE BLACK FRATERNAL ORGANIZATION OF HONDURAS, A GRASSROOTS INTERNATIONAL PARTNER

grown in sub-Saharan Africa, are most affected. In defense of peasant agriculture, women farmers in five West African nations have organized the We Are the Solution Campaign.

We Are the Solution promotes sustainable agroecology and national self-determination in food production (also known as food sovereignty). “We reject agriculture that pollutes with chemicals, pesticides, GMOs,” explains Mariama Sonko of Senegal. “Our vision is to truly promote ancestral knowledge and put pressure on our government to take seriously the preservation of our peasant agriculture.”





The global movement for climate justice speaks truth to power.

Globalize the struggle

To achieve climate justice we must build a powerful worldwide movement from the grassroots and strengthen solidarity among all people.

From the Brazilian countryside to the North Dakota plains, local movements resist powerful forces in order to protect their land, water, and communities and create a just, sustainable future. While each struggle is unique, each is also part of a global conflict between international resource appropriation and exploitation and local control and wise stewardship of essential resources.

The Climate Justice Initiative supports connections among movements in the Global South, between those movements and frontline communities here in the United States, and between US donors and funders and activists from around the world.

La Via Campesina, the voice of peasant farmers

One third of the world's 7.3 billion people, most of them women, are small farmers feeding themselves and their neighbors from five acres of land or less. They produce between 70 and 80 percent of all the world's food.

The world's people truly cannot live without small farmers.

The world's people truly cannot live without small farmers. Yet national and global food systems have been organized in ways that unjustly deprive small farmers of their land, their water, their markets, and even the native seeds they sow. Instead, policy-makers help concentrate control of land, water, and food in the hands of a small number of global corporations.



Small farmers produce up to 80 percent of the world's food.

As a result, the world and its people are poorer, hungrier, and hotter than we should be.

La Via Campesina is a leading global voice for small farmers. It represents about 200 million peasant, landless, Indigenous, and other small producers in 164 organizations from 73 countries all around the world. Grassroots International partners with La Via and with many of its member organizations.

Small farmers cool the planet

La Via Campesina is changing the story about climate change and farming. Far from being outmoded, the UN Food and Agriculture Organization acknowledges that food production from small farms is vital to the world's food supply. Small-scale, sustainable agriculture offers the best path to feeding the world while addressing the root causes of climate change.

On the other hand, so-called "efficient" industrial agriculture grows far less food while contributing a huge share of the greenhouse gases warming the world today. This is why La Via asserts that "Small farmers cool the planet."

Globalize the struggle – globalize the hope!



Last September, eleven Grassroots International partners, grantees, and allies from ten nations gathered in Goiás, Brazil for a learning exchange, hosted by our partner the Popular Peasant Movement (MCP) and supported by Grassroots International and our friends at IDEX/Thousand Currents.

In Spanish, French, Portuguese, and English this group, nearly all of them women, quickly forged friendships and shared their knowledge of agriculture and of movement-building. They learned about MCP's Creole seed and biodiversity programs. Then they traveled to Brazil's capital, Brasília, to join a major demonstration by rural people in favor of support to the nation's food producing small farmers.

Esperanze Cardona of Honduras summed up the impact of the learning exchange as a way to "Globalize the struggle, globalize hope!"

Village roots, global impact

When she was growing up in Zimbabwe's Masvingo province, Elizabeth Mpfu's parents took the courageous step of joining a land occupation action to secure a better future for their family. The movement they were part of won agrarian reforms that legalized her family's right to farm the land.

Elizabeth has followed in her parents' footsteps. After years of organizing for farmers' rights, she became chairperson of the Zimbabwe Organic Smallholder Farmer Forum. Elizabeth is now General Coordinator of the international peasant movement La Via Campesina, through which she works to strengthen the global movement for food sovereignty.

Elizabeth served as a special ambassador to the United Nations Food and Agricultural Office. In addition to these international responsibilities, Elizabeth and her husband still farm 10 hectares in Zimbabwe. Elizabeth's national and international leadership for climate justice through La Via remains deeply rooted in her lived experience.



Women farmers like Elizabeth Mpfu feed the world.

“For more than one hundred years, the great thinkers have predicted that we peasants would disappear. But we have not disappeared.... As peasants, we believe that we are on this Earth for a reason. And that reason is to grow food. Food for our families, food for our communities, food for our countries.”

ELIZABETH MPOFU,
GENERAL COORDINATOR, LA VIA CAMPESINA

Solidarity for climate justice!

Grassroots International's Climate Justice Initiative helps US donors and allies learn from and work with people on the frontlines of climate justice activism.

Creating solutions now

Grassroots International created the Climate Justice Initiative to provide practical, climate-cooling solutions today, while inspiring even greater commitment and action in the future.

Only a tiny slice of US philanthropy now goes to support global resource rights and sustainable agriculture. The Initiative will raise \$500,000 over two years to support organizations at the forefront of the climate justice movement.

The Climate Justice Initiative will provide critical catalyst funding to confront the root causes of climate change while building the just economy of the future. Our grantees challenge power. The Initiative also supports the defense of rural people's civil and political rights against violence and coercion and links progressive movements together into powerful coalitions.



Participants in the Climate Justice retreat at the Watershed Center



One solution supported by the Initiative: the use of "mandala" gardens like this one in Mexico, to use water efficiently, protect the soil, control pests, and increase yields without chemical inputs.

CLIMATE JUSTICE INITIATIVE GRANTS IN 2016

The first round: \$100,000

The first ten Climate Justice grants supported activists at Standing Rock, small farmers in Haiti, and opposition to mining in Nigeria among other important movements. Our 2016 Climate Justice Initiative grantees are:

- Black Fraternal Organization of Honduras
- Peasant Movement of Papaye, Haiti
- Rede Social/Social Network for Justice and Human Rights, Brazil
- Health of Mother Earth Foundation, Nigeria
- Indigenous Environmental Network, United States
- Maya Leaders Alliance, Belize
- La Via Campesina International
- National Congress of the Peasant Movement of Papaye, Haiti
- Movement of People Affected by Dams, Brazil
- Union of Agricultural Work Committees, Palestine

Climate Justice Retreat for Donors

Grassroots International brought donors, funders, and activists together last year for an in-depth investigation of ecological, economic and social justice, and climate change.

Trainers from Grassroots International, Movement Generation, and Brazil's Movement of People Affected by Dams shared three related frameworks for climate justice: just transition, resource rights, and energy sovereignty. Participants discussed how persistent actions aligned to values rooted in ecology, economy, and democracy offer a practical path toward achieving regenerative economy, food and energy sovereignty, and resource rights.

Having that road map inspired new hope. "I am leaving with a feeling that it is possible to imagine another way for the economy to function, even if we don't have all the answers now," said one participant. It also offered practical guidance to some progressive donors, who plan to use the Just Transition framework to guide future giving.



“We live under the illusion that casting a ballot every four years is democracy. But determining how we protect seed, soil, and story requires deep democracy. That’s why I support the Grassroots International Climate Justice Initiative.”

MATEO NUBE, CO-DIRECTOR, MOVEMENT GENERATION

“The only future I want to live in is a just future.”

NANCY BRAUS,
CLIMATE JUSTICE INITIATIVE SUPPORTER

Dedicated to climate justice

Nancy Braus considers herself one of the luckiest people in the world. She has a wonderful family and a job she loves as co-owner of Everyone's Books in Brattleboro, Vermont.



"I've got a simple house, a car that works and I bike to work six months of the year," says Nancy.

A lifelong environmental and anti-nuclear activist, Nancy is part of the movement that shut down the unsafe Vermont Yankee nuclear plant. As a donor to the Climate Justice Initiative, Nancy is also part of the global climate justice movement.

"My international giving is primarily with Grassroots International," Nancy says. "I want to give to organizations that challenge the social and economic order and respect the autonomy of people's movements. I don't know any other international organization that does this work better."



Join the Climate Justice Initiative

You can connect to the movements needed to achieve a better future for people and the planet. This is how you begin.

We can challenge the drivers of climate change, build resilience to its impacts, and create a better future that values the earth and one another more than profits. But we must begin today.

The Climate Justice Initiative gives generous people in the US a way to activate their values and hopes in solidarity with grassroots communities throughout the world.

The Initiative got off to a great start in 2016, with enthusiastic and generous early support from forward-thinking donors and funders. Now it's time to bring this campaign to the next level.

Please consider your own hopes for the future. Then, please join the Climate Justice Initiative with your gift. There are many ways to give. Here are a few:

- Join our monthly sustainer program
- 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

All 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.

To discuss how to make your gift, please contact Carol Schachet, Director of Development and Communications:

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2016 Volunteers

It takes a village to keep all the work going. Grassroots International owes a world of thanks to the volunteers listed below who are part of our village.

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Financial Report for 2016 November 1, 2015 through October 31, 2016

As a publicly supported organization, Grassroots International continues to work only through the generosity and boldness of its supporters. During 2016, those individuals and foundations rose to the challenge of the times, enabling Grassroots to step up critical support to dynamic grassroots movements. Grassroots provided more than \$1 million in cash grants to sustain and strengthen those movements—an increase of 35 percent over the previous year. With an eye on efficiency, Grassroots devoted more than 73 percent of spending to grants, education, and program activities.

Grassroots International does not seek or receive US government funding in order to remain an independent and outspoken advocate for the human rights to land, water, and food.

Statement of Support, Revenues and Expenses

For the year ended October 31, 2016

	Unrestricted		Temporarily Restricted	FY 2016
	Undesignated	Board-designated	General	Total
Support and Revenues				
Institutional grants & contributions, including from donor advised funds	\$ 600,846	-	\$ 853,890	\$ 1,454,736
Individual contributions	590,739	-	243,596	834,335
Donated professional services	11,058	-	-	11,058
Investment and other income	84,880	-	37,500	122,380
<i>Sub-Total</i>	<i>1,287,523</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>1,134,986</i>	<i>2,422,509</i>
Net assets released from program restrictions	1,130,633	-	(1,130,633)	-
Total Support and Revenues	2,418,156	-	4,353	\$2,422,509
Expenses				
PROGRAM SERVICES				
Grants	1,054,934	-	-	1,054,934
Humanitarian/social justice program	421,057	-	-	421,057
Education	269,712	-	-	269,712
<i>Total program services</i>	<i>1,745,703</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>1,745,703</i>
SUPPORT SERVICES				
Management and general	270,233	-	-	270,233
Fundraising	368,573	-	-	368,573
<i>Total support services</i>	<i>638,806</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>638,806</i>
Total Expenses	2,384,509	-	4,353	\$2,384,509
Change in Net Assets	33,647	-	4,353	38,000
Net Assets, Beginning of Year	162,443	691,864	389,143	1,243,450
Net Assets, End of Year	196,090	691,864	393,496	\$1,281,450

Balance Sheet

As of October 31, 2016

Assets

Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 472,632
Grants and pledges receivable	35,799
Investments - securities	923,131
Fixed and other assets, net	37,383
Prepaid expenses and other	29,093

Total Assets \$1,498,038

Liabilities and Net Assets

LIABILITIES

Grants Payable	124,800
Accounts payable & accrued expenses	91,788

Total Liabilities \$216,588

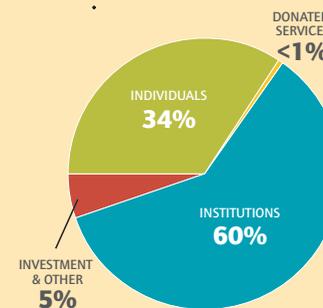
NET ASSETS

Unrestricted	
General (undesignated)	196,090
Board-designated	691,864
Temporarily Restricted	
General	393,496

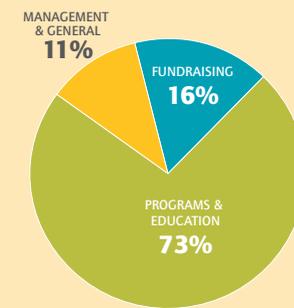
Total Net Assets \$1,281,450

Total Liabilities and Net Assets \$1,498,038

SUPPORT AND REVENUES



EXPENSES



Partners and Grantees 2016

Below is a partial listing of grants made by Grassroots International between November 1, 2015 and October 31, 2016. In total, 53 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.

Brazil

Association of Settlement Areas in the State of Maranhão – Territorial governance of babaçu nut harvesters

Landless Workers Movement- Maranhão – Youth leadership trainings

Movement of People Affected by Dams – Defense of land and water rights in the Amazon; Justice for Madeira River communities in Rondônia; Learning exchange support

Popular Peasant Movement – Creole seeds and biodiversity seminar; agroecology learning exchange

Ghana

Centre for Indigenous Knowledge and Organizational Development – Strengthening rural women farmers leadership for food sovereignty

Guatemala

Peasant Unity Committee – Community organizing to defend water rights; Support for the National Assembly

Guinea

Guinean Association for the Alleviation of Women's Workload – Advocacy and alliance-building with the We Are the Solution Campaign

Haiti

Haitian Platform to Advocate for Alternative Development – Advocacy for food sovereignty; Urgent action against dumping of surplus US peanuts

Honduras

Black Fraternal Organization of Honduras – Agroecology, forestation, and Garifuna ancestral territory rights defense

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

Mexico

Enlace Civil – Building autonomy, strengthening political participation, and empowering Autonomous Indigenous Communities in Chiapas

Union of Organizations of the Sierra Juarez of Oaxaca – Building Zapotec autonomy

Via Campesina-Mexico – Promotion of land and territory rights, food sovereignty, climate and environmental justice

Nicaragua

Via Campesina-Central America/Rural Workers Association – Training and leadership development for peasant, indigenous, and Afro-descendant organizations; Global Campaign for Agrarian Reform

Nigeria

Health of Mother Earth Foundation – Women's environmental health monitoring project

Palestine

Stop the Wall Campaign – Defending land and water rights

Union of Agricultural Work Committees – Enhancing the role of the media to protect the rights of Palestinian farmers

Senegal

Fahamu – Building a Rural Womens Movement for food sovereignty, agroecology, and gender justice in West Africa; Learning Exchange

South Africa

Surplus People Project – Food sovereignty and agrarian reform campaign

United States

Indigenous Environmental Network of Turtle Island – Organizing for “No Dakota Access Pipeline”

National Family Farm Coalition – Amplifying the voices of family farmers and producers.

Via Campesina-International – Participation in the World Social Forum 2016

Zimbabwe

Via Campesina-International – To promote and strengthen movements around food sovereignty, agroecology, social and climate justice; Participation in the Engaged Donors for Global Equity conference

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 – Training and defense to advance human rights of landless families

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 – Legal and human rights education

Honduras

Black Fraternal Organization of Honduras – Supporting human rights defenders

Civic Council of Indigenous People's Organizations in Honduras – Defense for Indigenous land and territory; support for human rights defense

Via Campesina-Central America – Supporting human rights defenders in Honduras

Mexico

SER Mixe – Mixe Peoples Services – Territorial reconstitution and defense of Indigenous rights

Palestine

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

Palestinian Center for Human Rights – Protecting Palestinian rights and freedom of movement in the Gaza Strip

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

Landless Workers Movement- Maranhão – Amplifying agroecology in agrarian reform settlements

Landless Workers Movement-National – National Agroecology Training Program

Popular Peasant Movement – Creole seeds and agroecological corridors

Burkina Faso

National Federation of Producer Organizations of Burkina Faso – Building rural womens capacity in agroecology

Guatemala

Peasant Unity Committee – Women-led agroecological gardens

Haiti

Haitian Platform to Advocate Alternative Development – Strengthening family and peasant agriculture through advocacy and the transition of farming systems

National Congress of the Papaye Peasant Movement – To strengthen farmers' organizations; goat farming and agroecology

Peasant Movement of Papaye – Support for the capacity of peasants of the Central Plateau to face the climate crisis; agroecology to defend food sovereignty

Mali

Malian Association for Food Security and Food Sovereignty – Building rural women's capacity in agroecology

National Coordination of Peasant Organizations of Mali – Supporting capacity building of women's groups and cooperatives

Mexico

Union of Organizations of the Sierra Juarez of Oaxaca – Propelling agroecological practices to strengthen food sovereignty

Palestine

Palestinian Agricultural Relief Committees – Enhancing the livelihoods of marginalized female-headed households in the Gaza Strip

Union of Agricultural Work Committees – Women's Empowerment Project cooperatives

Senegal

Union of Meckhé Peasant Groups – Building rural women's capacity in agroecology

Sierra Leone

Kono Women's Cooperative – Cultivation of swamp and ginger farming in Fiama Chiefdom

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 the collapse of the dams in Mariana, Mina Gerais

Haiti

Haitian Human Rights Platform – Coordination with organizations in the Southern Region following Hurricane Matthew

Haitian Platform to Advocate Alternative Development –Hurricane Matthew emergency response

National Congress of the Papaye Peasant Movement – Support after Hurricane Matthew

Peasant Movement of Acul du Nord – Agricultural support for farmers affected by Hurricane Matthew

Regional Coordination of the Southeast – Hurricane Matthew emergency response in Jacmel

Tet Kole Ti Peyizan Ayisyen – Hurricane Matthew emergency response

India

Tamil Nadu Women's Collective – Chennai flooding recovery work

Palestine

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

Stop the Wall Campaign - Empowering Bedouin communities to defend their resource rights

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Ayco Charitable Foundation	Genevieve McMillan-Reba Stewart Foundation	New Field Foundation	Small Planet Fund of RSF Social Finance
Benevity Community Impact Fund	Gerald and Roberta Franklin Charitable Foundation	New Society Fund	Social Justice Fund Northwest
Bernard, Johnson & Co.	Greater Houston Community Foundation	New Venture Fund / Agroecology Fund	Solidago Foundation
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Chorus Foundation	Lawson Valentine Foundation	Pettus Foundation	United Methodist Committee on Relief
Community Foundation for the National Capital Region	Libra Foundation	Presbyterian Hunger Program	United Methodist Women, National Office
Community Foundation of Greater Des Moines	Loring, Wolcott & Coolidge Office	Princeton Area Community Foundation	Vanguard Charitable Endowment Program
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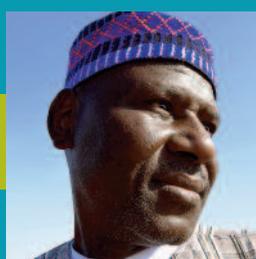
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Our Mission

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 United States.

GLOBALIZING JUSTICE: Our Vision

Grassroots International envisions a world in which **a universal commitment to the health and well-being of the earth and all its peoples**, fueled by successful global movements for economic and climate justice, has transformed production practices, consumption patterns, and economic and social relations to ones based on **sustainability, equity, and the rights to land, food, and water**.

Our partnerships recognize that change is successful only when people in their own communities organize to confront the root causes of their problems.