



**Grassroots
INTERNATIONAL**

FUNDING GLOBAL MOVEMENTS FOR SOCIAL CHANGE

ANNUAL REPORT 2015



**Lasting change comes
from the grassroots**

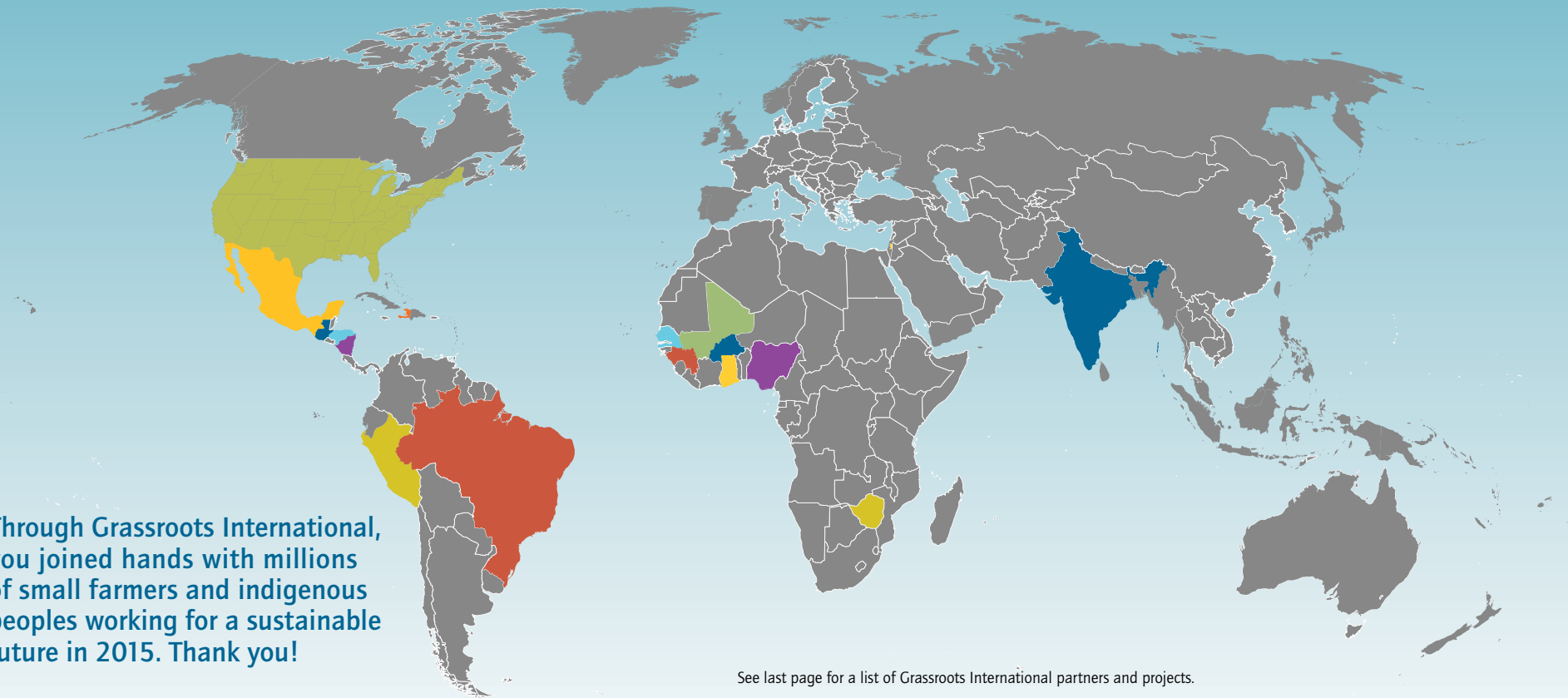
OUR MISSION Grassroots International works in partnership with social movements to create a just and sustainable world by advancing the human rights to land, water, and food through global grantmaking, building solidarity across organizations and movements, and advocacy in the United States.

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.

Through Grassroots International, you joined hands with millions of small farmers and indigenous peoples working for a sustainable future in 2015. Thank you!

See last page for a list of Grassroots International partners and projects.



Living Our Values Together

Dear Friends,

It has been another incredible year of grassroots movements, building power and building community to advance global justice!

We also saw brutal assassinations and criminalization of activists, election fraud and repression, home demolitions, and evictions of peasants and indigenous peoples from their lands. Your solidarity and support is needed more than ever, as these front-line communities courageously tackle the root causes of gross economic inequality, dehumanization and destruction of our planet.

At Grassroots International, our work is deeply grounded in progressive values. Values like:

People come before profits.

Change rises up from the grassroots.

Women's empowerment drives peace and justice.

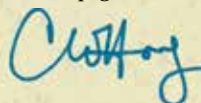
We make these differences together.

And with your partnership, we are globalizing these values with a renewed sense of urgency—by providing effective funding, stronger solidarity, and growing our impact as a community of progressive donor activists in the US.

In the following pages, you will get a glimpse of how our partner organizations bring together innovative community-based solutions with people power from the bottom up. I hope you will be proud and inspired!

Despite the daunting challenges ahead, I am truly hopeful for a better future, because of the amazing work of our partners and your fierce and steadfast generosity. Thank you for walking with us on this journey toward global justice!

In deep gratitude,



Chung-Wha Hong
Executive Director



Through Grassroots International, you stand with women farmers leading West Africa's We Are the Solution Campaign.

People come before profits

Real wealth is measured in the well-being of the earth and its people.

Farmers everywhere face devastating attacks from multinational corporations and their many collaborators in finance and politics. The world's wealthiest want total control of the earth's land, water and food production in pursuit of limitless profits.

To achieve that goal, they must wrest control of these fundamental resources away from the communities of people who produce 80 percent of the world's food and who are the ones most connected to and caring for land, water, forests, and other natural resources. Through Grassroots International, you stand side by side with men and women resisting the global resource grab and working to secure resource rights for everyone.

Protecting Territory and Collective Rights

When their own government colluded in illegal and often violent land seizures, the Garífuna communities on Honduras' Atlantic coast refused to budge.

The Afro-descendant Garífuna community has lived in harmony with the sensitive coastal environ-

ment for more than 200 years. Now US and Canadian investors want to build tourist resorts and agrofuels plantations on land the Garífuna need to survive—territory they legally and collectively own.

With steadfast financial and political support from Grassroots International, the Black Fraternal Organization of Honduras (OFRANEH) has taken the case of 46 Garífuna communities to international audiences.

The resulting global attention to their plight was a major reason that the Inter-American Court and Commission of Human Rights sent fact finders to Honduras last year. After years of deliberation, the Court declared the State of Honduras in violation of the collective ownership rights. Three more cases still await rulings, but OFRANEH and the Garífuna peoples remain steadfast in their pursuit of justice.

In 2015, OFRANEH's work earned the US Food Sovereignty Prize.

Justice in Brazil

Patented, genetically modified (GM) seeds cannot exist side by side with traditional "open source" seeds that farmers are free to store and develop independently through cross breeding. GM crops

cross-pollinate with and contaminate nearby native plants. The resulting seeds become the property of the GM patent owner. In essence, GM seeds drive out other seeds.

Farmers in Brazil have resisted this seed

Brazil's Popular Peasant Movement (MCP) has been a pioneer in defending and promoting the use of heirloom seeds through seed banks, seed exchanges and training for food producers. Grassroots International helped bring farmers from Mexico, India, Nepal and South Africa to Brazil to exchange knowledge with the MCP.

“We don't live off gold, nor do we live off silver. We live off of the water, the air, the sun, and the fruits that Mother Earth gives to us. These are our most precious treasures, and we must care for them, whatever it takes.”

MEMBER OF SER MIXE, OAXACA, MEXICO


takeover. In 2007, 150 activists organized by Grassroots International's partner the Landless Workers Movement (MST) gathered to protest the use of protected national park land to test Syngenta's GM seeds. They were brutally attacked by 40 armed gunmen. One person was killed and several more were wounded and beaten.

Around the world, transnational companies use hired muscle to enforce their seizures of rural resources while hiding their role in the violence. But in Brazil, MST activists demanded justice. With support from another Grassroots partner, the Social Network for Justice and Human Rights, MST filed a case against Syngenta.

After years of legal work, the judge in the case convicted Syngenta of criminal liability for the killings, calling them "nothing less than a massacre."

This courageous decision provides an important precedent in international law. The United Nations is now considering a treaty to make corporations accountable for human rights violations.





**"Our liberation starts
because we can plant
what we eat. This is
food sovereignty."**

MIRIAM MIRANDA,
COORDINATOR OF OFRANEH

*The Garífuna community marches to meet
with the Inter-American Court delegation.
The Black Fraternal Order of Honduras
(OFRANEH) took their land rights case to
the IAC, winning a major victory in one
ruling with more still pending.*

WHY DO WE SUPPORT HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENSE?

The struggle for social change brings activists into confrontations with powerful vested interests.

Through Grassroots International, you support local human rights monitors, legal defense for resource rights activists and legal advocacy before regional and international human rights bodies.

Change rises up from the grassroots

Real and positive change rises upward from those closest to the ground.

Small farmers are resilient, inventive and deeply knowledgeable about food production. Because the land is theirs (or as many would say, they belong to the land), they build food systems that respect local resource limits and support healthy communities over many generations.

Yet, all too often big decisions about agriculture, land and water use ignore the wisdom of local communities. Small farmers use their knowledge to build locally sustainable food systems; industrial agriculture would reduce them to low-wage plantation workers and destroy the soil and biodiversity.

Your support for Grassroots International supports family farmers as they defend the self-determination of their communities against catastrophic false "solutions" imposed by others.



“Sometimes we feel like the sun is lower in the sky, that’s how hot it is.”

GINETTE HILAIRE, MPP ORGANIZER SPEAKING ABOUT CLIMATE CHANGE IN HAITI

Climate change solutions by and for Haitian farmers

This year’s “rainy season” did nothing to moisten the parched soil of northeastern Haiti. Meanwhile Haiti’s government or its foreign “experts” have ignored rural water needs in favor of megaprojects in tourism, mining and water-intensive plantation agriculture.

But Haitian small farmers are adapting creatively to devastating droughts caused by climate change. The families of the Peasant Movement of Papaye (MPP) have redoubled their work to build rural water infrastructure.

The 61,000 members of the MPP, organized in more than 4,000 democratic collectives called *gwoupman*, have built large reservoirs, community piped water systems and local water storage. This year, MPP families have created mini-gardens planted in old tires, which has proven to be an extremely productive way to grow food with very little water. In addition, they

These MPP tire gardens conserve scarce water and increase access to food for rural Haitian families.



Access to water is a constant struggle for Palestinian farmers on the West Bank. Grassroots partners help them improve their own water resources.

are continuing their impressive work around agro-forestry and exploring options to generate community-controlled decentralized renewable energy, such as solar panels and alternatives to cooking charcoal.

Through their grassroots organizations and ingenuity, Haiti’s rural people are building their own path to self-determination, resilience, and sustainability.



For 20 years, Brazilian communities like this one have relied on the Movement of People Affected by Dams, a Grassroots International partner, to defend themselves against the huge social and environmental costs of large hydropower projects.

How does our grantmaking support social change?

Since 1983, Grassroots International has made long-term commitments to some of the world's most effective and vibrant movements for social change and justice. We choose partners, not projects, in the belief that justice flows from the long work of building healthy communities, strong organizations and powerful movements.

Our relationships with our partners are built on trust, mutual learning and commitment. And that often means a commitment to accompany our partners for years and decades as they build lasting movements for change.

"We appreciate working as a partner with Grassroots International and sharing a political vision. For Grassroots, projects are tools for building solidarity, with the goal of building a global movement."

ESTHER VIDAL, MOVEMENT OF PEOPLE AFFECTED BY DAMS (BRAZIL)



Women's empowerment drives peace and justice

Ensuring that women have their fair share of power and prosperity dismantles systems of oppression and violence that hold everyone back.

Improving incomes for women leads directly to better nutrition, health and education for all children, boys and girls. Women grow more than half the world's food and do nearly all of the work of putting that food on the table.

As men migrate to cities and overseas in search of paid work, women assume even more responsibility for rural food systems. Now, women are increasingly taking leadership roles in movements. Through your support for Grassroots International you accompany rural women as they achieve better lives, autonomy and leadership.

African women declare "We are the solution"

Rural women in five West African nations have joined together in the "We Are the Solution" campaign. These women practice and advocate for agroecology, sustainable, local-knowledge-based farming and national self-determination in food production. Grassroots International has supported this campaign to expand women's leadership and resource rights in West Africa for several years.

We Are the Solution offers a critical alternative to imposed "reforms" dictated to national governments by powerful agribusiness interests, in collaboration with Global North governments and corporations like Monsanto. These cookie-cutter policy packages would gut protections for farmers, workers and the environment, while opening the door to



foreign and corporate control of basic resources and food systems.

In addition to boosting food production and training for local farmers, We Are the Solution leaders campaign nationally and internationally for pro-farmer policies that benefit rural women.

The We Are the Solution Campaign has achieved steady growth. Now with support from Grassroots International women in West Africa are building on their success by developing a new generation of women leaders.

Nurturing life in the wake of destruction

During the invasion of 2008, Israeli troops reduced Khaldeya Soboh's house in Gaza to rubble as she fled with her disabled husband and seven children. She has been slowly rebuilding the house ever since. Putting food on the table proved to be an even greater challenge. Her family was often hungry.

Then a neighbor's bountiful garden inspired Khaldeya to join the Palestinian Agricultural Relief Committees (PARC) in hopes of growing her own

bumper crop of vegetables. Thanks to support from the urban garden program, Khaldeya is now able to feed her family and earn extra money.

With much hard work, Khaldeya readied idle land near her house. After some training through

PARC, she planted onions, tomatoes, cucumbers, spinach and herbs.

At harvest time, she finally had enough food for her family. Khaldeya added a small chicken coop and another small garden where she experiments with new crops.

And her family is not the only one that benefits. "Instead of letting our vegetables spoil, I share them with my neighbors, especially those in need," she said. She sells any remaining vegetables in the market.

OUR WORK WITH WOMEN

LIKE NEARLY EVERY INSTITUTION, MOVEMENTS OF RURAL PEOPLES HAVE LONG BEEN AFFECTED BY PATRIARCHAL ATTITUDES AND ASSUMPTIONS. Grassroots International's partners have recognized a need to address these issues both through their external demands and campaigns (such as La Via Campesina's Global Campaign to End Violence Against Women), as well as through their internal work to educate men within their membership, to create expectations and space for women's full participation in the organization's activities and decision-making, and to develop a new generation of trained and educated women in leadership. We are proud of what our partners have accomplished and we're proud to support their work.



Above: *UNOSJO members, Union of Organizations of the Sierra Juarez of Oaxaca, Mexico*

Right: *Esperanza Cardona (right) of Honduras, Coordinator of the Central American Regional Women's Commission of the Via Campesina.*



Women lead the way

A few of the many women leaders you've supported this year.



Above: *Gislaine St. Fleur, Director of the Women's Program, Peasant Movement of Papaye, Haiti.*

Left: *Hiba Al-Jibeih of the Union of Agricultural Work Committees.*



Berta Cáceres, Presente!

On March 3, 2016 Berta Cáceres, a courageous leader of the indigenous Lenca people in Honduras, was assassinated in her home.

She was the coordinator of our grantee organization, the Civic Council of Indigenous People's Organizations in Honduras.

In 2015 Berta won the Goldman Environmental Prize for organizing the powerful movement to stop the construction of the Agua Zarca dam and to protect the Gualcarque river basin. Despite ongoing threats to her life and the assassination of her colleague Tomás García in 2013, Berta remained steadfast in her commitment to protect Mother Earth and her community.

Since the 2009 US-backed coup that forced the democratically elected president of Honduras out of office, criminalization and attacks of environmental and human rights leaders and homicide have risen sharply — especially against women, indigenous peoples and human rights defenders.

"The Gualcarque River has called upon us, as have other gravely threatened rivers. We must answer their call. Our Mother Earth — militarized, fenced-in, poisoned, a place where basic rights are systematically violated — demands that we take action."

BERTA CÁCERES

We make these differences together

Only worldwide unity between those most affected and people committed to justice can protect and preserve the world's most essential resources.

The economic forces pursuing ownership of the world's most essential resources are powerful, but they are small in number. The world's real food producers may be called "small farmers," but they include billions of people all over the world with shared and vital interests in maintaining their livelihoods, building their communities and ensuring health for their families and the planet. Together movements of indigenous peoples,

Afro-descendant communities and small farmers are some of the most powerful forces defending land, water, foods, seeds, Mother Earth and humanity.

Their struggle cannot be separated from movements for climate justice, racial equity and women's rights here in the United States. Through Grassroots International you make those connections and help to build a truly global movement for justice.



The Paris Agreement on climate change failed to address root causes and settled for grossly inadequate voluntary pledges to restrain global warming. It promoted dangerous false solutions and allowed provisions that will lead to increased land and resource grabs that harm the very communities who are already experiencing many of the most severe climate impacts. An effective climate justice strategy would end relentless resource extraction and promote local economies and local solutions based on resilience and resource rights. Delegations from Grassroots International, Via Campesina and thousands of allies rallied outside the official COP21 conference.



Juslene Tyresias (right) of our partner organization Peasant Movement of Papaye in Haiti came to the US to participate in events with the Climate Justice Alliance and Gulf South Rising in New Orleans during the 10th anniversary of Hurricane Katrina. She also spoke with organizers at a Black Lives Matter and climate justice event sponsored by Grassroots International. Juslene noted that 10 years after Katrina, New Orleans families remain homeless. "It is the same situation as in Haiti five years after the earthquake."



The Climate Justice Alliance (CJA) brings together organizations on the frontlines of climate impacts and forefront of climate solutions in the US, to work towards a just transition. Grassroots International is a CJA member organization and is proud to work with other CJA members such as the Grassroots Global Justice Alliance to ensure a connection between the US grassroots organizing sector with global movements for climate justice.



Grassroots International introduced Global South leaders to funder networks in the United States, during the EDGE Funders conference. From left to right: Chung-Wha Hong (Grassroots International), Maria José Urbina (Via Campesina), Jovanna García Soto (Grassroots International), Graça Samo (World March of Women), and Cindy Wiesner (Grassroots Global Justice Alliance).

Building movements that endure

In a message posted to our blog, Jim Graham explained why he and his wife Lee have chosen to provide for Grassroots International in their wills.



"Our giving to Grassroots is our contribution to longer-term solutions, bringing greater independence and freedoms to some of the hardest-working people on the planet. We chose to make a legacy gift to Grassroots International because our lifetimes are short. Most of us will not solve problems directly, but some of us can contribute building blocks to movements that we hope will endure. We would encourage people to leave legacies, thereby giving greater permanence to causes deeply important to them."

"Most of us will not solve problems directly, but some of us can contribute building blocks to movements we hope will endure."

Affirming humanity

Casey Llewellyn was in college when she discovered that her family had "a lot more than we needed." That knowledge created a feeling of thoughtful obligation rather than privilege.

"It's important for people in the United State to be accountable to the rest of the world," says Casey, a young playwright and new Grassroots International donor. That's why Casey and her mother, Amelie Ratliff, direct at least a fourth of the total grants made by their family foundation to international causes.

They rely on Grassroots International to direct their international philanthropy because "the staff has such depth of knowledge about the issues and organizations." That wasn't something they could duplicate by themselves. "We chose to give to a re-granting organization."

Most important of all, Grassroots International is a natural fit with their values. "Political struggle is a struggle for our humanity to be affirmed," says Casey. "And part of that is the basic human need for land, water and food."



"Supporting movements led by the people most affected was also very important to us. That made the decision to give to Grassroots International easy."

Create a world where people really matter!

Join the global movement for resource rights.

Sustain

www.GrassrootsOnline.org/donate

There are many reasons and many ways to give. Here are a few:

- Join our 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

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.



Advocate

www.GrassrootsOnline.org/subscribe

Become an activist for food sovereignty, climate justice, and the human rights to land and water. Join the Grassroots International on-line activist network. Sign up on our web site to receive up-dates and alerts, as well as e-newsletters.

Volunteer

We need volunteers to help with mailings, events, translations, and social networking. To find out more, contact info@GrassrootsOnline.org, or call 617.524.1400.

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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 2015

November 1, 2014 through October 31, 2015

Grassroots International manages all of our financial gifts like the precious resources that they are, and distributes them where they can do the most good to change systemic injustices. In fiscal year 2015 we received more than \$711,000 from individual donors, and \$1.085 M from institutions (including family foundations and charitable giving funds).

During our FY15, Grassroots International provided critical support to dynamic grassroots movements, both domestically and abroad. Grassroots devoted more than 70 percent of spending to grants, education, and program activities. Grassroots distributed cash grants worth over \$781,000 and devoted more than \$646,000 toward education, advocacy, program and and alliance-building efforts.

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. Without support from official channels, it is the active support of our donors that makes our work possible.

Statement of Support, Revenues and Expenses

For the year ended October 31, 2015

	Unrestricted Undesignated	Unrestricted Board-designated	Temporarily Restricted General	FY 2015 Total
Support and Revenues				
Institutional grants & contributions, including from donor advised funds	374,941	-	710,713	\$ 1,085,654
Individual contributions	652,354	-	59,327	711,681
In-kind gifts (real estate)	-	-	207,765	207,765
Investment and other income	5,373	-	3,500	8,873
<i>Sub-Total</i>	1,032,668	-	981,305	2,013,973
Net assets released from program restrictions	998,907	(15,000)	(983,907)	-
Total Support and Revenues	2,031,575	(15,000)	(2,602)	\$2,013,973
Expenses				
PROGRAM SERVICES				
Grants	781,119	-	-	781,119
Humanitarian/social justice program	385,563	-	-	385,563
Education	261,127	-	-	261,127
<i>Total program services</i>	1,427,809	-	-	1,427,809
SUPPORT SERVICES				
Management and general	260,860	-	-	260,860
Fundraising	342,906	-	-	342,906
<i>Total support services</i>	603,766	-	-	603,766
Total Expenses	2,031,575	-	-	\$2,031,575
Change in Net Assets	-	(15,000)	(2,602)	(17,602)
Net Assets, Beginning of Year	162,443	706,864	391,745	1,261,052
Net Assets, End of Year	162,443	691,864	389,143	\$1,243,450

Balance Sheet

As of October 31, 2015

Assets

Cash and equivalents	\$ 548,674
Grants and pledges receivable	45,791
Investments - securities	726,640
Investments - real estate	-
Fixed and other assets, net	34,650
Prepaid expenses and other	33,042

Total Assets \$1,388,797

Liabilities and Net Assets

LIABILITIES

Grants Payable	93,100
Accounts payable & accrued expenses	52,247

Total Liabilities \$145,347

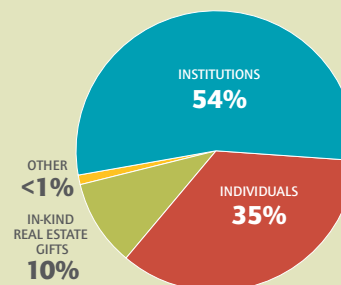
NET ASSETS

Unrestricted	
General (undesignated)	162,443
Board-designated	691,864
Temporarily Restricted	
General	389,143

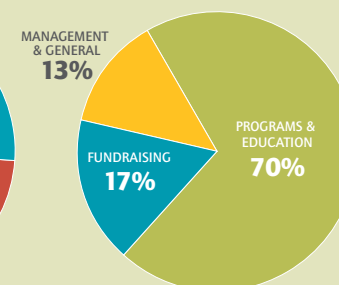
Total Net Assets \$1,243,450

Total Liabilities and Net Assets \$1,388,797

SUPPORT AND REVENUES



EXPENSES





Partners and Grantees 2015

Below is a partial listing of grants made by Grassroots International between November 1, 2014 and October 31, 2015. 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

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

Guatemala

Peasant Unity Committee – Organizing and movement building to resist privatization, diversion and pollution of rivers; and support human rights

Haiti

Haitian Platform to Advocate for Alternative Development – Food sovereignty and rural development

The Peasant Movement of Acul – For Haitian peasant movements to attend the Latin America Congress of the Via Campesina in Argentina

Haitian Platform to Advocate for Alternative Development – Family Farming and Agroecology efforts; Participation in climate justice mobilizations during and after COP 21

Honduras

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

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 and climate justice

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; Global Campaign for Agrarian Reform

Palestine

Stop the Wall – Challenging the forced displacement of the Palestinian Bedouin communities in the Jordan Valley and defending their right to land and water

Union of Agricultural Work Committees – Participation in the World Social Forum in Tunisia

Peru

World March of Women – Enabling grassroots groups to participate in the World March of Women IV Regional Encounter of the Americas

United States

EcoHermandas – A month-long learning exchange between the Black Mesa Water Coalition and the Brazilian Movement of People Affected by Dams

Grassroots Global Justice Alliance - It Takes Roots to Weather the Storm: Road to Paris and Beyond – Delegation of US grassroots groups to COP21

National Family Farm Coalition – General Support to amplify the voices of family farmers, fishers, and ranchers in public policy arenas, media and alliance-building spaces

Other Worlds – African Family Farmers Article/ Action Series

Via Campesina-North America – Facilitating a space for exchange and debate across peasant and migrant bases of the Via Campesina

Zimbabwe

Via Campesina-International – To promote and strengthen movements around food sovereignty, agroecology, social and climate justice; Climate Justice Collective delegation and overall movement-building during and after COP21 in Paris

Human Rights Training 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 to advance rights for landless families

Movement of People Affected by Dams – Human rights defense of Indigenous territories and other communities impacted by proposed and actual dams in the Amazon

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 of Haitians

Honduras

Black Fraternal Organization of Honduras – Supporting reoccupation of the lands of Vallecito and legal defense of Garifuna territory and rights

Mexico

SER Mixe - Mixe Peoples Services – Promoting the indigenous territorial land and water rights in the Mixe regions; Promoting women's health care in indigenous communities

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

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 land and property rights through detailed monitoring of violations and reporting on these violations widely

Union of Agricultural Work Committees – Organizing Palestinian farmers to secure their rights to remain on their land

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 the economic development of peasant women and their families

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

Landless Workers Movement-Maranhão – Agroecology project to build new paradigms of food production and organization in agrarian reform settlements

Popular Peasant Movement – Creole Seeds Program to rescue and multiply native seeds, and create seed banks as a tool to achieve peasants' autonomy and preserve biodiversity

Burkina Faso

Support Network for Rural Female Citizens of West Africa and Chad – Building Rural Women's Capacity in Agroecology

Guinea

Guinean Association for Food Security and Sovereignty – To implement agroecology and educate about the dangers of chemical agriculture; Dissemination of Agroecological Practices on Family Farms

Guatemala

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

Haiti

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

Peasant Movement of Papaye – Agroecology through agroforestry and organic agriculture

India

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

Kenya

Fahamu – Promote policy and practices that enable farmers to implement agroecology; Coordinate training workshop in Ghana and Community Radio trainings in Mali, Senegal and Burkina Faso

Nigeria

Health of Mother Earth Foundation – Community Environmental Health Monitoring

Palestine

Union of Agricultural Work Committees – Women's Empowerment Project

Senegal

Association of Young Farmers of Casamance –Building Rural Women's Capacity in Agroecology; Work to promote the benefits of sustainable agriculture

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.

Palestine

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

Palestinian Agricultural Relief Committees – Providing a sustainable source of income and food for families headed by women whose homes were damaged in the Gaza assault; Replacing bulk water storage tanks destroyed in the assault

Grassroots International Institutional Supporters NOVEMBER 1, 2014 – OCTOBER 31, 2015

The generous funders listed below, as well as many more that wish to remain anonymous, contributed \$250 or more in fiscal year 2015. Grassroots International gratefully acknowledges their commitment to nourishing global movements for a more just and sustainable world. Thank you!

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Atkinson Foundation	Fullerton First United Methodist Church	Perryopolis United Methodist Church	St. Mark's United Methodist Church
Banquete United Methodist Church	GE Foundation	Pine Grove United Methodist Church	Stansbury Family Foundation
Beaverton First United Methodist Church	Genevieve McMillan-Reba Stewart Foundation	Polk Brothers Foundation	State Street Matching Gift Program
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- The people most affected by problems should choose the solutions.
- Small farmers and producers are better for the land, for the community and for our climate than corporate agriculture.
- People are more important than profit.
- Long-term partnerships make long-term change.
- Informed and committed donors can help support global movements for social change.

