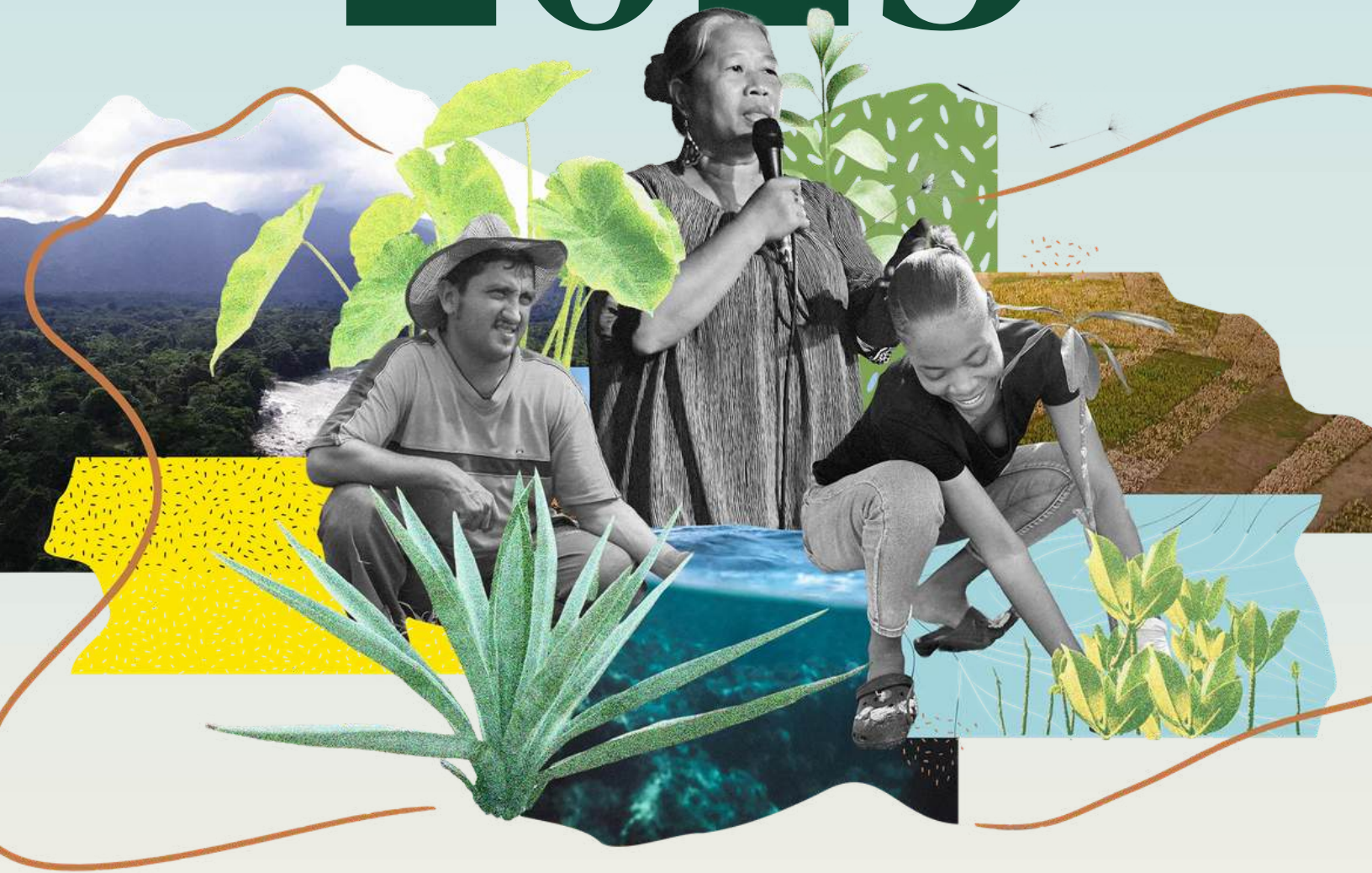


ANNUAL **2025** REPORT



Seeding Resilient Futures

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Global Greengrants Fund channels resources to grassroots leaders worldwide who are protecting ecosystems and advancing climate and environmental justice. By investing in community-led action, we help plant seeds of transformation that grow into resilient futures for people and the planet.

A Letter from Laura García and Dr. Nisha Owen

Seeding Resilient Futures

Dear Friends and Partners,

Every seed carries a promise. Planted with care, nurtured in community, and rooted in the right conditions, it can grow into something far greater than what first meets the eye. At Global Greengrants Fund, we see this truth reflected every day in the work of the grassroots movements we accompany. Across forests, coastlines, farms, and cities around the world, communities are planting the seeds of resilient futures—defending their lands, strengthening their cultures, and building pathways toward climate and environmental justice.

In 2025, we were reminded how essential that work is. Around the world, communities faced profound challenges. We witnessed the continued erosion of multilateral climate commitments, including the United States' withdrawal from key global agreements. Authoritarianism tightened its grip in many regions, civic space narrowed, and violence—



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including devastating conflicts and genocide—tore at the fabric of communities. Extractive industries expanded their reach, threatening forests, rivers, and Indigenous territories, even as the world's ecosystems are already under immense strain. And yet, amid these pressures, grassroots movements held the line. They defended vital ecosystems from destructive development. They organized across borders to advance environmental justice. They strengthened local food systems, protected Indigenous governance, and created community-led solutions rooted in generations of knowledge and care for the Earth.

This is why Global Greengrants exists.

For more than three decades, our role has been to move resources to the people closest to the challenges—and closest to the solutions. Through our global network of advisors and movement partners, we support grassroots leaders who understand their lands, cultures,

and communities in ways that distant institutions never could. Their work is the foundation of resilient futures. Global Greengrants' vision includes supporting the broader network of grassroots funders, especially those with deep local knowledge and trust. This enhances outreach and access from communities, aligns with their culture and values, and helps bridge global and local funding gaps

In 2025, with our partners, we deepened our foundation. Grassroots organizations in over 120 countries advanced solutions protecting ecosystems, democracy, and Indigenous and local community rights.

This year saw milestones, including the emergence of the Congo Basin Environmental and Climate Justice Fund, developed over years of collaboration with Indigenous and community leaders in Central Africa, which created a mechanism to fund movements defending the rainforest.

Our global advisory network—over 250 members—remained central to our decentralized grantmaking model, identifying solutions and directing resources to underserved communities. We witnessed grassroots achievements that you'll read more about in the report below, including Indigenous ecological knowledge in Botswana, disability-led efforts recognizing sunscreen as a vital health and climate tool, and women farmers leading energy transformation. These victories show that

meaningful change requires relationships, trust, and long-term effort, and that it thrives through collective action.

Our work depends on dedicated grantmaking partnerships and advisors, strong grantee relationships, and generous donors supporting local-led solutions. Together, we foster an ecosystem of change. Amid systemic failures, grassroots movements demonstrate what's possible—resisting harm and building just, regenerative futures. This report's stories testify to that impact.

Each story represents a seed planted in challenging conditions—and a future taking root. As we look ahead, with your support, we remain deeply committed to accompanying these movements for the long term. Because resilient futures are not created in isolation, they emerge through the strength of interconnected movements, relationships, and shared knowledge across a vibrant ecosystem of people working toward change.

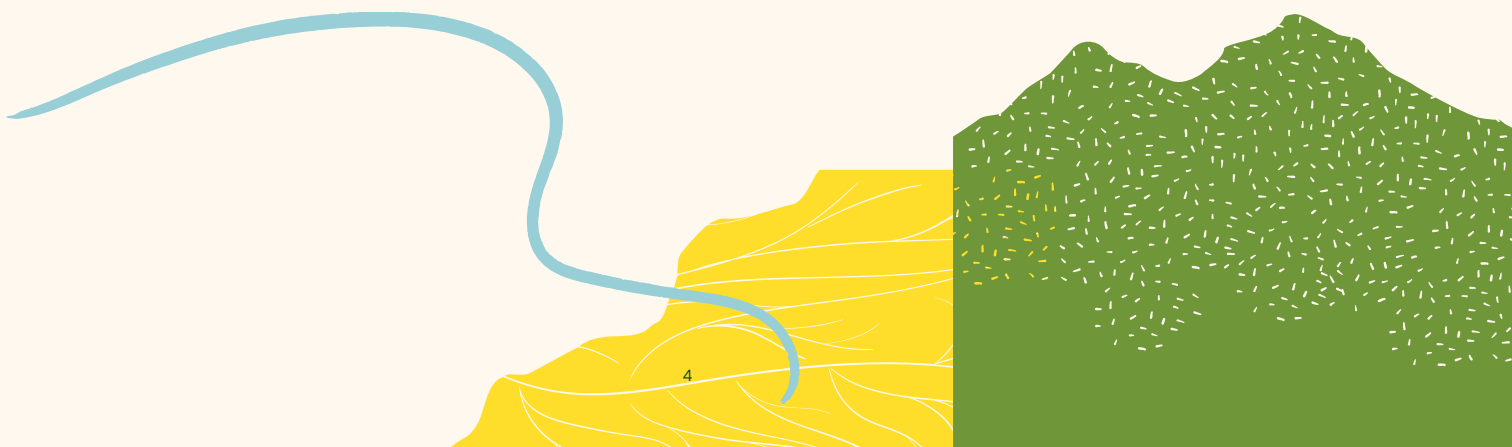
With gratitude and solidarity,



Laura García
President and CEO
Global Greengrants Fund



Dr. Nisha Owen
Executive Director
Global Greengrants Fund UK



Connecting Resources and Movements

For more than 30 years, Global Greengrants Fund has nourished local climate and environmental action worldwide—quickly, flexibly, and rooted in trust. This work is only possible because of the extraordinary community of supporters who stand alongside us: grassroots partners, individual donors, foundations, advisory boards, regional partner funds, global collaborators, and fiscal sponsorship partners. Together, they form a powerful ecosystem of solidarity. With their commitment and shared leadership, we nurture interconnected climate and environmental justice movements that grow local action into global impact. Our grantmaking statistics reflect not only the breadth of our reach but also the depth of our collective power that makes it possible.

All monetary numbers are in USD unless otherwise specified.



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Overall Numbers

2,084

Grants awarded

130

Countries

\$34.4M

Total granted in 2025

UK Numbers

359

Grants awarded

72

Countries

\$2.8M

Total granted in 2025

2025 Grantmaking by Issue Area***

● Image credit: Elizabeth Weber



\$21.40M

in **climate justice** grants made through 993 grants in 113 countries. These grants support recovery, mitigation, adaptation, resilience, and prevention measures directly connected to the global climate crisis.



\$5.54M

in **just energy transition** grants made through 541 grants in 85 countries. These grants are investments in a transition away from fossil fuels and other extractive industries and towards equitable and regenerative alternatives.



\$26.02M

in **healthy ecosystems and communities** grants made through 1,354 grants in 121 countries. These grants support the health and resilience of local ecosystems and communities.



\$13.75M

in **local livelihoods and agroecology** grants made through 397 grants in 82 countries. These grants are investments in local farmers, fisherfolk, beekeepers, and artisans whose economies help restore the environment, ensure fair wages, and remain resilient amid disasters.



\$10.14M

in **governance of land and territory** grants made through 669 grants in 90 countries. These grants are investments in local people's rights to make decisions about their own land, water, and resources.



\$1.12M

in **disability-inclusive climate justice** grants made through 128 grants in 53 countries. These grants bridge gaps between disability and climate justice movements.



\$11.52M

in **feminist climate justice** grants made through 820 grants in 130 countries. These grants invest in gender-just climate action.



\$817K

in **International Financial Institutions** grants made through 138 grants in 47 countries. These grants support grassroots groups holding financial actors accountable.



\$13.69M

in **Indigenous rights** grants made through 664 grants in 85 countries. These grants are investments in the critical role Indigenous Peoples play as stewards of the environment.



\$8.78M

in **right to defend the environment** grants made through 538 grants in 87 countries. These grants protect activists' and communities' rights to defend the environment.



\$9.13M

in **youth-centered climate justice** grants made through 624 grants in 90 countries. These include grants and mentorship to young people pursuing cutting-edge climate change initiatives worldwide.

*Unless specified as UK statistics, all global grantmaking numbers include Global Greengrants Fund UK, donor-advised funds (DAFs), regional partner funds, and our fiscal sponsorships, in addition to our general grantmaking.

**Global Greengrants Fund comprises two organizations, one located in the US, Global Greengrants Fund (established in 1993), and Global Greengrants Fund UK (established in 2012). The two organizations work closely together with a shared grantmaking program and strategic collaboration at the senior leadership level. This inspiring partnership speaks to the power of collaboration and more decentralized decision-making. All UK numbers are also included in the overall global numbers.

***There is overlap between issue areas, as some groups' activities fall into multiple categories.



Power through Partnership: Our Fiscal Sponsorships

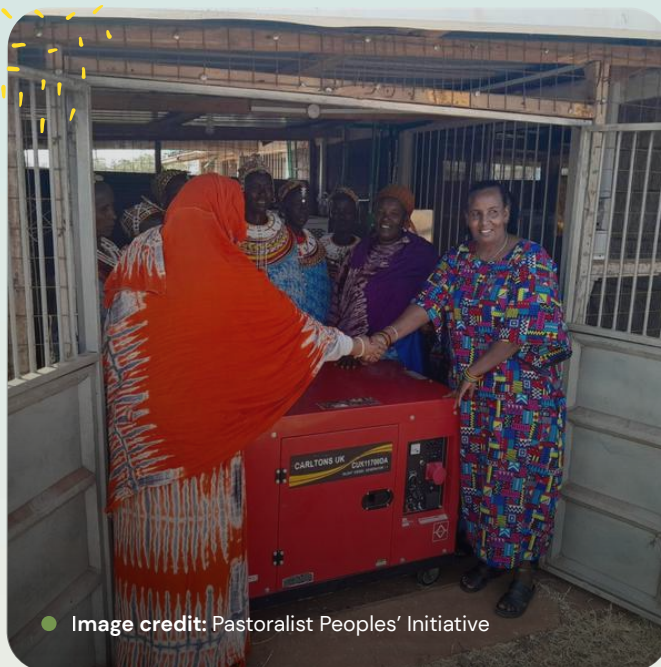
Fiscal sponsorship strengthens philanthropic infrastructure. Partnering with the [Agroecology Fund](#) and the [Environmental Defenders Collaborative](#) to share financial administration and connect across networks amplifies collective impact. When aligned funders work in unique yet synergistic ways, we multiply movement solidarity.

\$14.2M

through 248 grants in 66 countries made by the [Agroecology Fund](#)*



● Image credit: Tamara Espinoza



● Image credit: Pastoralist Peoples' Initiative

\$3.7M

through 343 grants in 70 countries made by the [Environmental Defenders Collaborative](#)

*The Agroecology Fund's total grantmaking includes their Global Grant Program and four Regional Funds. While most of Agroecology Fund's grantmaking passes through Global Greengrants' grantmaking system, some grants made through Agroecology Fund's partnership with East Africa Regional Agroecology Fund and West Africa Regional Agroecology Fund—totaling \$419K through 14 grants—passed through Trust Africa's administrative system instead of Global Greengrants', and aren't counted in Global Greengrants' global grantmaking statistics.

Movement Stories



Seeds of Resilience and Transformation

Global Greengrants is more than a grantmaker. We're a connector, strengthening movements through relationships and resources. Our decentralized, global, advisor-led grantmaking supports thousands of grassroots leaders to restore environmental equilibrium, advance equity, and strengthen safety for those who defend life. This model of grantmaking is by design—to stay centered in relationship, avoid replicating existing power structures that have created today's climate crises, and to ensure that those most affected by systems of harm are the ones leading change.

We make one-time investments in grassroots movements that scale, first-time investments that ignite lasting infrastructure, and long-term partnerships to sustain change, fortifying the resilience, safety, and enduring leadership of communities at the forefront of climate and environmental action.

This is how transformation happens—not from the top down, but from the roots up, through the collective impact of thousands of interconnected people-led initiatives across the globe.

From local action to global impact, discover below how the movements we support are seeding resilient and just futures.

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Forging Just Energy Futures

In 2025, Global Greengrants made **541 grants** totaling **\$5.54M** in **85 countries** in support of a just energy transition.

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The shift to a just energy future is already underway, led by communities on the frontlines. Around the world, grassroots groups are resisting extractive energy systems that erode ecosystems and human rights while building democratic energy solutions rooted in local ownership and renewable power. From community-led renewable transportation initiatives in El Salvador to grassroots education campaigns exposing the impacts of coal-fired power plants in Morocco, these efforts demonstrate a powerful truth: when communities have access to and sovereignty over resources, they can shape the energy systems of the future and move us closer to climate justice.

For funders committed to addressing the climate crisis, standing in solidarity with these efforts is not only essential, but the most effective way to shift humanity toward sustainability. By [resourcing grassroots leadership](#), [we invest in the knowledge, stewardship, and collective power](#) that make a [truly just and lasting energy transition possible](#).

Explore inspiring examples of grassroots movements meeting local energy needs while protecting ecosystems and community rights:





● Image credit: Rob Symons

“Successes like this come from decades of struggle. It’s something that people have lived with for many decades.”

— Bobby Peek, Executive Director of groundWork



Forging Just Energy Futures

Movement Story

A Just Transition in South Africa

In 2025, South Africa launched one of the world’s first Just Energy Transition Plans—a major milestone for climate justice. This breakthrough followed a consequential victory the year before, when grassroots movements and legal advocates successfully halted the government’s procurement of 1,500 MW of new coal-fired power. The court case was built on decades of organizing by South African communities working to protect their health, land, and future.

For more than two decades, Global Greengrants has supported grassroots groups across South Africa—including the Centre for Environmental Rights, Earthlife Africa, groundWork, Mfolozi Community Environmental Justice Organization (MCEJO), and Vukani Environmental Justice Movement in Action—working to advance a just transition away from coal. Together, these organizations have raised local and international awareness about the health and environmental harms of coal mining, strengthened community leadership in energy decisions, and mobilized protests and public pressure on coal companies and government leaders.

This victory demonstrates the power of sustained, well-resourced climate justice movements. Decades of organizing—often beginning with small, community-led actions—can build into coordinated regional pressure capable of shifting national policy. The impact extends far beyond South Africa: it marks an important step toward addressing global energy inequities and advancing democratic, community-led solutions to the climate crisis.

While movements in South Africa must now hold the South African government accountable for carrying out its Just Energy Transition Plan, the court case was a momentous milestone in fomenting long-term, system-level transformation.



Forging Just Energy Futures

Movement Story

Women's Energy Leadership in Tajikistan

In the scenic mountains of Tajikistan, the rural village of Labidjai sits beside serene Lake Labi Jay. The region is known for rolling green hills and untouched snowy peaks, and is home to rural villagers whose families have lived agrarian lives in deep connection with the land for generations.

In many rural Tajik villages, such as Labidjai, limited energy access particularly affects women. Women experience safety risks when gathering firewood or giving birth in darkness, while scarce information about their rights and opportunities limits their participation in regional development.

While equitable energy access is critical for women in Labidjai, [The Little Earth](#) knew Tajik communities could benefit from an alternative development path—instead of building pipelines or oil wells that replicate extractive energy systems, benefit big international companies, and encourage fossil fuel use. The Little Earth trained women in Labidjai on the global climate crisis, the use of solar panels, and the importance of collective participation.



As a result, women in Labidjai stepped forward to take a leading role in shaping local energy decisions. Their leadership builds on years of community education and organizing led by The Little Earth, which Global Greengrants has supported since 2019 to help people in Tajikistan explore renewable energy alternatives and challenge harmful development projects.

This work is part of a wider shift unfolding across Central Asia. Community groups are advancing locally led, environmentally sustainable energy solutions, offering alternatives to the extractive systems that have fueled the climate crisis. In Uzbekistan, For Ecologically Clean Fergana is training farmers to use renewable technologies such as solar-powered water purification systems. In Kazakhstan, Public Society UGAM is equipping rural communities with practical skills to adopt solar energy. Together, these efforts are building a growing regional movement, one that strengthens climate resilience from the ground up.

The transformation in Labidjai offers a powerful model for equitable energy systems, demonstrating how community-led solutions can reduce dependence on fossil fuels while strengthening local leadership and resilience. **Funding this work is essential to a climate-just future: when communities have the resources to shape their own energy systems, they can build renewable solutions that protect ecosystems, center equity, and strengthen collective agency.** Replicated across regions, these locally rooted efforts help accelerate a global transition toward energy systems grounded in justice, care, and shared stewardship.

“Women bear the disproportionate impacts of climate change. At the same time, they are important agents of change who can lead the movement towards a sustainable future. Change is possible when we join forces, inspire and support each other.”

— Timur Idrisov, Senior Advisor, The Little Earth



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“To build a truly sustainable future, we need to radically transform our economic and productive model, prioritizing social and environmental justice over the profits of big companies.”

— Observatorio Latinoamericano de Conflictos Ambientales (OLCA)



Forging Just Energy Futures

Movement Story

Illuminating the Energy Transition's Shadow

The Northern Andes is one of the driest regions in the world, sustained by a fragile network of water systems, including salt flats and high-altitude lagoons. At the same time, the region's mineral-rich landscapes contain significant deposits of lithium and copper.

As global demand for so-called “green” energy technologies such as electric vehicles grows, lithium mining in the Andes has expanded rapidly. This surge in extraction is putting intense pressure on local ecosystems. Mining operations are depleting scarce water supplies, damaging fragile habitats, and disrupting the livelihoods of Indigenous and local communities. For peoples such as the Colla—who have lived in relationship with these lands for centuries practicing sustainable agriculture and seasonally-based livestock herding—these changes threaten both their way of life and the ecological balance of the region.

To protect these unique and complex Andes ecosystems and the people who call them home, Observatorio Latinoamericano de Conflictos Ambientales (OLCA) studies the impacts of

lithium mining while advocating for a just energy transition that centers communities over profits.

In 2025, OLCA launched a documentary titled “Lithium Fever,” in which they share what it's like to live in the world's “lithium triangle” today, and ask the international community to stand with grassroots movements opposing lithium mining expansion.

For a decade, Global Greengrants has supported nearly a dozen grassroots groups in the Northern Andes, such as OLCA, to resist mining expansion and preserve Indigenous ways of life. They have monitored the local environment, studied the impacts of lithium mining, shared their findings with their community, organized regional gatherings for Indigenous Peoples, and more.

Together, these movements remind us that the path to a just energy future begins with funding the leadership of Indigenous and frontline communities.

Restoring Indigenous-Led Territorial Governance

In 2025, Global Greengrants made **664 grants** totaling **\$13.69M** in **85 countries** in support of Indigenous rights.

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The territorial governance of Indigenous Peoples—from Indigenous-led efforts to rewild land in the Arctic to Indigenous-led conservation in Papua New Guinea—is essential to the survival of biodiversity and our shared planet.

Indigenous Peoples manage approximately 25% of Earth's lands, protecting critical carbon sinks and much of the world's biodiversity, yet their connection to the land is under threat from forced evictions, pollution, and loss of livelihood. Their traditional ecological knowledge, developed over generations of sustainable stewardship, enables more precise, adaptive, and lasting environmental solutions than top-down approaches could ever achieve—they can contribute upwards of 37% of cost-effective CO2 mitigation by 2030.

As safeguards of landscapes that are vital not only for protecting biodiversity but maintaining the global carbon balance, Indigenous Peoples are robust cultivators of futures where people and planet thrive together. Supporting their sovereignty and the right of communities to govern their territories according to their own knowledge systems and traditions is essential to climate and environmental justice. Funders can—and must—resource them and advocate for conservation solutions that center the rights of Indigenous and local peoples; who better to help us live in harmony with our ecosystems than the people who have done so for generations?





Image credit: Yuturi Warmi

“We are sending a message to other communities that we as women have chosen to work and teach our children how to take care of our territory, our environment, our rivers, our forests.”

– Yuturi Warmi



Restoring Indigenous-Led Territorial Governance

Movement Story

Indigenous Women Leading the Way

Near the Napo River in the Ecuadorian Amazon, a group of Kichwa women formed an Indigenous guard to defend their territory from extractive development and imagine equitable alternatives.

Named after a particularly strong ant species in the Amazon, the Yuturi Warmi use Indigenous knowledge systems to monitor their territory for illegal mining, which is already damaging ecosystems and threatening Indigenous livelihoods in one of Earth’s most vital forests. Their defense of this land is vital. Through vigilant monitoring, the Yuturi Warmi enable their communities to respond quickly when illegal mining threatens their territory—protecting not only a critical carbon sink but also their home, medicine, memory, and the living future they safeguard for generations to come.

At the same time, they are building alternatives. Through sustainable handicrafts and agroecological initiatives, the Yuturi Warmi are strengthening women’s economic power and creating livelihoods rooted in care for the land—offering pathways forward that are free from the

harms of mining and other extractive industries. Together, these efforts show the power of movements that both resist destructive systems and cultivate the just, regenerative futures they want to see take root.

The Yuturi Warmi are part of a growing movement across the Ecuadorian Amazon working to strengthen Indigenous autonomy and protect some of the world’s most vital ecosystems. For decades, Global Greengrants has supported community-based groups in Ecuador—including the Yuturi Warmi—to monitor environmental threats, convene Indigenous leaders and environmental defenders to share strategies, strengthen territorial stewardship, and expand sustainable agricultural practices that sustain both people and forests.

Together, these communities demonstrate that protecting the Amazon goes hand in hand with strengthening Indigenous governance and livelihoods—helping shape futures rooted in care for land, culture, and community rather than extractive economies.



Cultivating Indigenous Power in Indonesia

Known as the “land of a thousand rivers,” Indonesia’s West Kalimantan Province is a landscape of dense rainforest, vast peatlands, and hundreds of winding waterways. Within this living ecosystem lies Sekucing Kualan village, where the Kualan Dayak Indigenous community has stewarded the land for generations. Drawing on ancestral knowledge refined over centuries, families cultivate rain-fed rice fields, manage rubber groves, and harvest forest resources in ways that sustain both livelihoods and the surrounding forests.

In recent years, however, large-scale logging has begun to threaten this delicate balance. Since 2021, the forestry company PT Mayawana Persada (PT MP) has cleared tens of thousands of hectares of forest and peatland across West Kalimantan. The resulting deforestation increases the risk of flooding and environmental degradation while pushing Indigenous communities away from customary farming lands and forest areas essential to their culture and survival.



In response, the Indigenous-led organization Lingkaran Advokasi dan Riset Borneo (Link-AR) has worked alongside the people of Sekucing Kualan to strengthen community protection of their ancestral territory. With two years of support from Global Greengrants, Link-AR helped villagers document forest cover loss, establish community-based monitoring systems to track corporate activity, and convene community members to learn about their rights and organize collective action. The initiative has also facilitated dialogue with government officials and raised national awareness through media advocacy, amplifying the voices of the Kualan Dayak people.

This work builds on more than two decades of partnership between Global Greengrants, the Samdhana Institute, and Indigenous organizations across Indonesia. Together, these efforts support communities defending forests that represent roughly 10 percent of the world's remaining tropical rainforests.

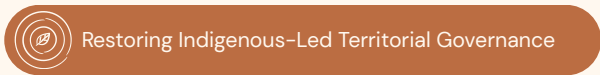
The struggle to halt destructive expansion in West Kalimantan continues. Yet the work of Link-AR and the Kualan Dayak community is already strengthening local capacity to defend their territory and sustain their relationship with the forest. **Their leadership protects not only cultural traditions and livelihoods, but also ecosystems that play a vital role in maintaining the planet's climate balance.**

“The strong, continuous, and unbroken bonds between the people, the community, and their land and customary territory, are the foundation for the Sekucing Kualan village social system.”

— Lingkaran Advokasi dan Riset Borneo (Link-AR)



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Movement Story

Preserving Vital Traditional Knowledge

For thousands of years, Indigenous Peoples like the Bugakhwe, a subgroup of Botswana's Indigenous San communities, have lived in the Okavango region—home to a unique inland delta recognized as a UNESCO World Heritage site—stewarding its wetlands, wildlife, and seasonal rhythms through deeply rooted ecological knowledge. Their way of life reflects an understanding that people and nature are inseparable. Yet today, Bugakhwe communities face growing pressure from dominant conservation models that often exclude Indigenous peoples from their ancestral lands. These approaches—shaped by colonial histories and external priorities—have led to displacement, forced assimilation, and restrictions on traditional practices, undermining both community wellbeing and the ecological balance the Bugakhwe have carefully maintained for generations.

To protect vital Okavango Delta ecosystems, KSBS Charity preserves and revitalizes the traditional conservation knowledge of the Bugakhwe people. With two years of support from Global Greengrants, KSBS Charity organized community workshops that brought together elders, youth, and knowledge holders to share and document Bugakhwe ecological and cultural practices—from wildlife tracking and seasonal hunting calendars to sustainable harvesting techniques. From these gatherings, the community created an Indigenous San Wildlife Conservation Manual that weaves traditional knowledge with community-based conservation strategies and centers on coexistence with wildlife.



This effort reflects a growing movement toward rights-based conservation—an approach grounded in the recognition that Indigenous Peoples and local communities are among the world’s most effective stewards of biodiversity. Research consistently shows that territories governed by Indigenous peoples experience lower rates of deforestation, stronger biodiversity protection, and greater ecological stability.

Through this work, Bugakhwe communities have strengthened their connection to land, passed knowledge between generations, and built partnerships with local conservation organizations. Together, they are advancing solutions to climate change and human-wildlife conflict while ensuring Indigenous voices shape the future of conservation in the region.

KSBS Charity is one of many groups across Southern Africa that Global Greengrants has supported over the past decade. Across Botswana, Namibia, and beyond, Indigenous communities are defending their territories from extractive pressures while demonstrating that conservation rooted in rights, equity, and local leadership is not an alternative—it is essential for protecting the ecosystems on which we all depend.

“By documenting and sharing this knowledge, we created a bridge between generations and ensured that practices at risk of being lost are preserved.”

— KSBS Charity

Investing in Inclusive Climate Futures

In 2025, we supported grassroots climate and environmental justice movements to foster inclusive climate futures across these and more issue areas:

- **\$1.12M** in disability-inclusive climate justice grants made through **128 grants in 53 countries**.
- **\$11.52M** in feminist climate justice grants made through **820 grants in 130 countries**.
- **\$13.69M** in Indigenous rights grants made through **664 grants in 85 countries**.
- **\$9.13M** in youth-centered climate justice grants made through **624 grants in 90 countries**.

Those least responsible for the climate crisis—including Indigenous Peoples, women, smallholder farmers, people with disabilities, and youth—are often those most affected by its impacts. Yet around the world, these same communities are already leading indispensable efforts to foster movements, democratize resources, safeguard ecosystems, and cultivate futures grounded in generations of ecological knowledge and collective care.

At Global Greengrants, we know that lasting environmental solutions cannot take root without justice at their core. The systems driving environmental destruction—rooted in colonization, extraction, and inequity—are the same systems that have long marginalized those

facing historical oppression. That understanding shapes how and why we move resources to grassroots movements.

When funders support equitable climate and environmental leadership, we set off ripple effects that support the healing of deep harms, and potential futures rooted in joy and care.

In a moment of intensifying climate disruption and shrinking civic space, supporting community-led solutions that address root causes is essential for building durable, transformative change. It's the only way to ensure lasting impact.



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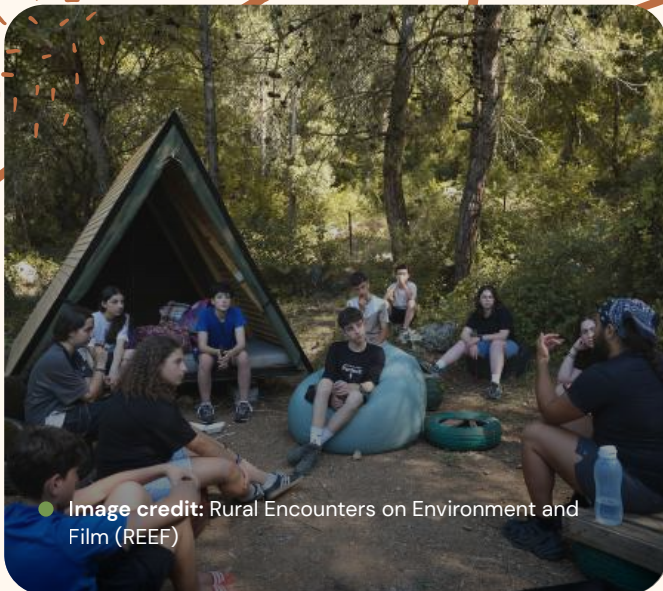


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“In a rural landscape marked by limited resources and environmental challenges, a newly enlightened and empowered cohort of young individuals has risen, demonstrating a profound understanding of the complex issues facing their communities.”

– Rural Encounters on Environment and Film (REEF)



Inclusive Climate Futures

Movement Story

Fostering Future Climate Leadership in Rural Lebanon

Akkar, Lebanon, is a rural agricultural region and a biodiversity hotspot. It’s home to many unique species from cedar trees to striped hyenas, though the region’s ecosystems are under threat from urbanization, climate change impacts, and man-made destruction such as arson, logging, illegal hunting, and overfishing.

To foster community autonomy and strengthen the region’s long-term climate resilience, [Rural Encounters on Environment and Film \(REEF\)](#), with early support from Global Greengrants, brought youth from Akkar together in 2024 and 2025 for its “REEF Ambassadors” mentorship program focused on ecological storytelling and local climate awareness. Participants explored the impacts of climate change in their region while building creative skills through educational hikes, arts workshops, film criticism sessions, and community presentations that highlighted Lebanese biodiversity and celebrated the richness of local cultures.

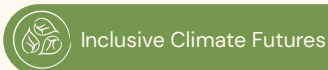
At a time when communities in Lebanon were also navigating periods of cross-border violence and instability, the program became an important space for connection, reflection, and collective resilience—offering young people a way to stay rooted in their land, culture, and shared future.

For funders committed to lasting climate and environmental progress, initiatives like REEF’s Ambassadors program show what becomes possible when rural youth are trusted and supported as leaders in their communities. **Investing early in grassroots efforts allows movements to build the relationships, knowledge, and local infrastructure needed to sustain change over the long arc of environmental and social transformation.** Backing these efforts at their roots helps cultivate the resilient foundations from which more just and climate-secure futures can grow.



“Now, governments across Africa... have a stronger mandate to make sunscreen accessible and affordable for persons with albinism.”

– Africa Albinism Network



Movement Story

Essential Climate Medicine for People with Albinism

In 2025, a coalition of disability rights organizations, led by grantee partner [Africa Albinism Network](#), achieved a key victory: the World Health Organization (WHO) restored broad-spectrum sunscreen’s place on its Model List of Essential Medicines.

The WHO decision was a massive win for persons with albinism, particularly in Sub-Saharan Africa, where they face up to 1,000x higher risk of skin cancer compared to the general population, a number that is increasing as global temperatures rise and deforestation persists. The global recognition will ensure that sunscreen remains affordable and accessible for all persons with albinism—and for everyone.

Success like this does not happen overnight. It is the result of years of collaborative advocacy led by the Africa Albinism Network, alongside many allied partners Global Greengrants has supported—including [Standing Voice](#) and UN

Independent Expert on the Rights of Persons with Albinism, Muluka-Anne Miti-Drummond. Together, they built the momentum that made this milestone possible. The coalition organized webinars and public advocacy campaigns demonstrating why sunscreen is essential for equitable climate futures, and produced an educational video—created in collaboration with persons with disabilities—presented by Miti-Drummond at the United Nations in 2023. These sustained efforts ultimately led to the successful submission of a petition to the World Health Organization.

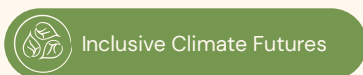
This achievement underscores both the urgency of including persons with disabilities in climate action and the transformative power of disability-led movements. It also demonstrates what becomes possible when funders support grassroots groups to work collectively toward shared goals, amplifying impact far beyond what any single organization could achieve alone.



● Image credit: Goldman Environmental Prize/Asociación de Mujeres Huaynakana Kamatahuara Kana

“I wanted to prove once again that I can, we can, women can.”

– Mari Luz Canaquiri Murayari, President of Asociación de Mujeres Huaynakana Kamatahuara Kana, 2025 Goldman Environmental Prize winner



Movement Story

Women River Defenders in Peru

In 2024, [Asociación de Mujeres Huaynakana Kamatahuara Kana](#) achieved a monumental victory: a Peruvian court recognized the Marañón River’s right to legal personhood and its right to flow free of contamination.

The Marañón River flows over a thousand miles through the Andes and into the Amazon Basin. It is home to unique biodiversity and is important to Indigenous livelihoods, from agriculture to transportation to food. To the Kukama, one of dozens of Indigenous groups who have co-existed with the Marañón for centuries, rivers are living beings vital to the ecological balance of their lands, and women in particular have an intrinsic bond with them.

Yet since the 1970s, the river and its neighboring lands have been under threat from oil and gas development. Oil spills have polluted the river, harming wildlife and causing significant health impacts for the Indigenous Peoples who live along its banks.

The 2024 court victory stemmed from decades of work by Indigenous-led movements, including groups like Asociación de Mujeres Huaynakana

Kamatahuara Kana, which Global Greengrants has supported to conserve the river’s ecosystems, bolster the advocacy skills of Kukama and other Indigenous women, and produce educational materials about the River’s significance to Indigenous communities. [It led Asociación de Mujeres Huaynakana Kamatahuara Kana’s President, Mari Luz Canaquiri Murayari, to receive a Goldman Environmental Prize in 2025.](#)

But Asociación de Mujeres Huaynakana Kamatahuara Kana isn’t stopping with a Goldman Prize. In 2025, with continued support from Global Greengrants, they launched a [podcast](#) to continue advocating internationally for the river’s protection. Their work is an inspiring example of the power of Indigenous women—when they have the resources required—to enact profound transformation and preserve balanced relationships with ecosystems. It also sets a pivotal precedent for legal protection of the Marañón River and rivers worldwide, opening the door to a key paradigm shift that values the rights of the environment as highly as the rights of people.

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A Global Watershed of Knowledge and Action

Global Greengrants supports grassroots climate and environmental action through a participatory, decentralized grantmaking advisory network comprising regional and thematic boards, global recommending partners, and partner funds. Like interconnected rivers flowing through landscapes, advisors are integral members of the movements they fund, identifying powerful solutions long before traditional funders ever could, with the ability to accompany those ideas into lasting impact. This approach shifts decision-making power to the people whose lives, lands, and waters are under threat and enables resources to reach frontline groups that others cannot reach—safely, accountably, and at scale.

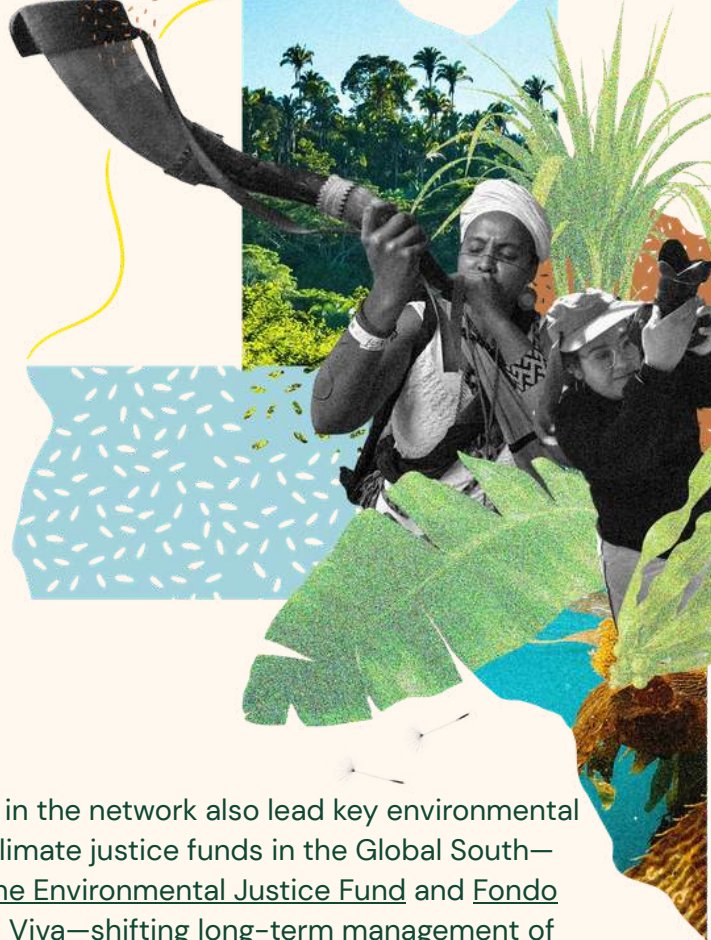
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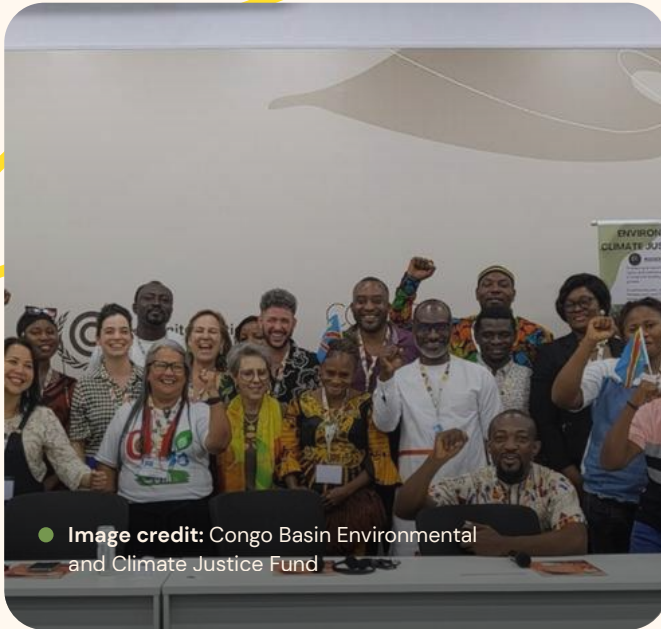
The Global Greengrants advisory network includes more than 250 advisors across over 25 advisory boards, partner funds, and global recommending partner boards. From the Pacific Islands Advisory Board to the Next Generation Climate Board, advisors are activists, scientists, Indigenous leaders, and community organizers with regional or thematic expertise who know where flexible grants can make the biggest difference.

Many in the network also lead key environmental and climate justice funds in the Global South—like [The Environmental Justice Fund](#) and [Fondo Tierra Viva](#)—shifting long-term management of philanthropic resources held in the Global North into the hands of the Global Majority.

The network can be envisioned as a living watershed—a constellation of local streams flowing through diverse landscapes, each shaped by its own terrain yet connected within a larger global system. Advisors and grassroots partners act as tributaries, channeling knowledge, trust, and resources directly to the communities where they are most needed. Rather than a single central current, the network moves like an interconnected river basin: decentralized, adaptive, and constantly renewing, with local flows strengthening the vitality of the whole. Across regions, ideas and support circulate like water, sustaining movements, nourishing resilience, and carrying momentum from one place to another.

This model builds trust, reduces barriers, and increases the flow of support and resources to people that need them most, feeding movements to flower into burgeoning ecosystems that shift power, democratize resources, and protect the planet.





“The Indigenous peoples and local communities that have lived in the forest for so many years, they are the ones who safeguard the forest. They are the custodians of the forest. They know the solutions to the problems.”

– Samuel Nnah Ndobe, Coordinator of the Central Africa Advisory Board

The New Congo Basin Fund: Supporting Global South Philanthropy

Since 2016, Global Greengrants has made 324 grants totaling \$2.06M in 5 countries in Central Africa.

The Congo Basin is home to the world’s second-largest tropical rainforest, an ecosystem vital to the planet’s climate and a critical carbon sink. For generations, Indigenous Peoples and local communities have protected these forests through deep knowledge of their lands and waters. Their leadership remains one of the most effective defenses against the growing pressures of extractive industries and environmental degradation.

Global Greengrants began supporting grassroots leadership in the region through early investments across East and Central Africa. In 2016, we established a Central Africa Advisory Board to guide locally rooted grantmaking and strengthen regional movements. Partners have since trained Indigenous women in sustainable forest management in Cameroon, convened youth climate resilience forums in the

Democratic Republic of the Congo, and strengthened networks of community forest defenders.

Building on this foundation, the Congo Basin Environmental and Climate Justice Fund is emerging from years of collaboration and consultation with Indigenous and local communities. Formally launching at COP30 in Brazil, the Fund will expand support for grassroots movements protecting the Congo Basin’s forests and river ecosystems.

This shift in philanthropic influence—from the Global North to the Global South—is central to Global Greengrants’ long-term strategy. By redistributing resources and decision-making power, we are helping rebalance a system long dominated by Global North philanthropy. Through sustained support for locally led, activist-driven Global Majority Funds, we invest in the financial autonomy of movements and strengthen the ability of communities to shape their own futures.



Learning as Movement Infrastructure

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Alongside grantmaking, Global Greengrants invests in learning. Our approach creates unique opportunities for activists, organizers, community leaders, and funders to exchange strategies, share lessons, and strengthen collective approaches to climate and environmental justice. These exchanges connect grassroots leaders with one another—and with the funders and allies who support their work—building a shared ecosystem of knowledge and practice.

Supporting this web of learning is central to how we accompany movements. Flexible funding helps grassroots groups act quickly, but sustained impact also depends on opportunities to reflect, adapt, and learn across regions and issue areas. **When movements are connected in this way, they strengthen their strategies, avoid working in isolation, and accelerate the spread of solutions rooted in local knowledge.**

By investing in learning alongside funding, Global Greengrants helps cultivate stronger networks, more resilient movements, and coordinated action capable of advancing lasting climate and environmental justice.

Earthseeds: A Global Learning Hub

In 2025, Global Greengrants reached a significant milestone with the completion of the Earthseeds Hub—a dynamic and thoughtfully designed digital platform created to strengthen learning, reflection, and knowledge exchange across our global network.

At Global Greengrants, grantmaking is only one part of how we accompany grassroots movements. Equally central to our mission is the cultivation of relationships, shared learning, and strategic exchange across advisory boards, regions, and thematic lenses. These form the connective tissue of our decentralized model, strengthening the infrastructure that allows locally led climate and environmental justice solutions to take root, evolve, and travel across borders.

The Earthseeds Hub emerges from our strategic commitment to learning as a practice, not a product. Essential to achieving lasting impact is learning that is continuous, grounded in lived experience, accountable to movements, and

shared across geographies and partners. Earthseeds makes learning visible, accessible, and actionable across the organization and our wider ecosystem.

More than a repository of documents, the Earthseeds Hub is a living learning space. It gathers curated resources, collective reflections, case-based insights, and strategies from grassroots partners and advisors around the world. By connecting knowledge generated at the local level to broader network-wide learning, the Hub helps surface patterns, deepen analysis, and put new insights into practice.

Earthseeds plays a critical role in enabling meaningful connections. The platform supports cross-pollination between thematic and regional work, allowing advisors and partners to learn from one another's approaches, challenges, and innovations—while honoring the specificity of place, culture, and grassroots leadership. In this way, Earthseeds strengthens alignment of learning with impact, while honoring diversity that is central to our model. It fosters a learning culture where advisors are stewards of knowledge and relationships, helping shift learning into an embedded organizational practice.

The Earthseeds Hub is rooted in a deep respect for the wisdom held within our advisory network and partner communities. Advisors' lived experience and collective analysis yield essential insights that shape strategy and practice. In doing so, the Hub reinforces our commitment to learn with—rather than about—the communities we support.

Global Greengrants will begin rolling out the Earthseeds Hub with the network in 2026. As it grows, the platform will evolve alongside our strategy, strengthening a learning ecosystem in support of grassroots climate and environmental justice movements worldwide.

Collective Learning for Gender-Just Climate Solutions

In 2025, Global Greengrants made 820 grants totaling \$11.52M in 130 countries to support gender-just climate action.

Behind these grants is a deeper commitment: strengthening our own practices to reflect the justice we seek to advance.

The Gender and Environmental Justice Working Group, composed of advisors and partners across the Global Greengrants network, helps deepen this commitment. The group explores what it means to apply a gender justice lens to participatory grantmaking, ensuring that funding decisions reflect the lived realities of the communities most affected by environmental harm.

In 2025, the Working Group continued its Engaging with Gender Justice Conversation Series, convening advisors from across regions to reflect on how gender intersects with environmental justice and how grantmaking can better support inclusive movements. These conversations surfaced critical insights—from Indigenous cosmovisions and spiritual understandings of gender, to the intersections of ableism, environmental justice, and gender equity. The learning is already shaping how advisors identify and resource movement leadership across the network, strengthening support for women and LGBTQI+ leaders advancing climate solutions on the frontlines. Just as importantly, the discussions have reinforced a shared understanding that climate action must also nurture care, healing, and collective well-being. By integrating these feminist values into grantmaking, Global Greengrants is helping movements address not only environmental crises, but the systems of inequity that drive them.

Transforming Philanthropy

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No grassroots group or philanthropic institution can construct the just, sustainable futures we dream of alone. System-wide transition requires both the collective effort of grassroots movements across geographies and experiences, and a seismic shift in how philanthropy shows up: with greater trust, flexibility, collaboration, and courage to water the seeds of community-led change.

Global Greengrants works collaboratively with movement partners and allies to catalyze that shift. Together, we engage philanthropy to move more resources and rethink how impact is defined, whose leadership is valued, and what it takes to support durable, movement-driven change. In 2025, Global Greengrants advocated for support to grassroots climate and environmental movements in key philanthropic conversations—from the stage of the Summit for Collaborative Funds to closed-door sessions hosted by International Funders for Indigenous Peoples (IFIP)—and actively boosted movement

leaders' presence and perspectives in international decision-making spaces.

When we tend partnerships between funders and the broader ecosystem of feminist, Indigenous, and grassroots climate justice movements, we cultivate more coordinated, sustained, and equitable resources for frontline solutions—helping remarkable transformation to bloom globally.

Global Greengrants at COP30

Global power dynamics shift when international climate decision-making spaces center movements. Global Greengrants partners with grassroots groups to influence conferences like the climate COPs and highlight pivotal local climate and environmental solutions.





In 2025, Global Greengrants supported nearly 50 grassroots partners across Africa, Latin America, and Asia to attend COP30 in Belém, Brazil—not as observers, but as protagonists. This was especially crucial for COP30. The Brazilian Amazon is home to a strong Indigenous and climate movement infrastructure, making it a vital year both to bolster Brazilian activists' presence at COP30 and to foster cross-regional bonds. Movement leaders made their mark at this significant global climate conference, sending a clear message to global decision-makers: movements hold the most effective, equitable climate solutions.

Beyond supporting travel to and participation in COP30, Global Greengrants supported pivotal on-the-ground initiatives. Together with partners, we hosted gatherings on "From Roots to Futures: African and Afro-descendant Paths to Climate Justice at COP30 and Beyond" and "Creating Bonds: Environmental Defenders from the Amazon, Africa, and the World," which fostered rich connections across regions and issue areas. We supported the People's Summit, The Global South House, and the launch of the Congo Basin Environmental and Climate Justice Fund, all of which seeded powerful international momentum for movement-building and Global-Majority-led resource distribution.

We also boosted movement-led narrative change through our support to House of Socio-Environmental Journalism, an unprecedented alliance of more than 20 independent media outlets led by InfoAmazonia. The initiative created a collaborative reporting hub that amplified journalists rooted in the regions most affected by climate and environmental crises. By elevating locally grounded perspectives, the initiative helped reshape how COP30 was reported, bringing forward narratives of Indigenous leadership, grassroots innovation, and territorial defense that are often overlooked in global climate coverage.

To link learnings from these on-the-ground efforts into transformative wisdom on movement-centered philanthropy, Global Greengrants convened two donor learning conversations that connected funders directly with insights from staff and grassroots partners who participated in the negotiations. These sessions created a rare window for philanthropy to hear firsthand how feminist, community-led climate solutions are shaping more democratic and justice-centered approaches within international climate spaces and beyond.

As a bridge between grassroots movements and philanthropy, Global Greengrants helps translate movement leadership into learning opportunities for donors, ensuring that those closest to the impacts of climate change can also shape the strategies and investments meant to address it. By bringing donors into these dialogues, Global Greengrants invites philanthropy to witness the power of grassroots movements—and the transformative possibilities that emerge when those movements are resourced with sustained, flexible support. At COP30, Global Greengrants helped ensure that grassroots movements were not only present in global climate spaces, but able to gather, learn, and act together. By supporting frontline leaders to convene across borders, strengthening spaces for reflection and solidarity, amplifying movement-led journalism,

and connecting philanthropic partners with the realities and solutions emerging from frontline communities, Global Greengrants helped movements bring their priorities and lived expertise into global climate conversations. For many grassroots leaders, these moments of exchange are as important as the negotiations themselves, building the relationships, shared strategies, and collective strength that sustain movements long after the summit ends. Through this work, Global Greengrants continues to serve as a bridge between grassroots movements and philanthropy, helping ensure that climate solutions are shaped by the communities defending their territories and building more just futures.

“In an era when negotiations are increasingly shaped by markets, corporations, and extractive interests, people power remains the most reliable driver of transformative climate action. Philanthropy must invest in the long-arc work of movements—supporting both their ability to intervene at moments like COP30 and their ongoing efforts to build durable, transnational organizing infrastructure.”

– B de Gersigny, Global Greengrants Vice President of External Relations



The Nyéléni Forum: Food Sovereignty Movements Leading Systemic Change

In September 2025, Global Greengrants joined a diverse delegation of funders—including allies such as Grassroots International—in Kandy, Sri Lanka for the Third Nyéléni Global Forum. Participating as part of the Nyéléni Funders Circle, we came to listen, learn, and stand in solidarity with the social movements advancing food sovereignty and shaping a more just and regenerative future for food systems and the planet.

The gathering marked a historic moment: for the first time in the 18-year history of the Nyéléni process, a delegation of philanthropic funders was invited to participate in the forum. The invitation reflected a growing recognition that philanthropy has a role to play—not in directing movements, but in accompanying them with the long-term, flexible support needed to sustain transformative change.

The Nyéléni Forum gathered farmers, fishers, Indigenous leaders, feminists, and workers from 102 countries, where they carried with them a

pivotal truth: that solutions to the intertwined crises of climate, hunger, and inequality already exist in the hands of those most affected. The Nyéléni Forum—born from decades of organizing by grassroots social movements—has long been the beating heart of the global food sovereignty movement.

What unfolded was more than a conference; it was an organizing moment of deep intersectional analysis, collective strategy, and political imagination. For grassroots movements, the Forum resulted in four campaigns to advance food sovereignty and climate justice on a global scale, as well as a [Kandy Declaration](#). For funders, the main learning was clear: global resilience is built from communities that feed, heal, and defend the planet, and it is our responsibility to stand with them—not above, not ahead, but alongside.

[Read more about the Nyéléni Forum and key funder takeaways.](#)

“We are not here to scale down, but to scale deep—to root solidarity in trust.”

– Nyéléni Forum participant

Fostering Relentless Hope

When 70% of people globally live under authoritarian regimes, hope is a critical tool for movements to continue organizing, resisting, and reimagining democracy.

Recognizing this, Global Greengrants encouraged funders to stand with grassroots climate and environmental groups, whose visions for the future cut through the clouds of current global



turmoil and orient us toward possibilities for people and planet to thrive, together.

We uplifted relentless, movement-led hope in 2025 through:

- [Relentless Hope In Action](#) — During the [Global Summit of Collaborative Funds](#) and [New York Climate Week](#), Global Greengrants and [Youth Climate Justice Fund](#) hosted two meaningful funder conversations. Attendees heard stories from frontline organizers in South Africa, Ecuador, Ghana, and the Philippines and strategized on what solidarity looks like in action.
- **Funding Youth-Led Grassroots Movements Fosters Relentless Hope** — Following our relentless hope events, we [explored together with Youth Climate Justice Fund](#) what we see across both organizations: **youth-led climate justice movements carry a disciplined, organized, and compelling form of hope, one that funders must support with more flexible, trust-based funding.**

Hope is not about passive optimism, but about active engagement, resilience, and the belief that collective action can create meaningful democratic progress. When local movements are well supported and hold sovereignty over their resources, they are powerful, resilient, and adaptive forces transforming hope into action.

The Power of Narrative Change

Narrative change is a powerful force in the fight for climate and environmental justice. The stories that shape public understanding of the climate crisis influence whose leadership is recognized, which solutions gain traction, and where resources ultimately flow. For grassroots movements, shifting dominant narratives is not simply about communications—it is about expanding visibility, legitimacy, and support for the people and communities advancing solutions on the frontlines.

At Global Greengrants, communications and influencing are essential tools for strengthening movements. By elevating the voices, knowledge, and leadership of grassroots partners, we help challenge narratives that overlook frontline communities and instead highlight the transformative work already underway around the world.

In 2025, Global Greengrants used storytelling, media partnerships, and digital platforms to help reshape philanthropic narratives, encouraging funders to recognize and invest in the cultures of care, courage, and collective action that grassroots climate and environmental movements are cultivating across regions. Through our blog, media publications, and collaborative storytelling initiatives, we showcased how interconnected grassroots groups—when resourced and connected—can transform local action into global solidarity and lasting systems change.

Below are a few examples of how narrative change helped amplify movement leadership and expand support for grassroots climate solutions.

Movement Stories

- [Carbon Credits in East Africa: Unlocking Potential, Navigating Challenges, and Shaping the Future](#)
- [Funding a Just Transition: Two Case Studies from Latin America](#)
- [Simple, Not Easy: Meaningful and lasting gender justice through learning and relationship building](#)
- [The Power of Disability-Led Climate Movements](#)
- [Sea the Change: Youth-led Community Engagement for Climate Resilience in Coastal Jamaica](#)

Thought Leadership

- [Growing Grassroots Gender-Just Climate Action](#)
- [An architecture of hope: Why funding grassroots climate justice movements defends democracy](#)
- [Investing in People Power at COP30: Why Grassroots Participation Is Transforming Climate Action](#)
- [Justice Is the Real Solution to the Climate Crisis](#)
- [Partnering to Advance Grassroots Movements Through Collaboratives](#)

Collaborative Support for Grassroots Climate Movements: The CLIMA Fund

The CLIMA Fund is a collaboration between Global Greengrants, Grassroots International, Thousand Currents, Urgent Action Fund for Feminist Activism, and Youth Climate Justice Fund—a like-minded community working together to fund grassroots climate and environmental movements and spark funder-to-funder learning.

In 2025, the CLIMA Fund hosted a dialogue series that brought together grassroots leaders from climate justice movements across the Global South and funders to discuss how movements are defending democracy.

The series was an inspiring balm in a context of deepening authoritarianism, escalating climate shocks, and political systems straining under the weight of overlapping crises. [The resulting thematic brief on “Why Grassroots Climate Justice Movements are Critical for Defending Democracy”](#) follows [additional thematic briefs on youth and climate, community-controlled renewables, and more.](#)

In 2026, the CLIMA Fund will celebrate its 10th anniversary, host a dialogue series for funders new to environmental justice, and kick off a new initiative to resource grassroots movements protecting and restoring watersheds.



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Our Transformative Journey

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Since 2022, Global Greengrants has undertaken a deep process of reflection, learning, and strategic renewal—a Transformative Journey.

In the 30 years since Global Greengrants' founding, the philanthropic ecosystem has shifted dramatically. The climate crisis has deepened, while the countries most responsible have withdrawn from international agreements. Funding has also been slashed and resources shifted to technical climate solutions that expand extractivism, even as the urgency to build community power and dismantle the systems underpinning today's crises continues to grow. Recognizing these shifts, Global Greengrants knew we had to stay nimble—revitalizing our strategies and goals to ensure even deeper alignment with the needs of grassroots climate and environmental justice movements.

Our Transformative Journey started with a series of consultations across the global advisory network designed to test new ideas and approaches to supporting grassroots climate and environmental justice movements. Through this process—combining consultation with a wide network of advisors, partners, and allies, data analysis from decades of grantmaking, and strategic learning—we examined where our model has the greatest impact and how our global ecosystem of advisors, partners, and funders can most effectively support movements in the years to come.

In 2026, culminating from years of generative reflection, learning, and visioning, we're excited to launch our strategic framework and a rearticulation of the areas of movement-led climate and environmental justice impact we support. This outlines a renewed and robust roadmap for our work and a shared vision for well-resourced movements with the power to make substantive change toward the arc of repair and justice.

The power and impact of the work we support emerges through networks—through the connections, collaborations, and shared learning that strengthen movements over time. Together, we are cultivating an ecosystem where grassroots leaders, advisors, and funders learn together, adapt, and build collective strategies for lasting change.

In this sense, the journey itself has been transformative. As we have strengthened our own learning practices, we have also reaffirmed the central insight that has guided Global Greengrants for more than three decades:

Lasting environmental and climate justice solutions grow from the knowledge, leadership, and vision of the communities closest to the challenges—and the possibilities—of our shared future.

2025 Financial Overview

For U.S. and European-based operations in fiscal year ended June 30, 2025.

For financials from prior years, visit greengrants.org/financials.



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Overall Data

\$34.4M

Total grants allocated in 2025

\$69.8M

Total assets

\$48.7M

Total expenses in 2025

UK Data

\$2.8M/£2.0M

Total grants allocated in 2025

\$6.8M/£4.9M

Total donations and legacies in 2025

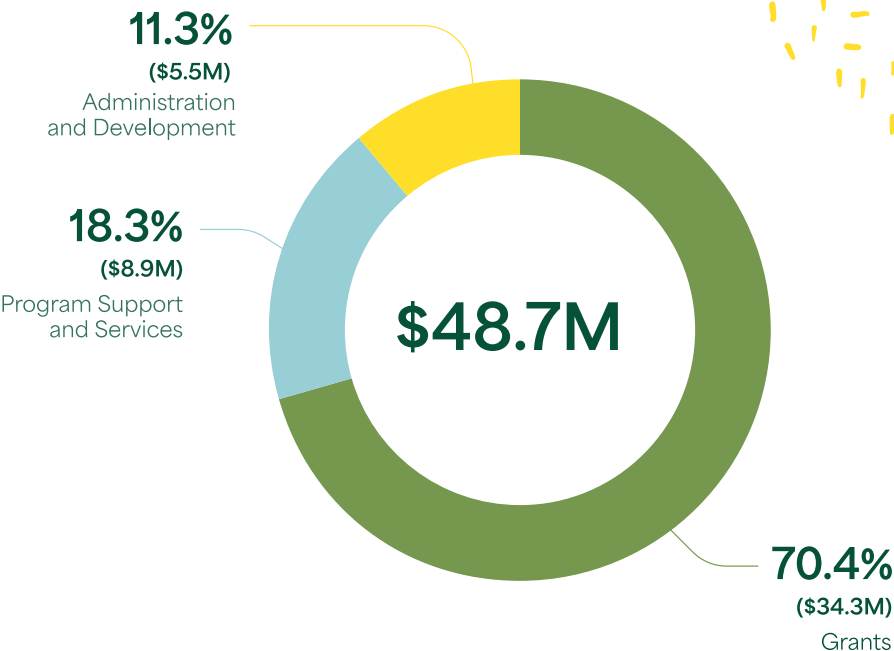
\$4.5M/£3.3M

Total expenses in 2025

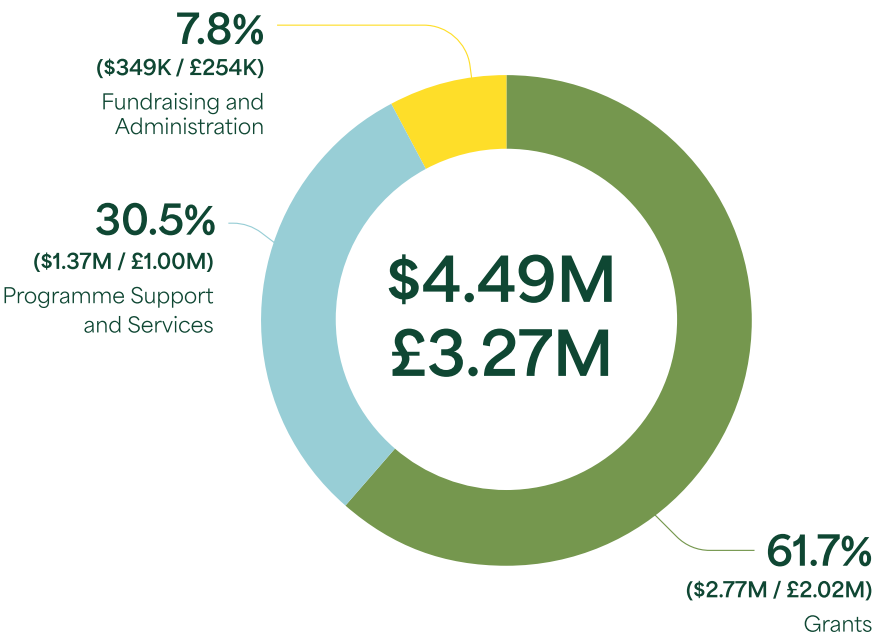
Expenses

Numbers labeled “overall” include Global Greengrants Fund UK, donor-advised funds (DAFs), regional partner funds, and fiscal sponsorships, in addition to our general operations and grantmaking. UK data highlight the numbers within that overall umbrella that are specific to Global Greengrants UK.

Overall Expenses



UK Expenses



Overall Financials

	Consolidated Audited 6/30/2024	Consolidated Audited 6/30/2025
Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$36,219,555.00	\$28,207,857.00
Accounts receivable	\$11,710,884.00	\$14,982,268.00
Investments	\$27,693,529.00	\$26,569,755.00
Equipment, furniture & fixtures	\$28,652.00	\$55,171.00
Prepaid expenses and other	\$ -	\$11,333.00
Total Assets	\$75,652,620.00	\$69,826,384.00
Liabilities		
Accounts payable	\$1,855,590.00	\$805,211.00
Other current liabilities	\$235,151.00	\$279,760.00
Total Current Liabilities	\$2,090,741.00	\$1,084,971.00
Total Long-term Debt	\$ -	\$ -
Net Assets		
Without donor restrictions	\$57,791,505.00	\$51,179,809.00
With donor restrictions	\$15,770,374.00	\$17,561,604.00
Total Net Assets	\$73,561,879.00	\$68,741,413.00
Total Liabilities & Net Assets	\$75,652,620.00	\$69,826,384.00
Revenue And Support		
Revenue and Support	\$43,223,391.00	\$43,802,305.00
Expenses		
Grants	\$24,026,429.00	\$34,373,147.00
Program support and services	\$7,375,675.00	\$8,948,978.00
Total program	\$31,402,104.00	\$43,322,125.00
Administration and development	\$4,395,692.00	\$5,457,753.00
Total Expenses	\$35,797,796	\$48,779,878

UK Financials

	FY2025		FY2024	
Assets	USD \$	GBP £	USD \$	GBP £
Donations and Legacies	\$6,771,362.00	£4,929,287.00	\$6,858,700.00	£5,421,205.00
Grants	\$2,773,134.00	£2,018,733.00	\$3,413,175.00	£2,697,735.00
Programme Support and Services	\$1,374,141.00	£1,000,321.00	\$1,801,528.00	£1,423,908.00
Fundraising and Administration	\$349,397.00	£254,347.00	\$315,666.00	£249,499.00
Total Expenditure	\$4,496,671.00	£3,273,401.00	\$5,530,369.00	£3,951,483.00

In Memory of Roy Young

In April 2026, we lost Roy Young, one of Global Greengrants Fund's earliest champions and our very first donor.

In the earliest days, when Global Greengrants was still the Caribou Fund, Roy's belief in the idea helped make it possible. At a time when there was no track record, no proof of concept, and no guarantee of what this would become, Roy showed up with trust and conviction—willing to back something rooted in values, not certainty.

Roy lived a life shaped by a deep love of the natural world and a willingness to act on it. He was not only a supporter of environmental organizations, but an activist—someone who stood up for what he believed in and took risks in service of that. He believed in backing people and ideas that center care for communities, land, and the planet long before they were widely recognized or resourced.

His early support helped lay the foundation for Global Greengrants' approach—rooted in trust, local leadership, and the understanding that meaningful change comes from those closest to the challenges.

At a time of uncertainty, Roy's legacy feels especially relevant. He believed that individuals have a role to play, not just in what they stand for, but in what they are willing to support and make possible. That early belief, sustained over time, is what allows new ideas, movements, and approaches to take root and grow.

We are deeply grateful for Roy's role in helping bring Global Greengrants into the world, and for the example he leaves for all of us.



● Image credit: Family and Friends of Roy Young

Gratitude

Just as a seed needs the right conditions—healthy soil, water, sunlight, and the quiet collaboration of countless living systems—to grow, social change takes root within an aligned ecosystem of people, movements, and institutions working together. Global Greengrants is one part of that living system, and our work is made possible through the shared commitment of a vast community.

We extend deep gratitude to the grantee partners, advisors, movement leaders, and allies whose courage, knowledge, and persistence nurture the grassroots movements shaping more just and regenerative futures. Their leadership is the soil from which climate and environmental justice grows.

We are equally grateful to the generous funders and philanthropic partners who believe in the power of grassroots action and make this work possible. Your partnership helps seed the imagination, solidarity, and resilience of communities confronting the intertwined crises of climate, inequality, and democracy.

Together—with movements, advisors, allies, and supporters—we are cultivating the conditions for lasting change. Because when communities are trusted, resourced, and connected, the seeds of justice take root and grow into a more equitable and thriving world for people and planet.



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