



*Where change*  
**takes root**

When local people have a say in the health of their food, water, and resources, they are forces for change. By trusting people in communities to take the lead on decisions affecting their lives, Global Greengrants Fund is building the most effective grassroots movements for environmental justice on Earth.

Global Greengrants  
is proud to be the  
leading supporter of women's  
environmental projects worldwide. One  
project we supported helped Uwineza  
Sylvia, Kawooya Mary, and Nanyonjo  
Jumadina learn to make biosand filters  
that purify water in their children's  
schools. School absenteeism has  
dropped by nearly two-thirds now  
that children aren't getting  
sick as frequently.



Since ecosystem destruction can reverberate locally—and even around the planet—we invest in people whose voices often go unheard. We know the best solutions come from those most impacted.

# Highlights



## Protecting what is sacred

**CAMEROON** | On the Socfin-Bolloré Plantation in Cameroon, palm oil production has caused excessive river and air pollution, ecological destruction, and forced evictions of local indigenous communities like the Bagyeli. But a local indigenous-led group has achieved major change. With two rounds of funding from Global Greengrants, the group uncovered who financed the project and also mapped the lands already destroyed. This work forced the corporation to return a portion of land, including the community’s cemetery and sacred area. Local people are now taking the fight to the International Finance Corporation/World Bank.



## Upholding rights

**MONGOLIA** | Camel herders in Mongolia’s Gobi Desert already struggle with increasingly intense weather. Construction of Oyu Tolgoi—one of the world’s largest copper mines, funded by an arm of the World Bank—has added obstacles, such as land grabs and water scarcity. With multiple grants from Global Greengrants, two local organizations filed official complaints that their rights and livelihoods have been denied. After four years of negotiations, the mining company and government agreed to monitor environmental impacts of the mine, build water wells, offer health services to local families, and consult with herders on a regular basis.



Allan Lissner

## Long-sought accountability

**CANADA** | For 40 years, First Nations people demanded the government clean up mercury spilled into the English-Wabigoon River just upstream from the community of Grassy Narrows. Ninety percent of community members have symptomatic mercury poisoning. For 16 years, Global Greengrants has supported Grassy Narrows First Nation with 13 grants to call attention to the contamination and demand action. Finally, last year, the Ontario government committed to cleaning up the river, introducing legislation to put \$85 million toward the effort.

Global Greengrants supports local efforts to create a world where people live in harmony with nature, in peace with one another, in dignity, and with mutual respect and equity for all. We put grantmaking decisions in the hands of experts around the world, who act as our eyes and ears on the ground, allowing local people to lead on strategies to sustain their own environments and livelihoods in ways that best fit their needs.

**Urgency and acceleration** | Events of 2017 proved that the catastrophic impacts of climate change and the exploitation of our planet and communities for the sake of profit call for a galvanizing of people across borders, mountains, and oceans. Meanwhile, Global Greengrants reached more groups in more countries than in any year in our history. We are poised to accelerate our impact. In 2018, we will celebrate our 25th anniversary and launch a \$75 million campaign to support even more activists, expand into new regions, bring in the brightest minds, onboard new technologies and knowledge-sharing systems. Our goal is not growth for the sake of growth alone, but rather to enhance our flexibility to respond to the needs of the groups and people we support. Contact us to learn more!

**Safety and security** | Violence against environmental defenders is at a fever pitch. We have made multiple grants in the last year to members of our network who face harassment, imprisonment, attacks, and repression because of their work to challenge corporate and government power. Getting money to them has become more complex and dangerous as governments tighten the vice on civil society. We are actively implementing protocols that make it possible for us to respond to immediate needs with flexible, fast, and confidential support.

After many years of effort, and support through multiple grants, the Mapuche communities of Mahui Dantu and Manquemapu in Chile were granted official title to their coastal waters by the Chilean government this year. The communities now have the authority to manage these areas for their conservation, local economy, and cultural value, and prevent industrial development.

Peter Kostishack



LAST YEAR, YOUR SUPPORT HELPED FUND:

939  
GRANTS

IN 101  
COUNTRIES

TOTALING  
8 MILLION  
DOLLARS



# Financials (unaudited)

For U.S. and European-based operations  
in fiscal year ending June 30, 2017. For  
audited financials, visit [Greengrants.org](http://Greengrants.org).



	FY 2016	FY 2017	U.S. ONLY FY 2016	U.S. ONLY FY 2017
REVENUE & SUPPORT	\$13,183,426	\$8,873,692	\$12,523,270	\$8,154,864
Grants	7,360,480	7,982,278	7,297,829	7,507,800
Program support & services	1,760,902	2,178,498	1,614,778	1,984,395
Total program expenses	9,121,382	10,160,776	8,912,607	9,492,195
Administration & development	1,282,361	1,324,764	1,223,046	1,197,407
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$10,403,743	\$11,485,540	\$10,135,653	\$10,689,602
TOTAL ASSETS	\$10,927,967	\$8,308,251	\$10,476,350	\$7,930,531
Liabilities	\$175,230	\$169,922	\$174,540	\$163,459
Unrestricted net assets	5,251,757	4,459,065	4,819,700	4,288,629
Temporarily restricted net assets	5,500,980	3,679,264	5,482,110	3,478,443
Net Assets	10,752,737	8,138,329	10,301,810	7,767,072
TOTAL NET ASSETS & LIABILITIES	\$10,952,967	\$8,308,251	\$10,476,350	\$7,930,531



U.S. ONLY  
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of Support**

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