

A Note from Terry

At Global Greengrants Fund, local people take the lead. We do not dictate an agenda from afar. Instead, we trust local communities to advance solutions and strategies that will best fit their needs, providing them the hope, solidarity, and resources to make their ideas a reality.

To get money into the hands of people with the most effective solutions, my predecessors at Global Greengrants designed a grantmaking model that allows us to find and invest in ideas without red tape. Our trusted network of passionate volunteer experts act as eyes and ears on the ground, connecting our resources to local solutions that promote environmental justice. As a result, we are able to work in some of the most remote corners of the world, with grassroots groups and individuals - including Indigenous peoples, youth, and women - who lack access to money through other means.

Our ability to connect to frontline solutions that other organizations have no way of finding or supporting is wholly unique. This nimble, time-honored approach is the heart and soul of Global Greengrants Fund. It would not be possible without the loyal support of our donors.

After 11 years at Greengrants, I am retiring and passing the baton to new leadership. I know that because of our dedicated network of people, and innovative model, the organization will not only prosper, but thrive.

This is a time of transition, not only for me and Greengrants, but also for the world as a whole. With the new decade, the urgency to act to protect cultures, peoples, and the planet from climate chaos is acute. My amazing colleagues - advisors, donors, governing board members and staff - believe in the power that lies in the hands of grassroots activists and movements. We know that together with grantees and other partners, we are where change takes root.

Warmly,

Terry Odendahl | President & CEO

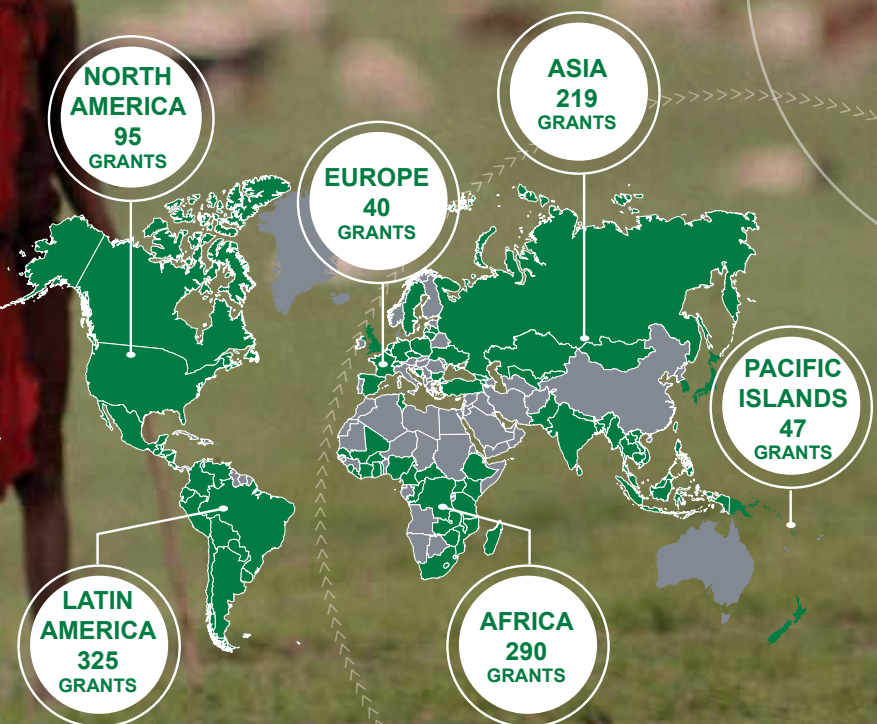
2019 by the Numbers

In 2019, Global Greengrants Fund awarded over **1,000** grants, the largest number made in our 26-year history. This means that we invested in over **1,000** grassroots solutions to climate change and environmental degradation, **1,000** reasons for hope, and **1,000** community-led efforts for environmental and social justice.

1,016 GRANTS

96 COUNTRIES

\$8,607,933






The Power of Grassroots Movements

Reaching 1,000 grassroots groups this year, from the Pacific Islands to the Arctic, we see clearly the extent and energy of the world's environmental justice movements. With just ten years left to reverse course on climate catastrophe, we believe these movements and those of Indigenous peoples, women, and youth, have the power to address the root causes of these crises and make fundamental changes to broken systems. Through their work, our grantees have improved the lives of hundreds of thousands of people worldwide, protecting the ecosystems and resources upon which we all depend, and confronting the inequalities and discrimination that divide and make us more vulnerable.

Movement Building in Ecuador

Global Greengrants Fund has provided multiple grants to Indigenous Peoples organizations in Ecuador, aiding efforts to protect their ways of life and the rainforest they depend on. In July 2019, the Waorani blocked the sale of 32,000 acres of their ancestral lands from oil drilling, marking a major victory for Indigenous communities in the fight against oil extraction. This victory is emblematic for the larger global movement working to resist destructive industrial resource extraction and put environmental and human rights over the profits of corporations. These struggles take years of organizing as well as timely action when opportunities for change appear.



We catalyze grassroots-level solutions by putting resources directly in the hands of the best stewards of our environment—local people. We fund environmental and social justice projects around the world in the following six areas of action: climate justice, local livelihoods, healthy communities and ecosystems, right to defend the environment, women’s environmental action, and right to land, water, and resources.

Bridging a Gap in Philanthropy

Gender justice is a critical component of the projects Global Greengrants supports around the world, with over 60 percent of our grants in 2019 supporting grassroots, women’s environmental action. On Earth Day 2019, we launched the first-ever funder learning community for women and environment with Prospera International Network of Women’s Fund, and co-hosted by the Ford Foundation and the MacArthur Foundation. The aim of the community is to support others in philanthropy interested in the intersection of gender and environmental justice, cultivate peer-to-peer learning and exchange, and explore how to practically apply their learning to grantmaking strategies.

Increased Support for At-Risk Environmental Defenders

It is more dangerous than ever before for environmentalists to defend our shared planet. Violence, threats, and murder are real risks for environmental defenders around the world. In September 2019, Global Greengrants Fund strengthened our capacity and commitment to support environmental defenders worldwide, becoming the home of the Environmental Defenders Collaborative, a pooled fund that makes grants to environmental activists and their advocates and allies. The partnership aims to generate more connections and resources for grantees on the ground who are facing threats and criminalization for their efforts to protect the planet.

Funding at the Intersection of Disability Rights and the Environment

One in seven people in the world has some form of disability, but they are routinely left out of conversations and action to protect their rights to a clean and healthy environment. With unique insights about their own situation, people with disabilities have important roles to play in proposing creative and relevant solutions to improve their communities and protect our shared planet. Global Greengrants Fund, in partnership with the Ford Foundation, began a new initiative in 2019 to increase grantmaking to work that advances the rights of persons with disabilities within the context of environmental justice. This initiative is an example of our strong belief that environmental movements are much stronger and more effective when they include and elevate all voices.



Inclusion for Change

In June 2019, the Tonga National Youth Congress received \$3,000 from Global Greengrants Fund to engage people living with disabilities in Fasi Moe Afi, Tonga in organic farming through training and providing seeds. Many farmers in Tonga don't know about the negative health and environmental impacts of pesticides, or the importance of growing organically, something the group aims to change. The group has also fostered increased interaction between persons with disabilities and village youth on climate change activism, resulting in disabled persons joining students in the Global Climate Strike on September 20. It's this type of movement building within communities that drives change from the bottom up.



Keeping it in the Ground in Kenya

In Kenya, plans for the country's first-ever coal fired power plant threatened the environmental health and livelihoods of locals in the coastal community of Lamu, a UNESCO world heritage site and among the oldest and best preserved Swahili settlements in East Africa. The planned 1,050 megawatt power plant had the potential to increase the country's global greenhouse gas emissions by 700%. With three grants of \$5,000 from Global Greengrants Fund, the local grassroots coalition, Save Lamu, worked for over seven years to develop legal instruments to protect the rights of Indigenous Peoples, increase awareness of the negative impacts of the coal plant, and to monitor and document land rights violations in the area. In June 2019, their efforts were rewarded when a Kenyan tribunal cancelled plans to build the plant. This victory would not have been possible without years of strategizing, advocacy and resistance from local activists, including Save Lamu.

“The people of Lamu were criminally uninformed on the detrimental impact of this coal plant and it was all veiled under the guise of bringing development and jobs to the locals. Despite receiving threats and being branded as “anti-development”, Save Lamu never relented. This victory at the environmental tribunal is a morale boosting victory for environmental human rights defenders in the country and will hearten other activists in their struggles. Prevention is better than cure and after seeing the impact of coal mines on communities and the difficulties of reactive campaigns against the mines, Save Lamu presents the perfect blueprint in a region that is just discovering hydro-carbons.”

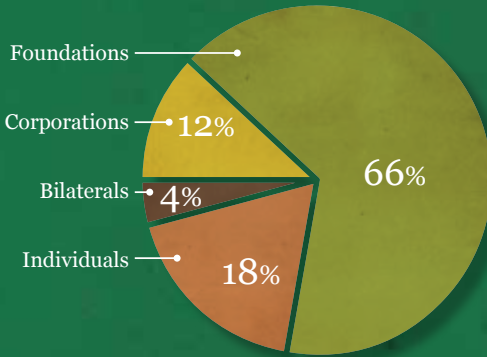
—Matthew Hawi | Administrator of our East Africa, Southern Africa, and Next Generation Climate Advisory Boards

Financials

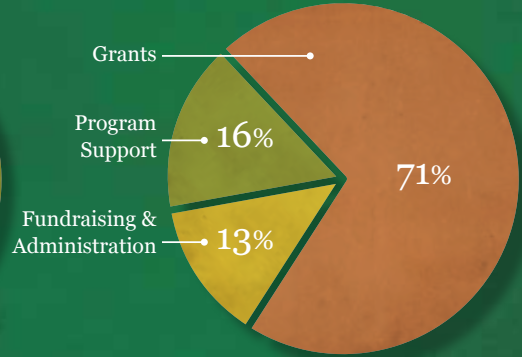
For U.S. and European-based operations in fiscal year ended June 30, 2019.
For financials from prior years, visit Greengrants.org.

	FY2018 (audited)	FY2019 (unaudited)
Revenue & Support	\$11,886,570	\$12,052,674
Expenses		
• Grants	\$7,459,668	\$8,607,933
• Program support & services	\$2,123,373	\$1,865,442
• Fundraising & Administration	\$1,035,807	\$1,499,970
Total Expenses	\$10,618,848	\$11,973,345
Total Assets	\$9,991,945	\$9,244,085
Liabilities	\$178,613	\$159,030
• Unrestricted net assets	\$4,967,460	\$5,812,137
• Temporarily restricted net assets	\$4,845,872	\$3,272,918
Net Assets	\$9,813,332	\$9,085,055
Total Liabilities & Net Assets	\$9,991,945	\$9,244,085

Sources of Support*



Expenses



*Global Greengrants Fund has a vibrant Donor Advised Fund (DAF) program, and the funds are included in these numbers. A DAF at Global Greengrants is an ideal and unique way for donors to direct funds to hard-to-access and vetted grantees while maintaining independence in decisions.



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