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Global Greengrants supports local groups to **PROTECT** people and the environment, **RESTORE** places and ways of life that have been harmed, and **TRANSFORM** the systems that create these problems in the first place.

LOCAL GROUPS & LEADERS SUPPORTED

\$8M TO WOMEN'S ISSUES

of more than \$45 million

(NEW in 2014: Afghanistan, Bahrain, Maldives, Tokelau, Yemen)

TO PROTECT RIVERS

MILLION TO PROTECT & RESTORE

TO CURB

TO PROTECT **FCOSYSTEMS**

Where do you want the world to be in 20 years?

What lessons from the past can you use to create the future you want?

As we reflect on Global Greengrants' 20 years of grassroots action and what the future holds, we realize that what has served us in the past, provides a compass for the future:

Vision: We envision a world in which all people live with dignity and in harmony with the environment.

People: Global Greengrants' founders knew sustainable change has to happen from the ground up. These visionaries built a network of expert grant advisors to find worthy local projects all around the globe. Twenty years on, we are committed to supporting community-led environmental change.

Values: Trust is the road under our feet and the energy that keeps us moving forward. You trust us to get your support to the right local groups. We trust our advisors to find grassroots projects that will make the most difference. And, of course, our grant recipients— 706 of them in 2014—trust this community to listen and put decision-making power in local hands.

In these pages, you will find key milestones in Global Greengrants' growth, and, more importantly, you will meet some of the people responsible for these milestones. Through three inspiring stories from Indonesia, South Africa, and Chile, you will learn how supporting grassroots groups can make all the difference whether it is through a single Greengrant or multiple Greengrants.

Thank you for your vision, your values, and for being a part of this unstoppable community of people working for change. Let us continue to grow and support the grassroots people leading the way toward a sustainable future.

Mele Lau-Smith **Outgoing Chair, Board of Directors**

Chair, Board of Directors

tos: India – See page 18. Indonesia – Rudi Putra used a Greengrant to remove illegal palm oil plantations in the Leuser Protected Ecosystem. Read Rudi's story at greengrants.org/rudiputra (photo: Goldman Environmental Prize). Chile - See page 8 (photo: International Rivers)

First Greengrants made | 1993

Establishes Russia & Brazil advisory boards | 1995

China Advisory Board | 2000

India, Andes & Mexico advisory boards | 2001

Central America, Pacific Islands, Southern Africa, Southeast Asia & International Financial Institutions advisory boards | 2002

West Africa Advisory Board | 2003

East Africa Advisory Board | 2004

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\$5.8 million in Greengrants in 86 countries | 2010

Next Generation Climate Board begins supporting young climate leaders around the world | 2012

"Advancing Human Rights" report finds Global Greengrants makes the most resource rights grants of any group in the world | 2013

Nearly \$6.5 million in Greengrants to projects in 103 countries. See page 12 | 2014

See below for a detailed timeline



MILESTONES

If we want to create change that lasts, we have to listen to local people.

Six years ago, I had the privilege of joining this resilient network of advisors, board members, coordinators, donors, grantees, and staff, who together had a vision for a healthier planet and socially just world. Traditional knowledge and local perspectives have the power to make that vision reality.

I wish I could say that environmental and social justice issues have a quick fix. The struggles you join with Global Greengrants to support are long-term. But solutions exist—not inside the buildings that host international environmental meetings, but on the front lines of the battle to save our planet, where grassroots groups are already stepping up to the challenge.

Looking forward, Global Greengrants will stay nimble and grow to meet increasing needs worldwide. We will advocate fervently for climate justice. We will also target our grantmaking to indigenous peoples, women, and youth, who are hit the hardest by climate chaos.

Collaboration will be key. So we are deepening our partnerships with 350.org, the International Network of Women's Funds, and the Alliance of Funds to invest in people who have the most to lose and who are acting now. And of course, we will give local voices a loudspeaker with the help of supporters like you.

You are an indispensible part of our future. A future in which people most affected by climate change are heard, in which local philanthropy is much stronger, and in which governments at all levels are listening to and acting on behalf of their citizens.

Terry Odendahl, Executive Director & CEO



ONE GREENGRANT gives tools to protect the natural world



"Mama" Aleta Baun's quiet thoughtfulness masks a fiery resolve.

This indigenous Mollo mother of three has become a powerful voice against mining interests that threaten to tear away at her mountains, pollute her rivers, and strip her ancestral forest bare.

"My people regard the Earth as the human body," says Mama Aleta. "Stone is our bone. Water is our blood. Land is our flesh. And Forest is our hair. If one of them is taken away, we are paralyzed."

Her organization, Pokja OAT, used a Greengrant recommended by our Southeast Asia grant advisors at the Samdhana Institute to unify local people against companies illegally mining their land for marble.

But their opposition was not marked by banners or megaphones. Every day for more than a year, women sat at the mines, weaving traditional cloth for turbans and skirts.







Forest &

Land Rights



Indigenous Rights



Women's Rights & Leadership

Men supported the protest by cooking, cleaning, and caring for the children.

Despite their peaceful defiance, the protests made members of the opposition targets:
A price was put on Mama Aleta's head.
She and others were beaten up, and men hacked her with a machete.
But the women did not give up, and pressure on the mines mounted.

After more than a decade of struggle, the mining companies abandoned all of their operations in Mollo territory.

"People see the victories but they don't see the roots. We directly touch the soil. We are like the grass that you step on. But we need protection and support even at the lowest level, because we protect the biggest trees."

— "Mama" Aleta Baun, Founder of Pokja OAT



MULTIPLE GREENGRANTS strengthen local voices for change



Night after night, Caroline Npaotane awoke to her daughter's cries. Her 3-year-old was struggling to breathe and had nosebleeds that would not stop.

At a community meeting, Caroline learned that the Sasol chemical plant one block from her home was spewing sulfur dioxide, giving people severe nose and throat irritation, asthma, and even killing them. Sasolburg's air is so polluted that very few locals can get jobs at the plant, because they cannot pass Sasol's own health inspection.

That meeting changed Caroline's life. For the next three years, she and other locals testified in parliament about the impacts they were suffering.

Thanks in part to their testimonies, a new Air Quality Act was passed in 2004. Caroline joined the Vaal Environmental Justice Alliance (VEJA) and started pressing the government to independently monitor Sasol's emissions. Global Greengrants was VEJA's first funder.

VEJA won a huge

an exemption.



Environmental Health



Women's Rights & Leadership

victory when local
polluters were told they had to
comply with new air quality
standards by 2015.

But the battle is not over.
Last April, Sasol applied for

"You feel intimidated because you're just a member of the community.
But you don't need to be a doctor or scientist to know your kids are suffering."

"You take one step forward, and the industries with the money and power take five steps ahead of you," Caroline said. "Our constitution guarantees everyone's right to a clean and healthy environment. With Global Greengrants' support, we are going to sue Sasol for violating

those rights. Ultimately, we will win."

— Caroline Npaotane, Co-Coordinator of VEJA

2001-2005

CUMULATIVE GREENGRANTS fuel movements for lasting change



Carlos Garrido Moneva lives at the foot of Patagonia's jagged peaks.

Here, gauchos herd cattle on horseback through verdant valleys, and turquoise rivers burst from the largest icecaps outside Greenland and Antarctica. But all the Italian-Chilean energy conglomerate Endesa saw was dollar signs.

It planned to build five dams on the Baker and Pascua rivers to power copper mines in the north. The \$8 billion HidroAysén project would have clear-cut forests, flooded 15,000 acres of ranches and natural preserves, and required building 1,200 miles of power lines—the longest in the world—through communities and protected areas.

"Endesa gave people general information about dams, so locals supported HidroAysén without having precise information about how it would hurt them," Carlos said. So his group, Defenders of the Spirit of Patagonia, and other environmentalists began transforming the public mind.



Change





Forest & Land Rights



Water

They used Greengrants to go home to home with a laptop and projector, showing people how a dam works and how their lives would change. They also produced educational TV shows about the damage dams would do to the environment. Community opposition tipped the scales: By 2013, most Chileans opposed HidroAysén.

On June 10, 2014, the government scrapped the project altogether.
This was the biggest environmental victory Chile has ever seen.

"What gives me the most pride is that a new culture has emerged," Carlos said. "We went from being victims to being part of a movement." "We learned that local citizens can stand up and not just accept everything the State says is good for us. We developed a critical opinion, not just against HidroAysén, but also about what kind of development we want."

Carlos Garrido Moneva,
 Defenders of the Spirit of Patagonia





Strategy for a brighter future

Local people know best how to address the problems facing their health, safety, and ecosystems.

Because our expert grant advisors carefully select projects, you can be sure your support helps people create change that will last.

The Athi River is Kenya's second longest waterway and one of its most endangered. Violet Matiru knows grassroots grants can help. A grant advisor in East Africa, Violet is strategically directing Greengrants to riverside communities. Her goal: to build a network that supports the health of the entire river basin, one community at a time.



"Once we bring together
people from upstream and
downstream, they realize they
are connected. Before, they
didn't know or think about it.
If we empower communities to
collectively take charge of their
own resource, they will protect it."

— Violet Matiru, East Africa Grant Advisor





For 20 years, people in Karinde drank from a well contaminated with dangerously high levels of fluoride, which deteriorated their bones and teeth. Villagers used a donoradvised grant to build water systems that supply 40 homes with clean spring water. They are also taking steps to reforest the river's banks.



Giraffes and elephants roam the Kimana Wetlands—the source of the Athi River. But drought and irrigation are drying up their habitat, and the land is eroding away. A local Maasai women's group used a Greengrant to start a tree nursery. So far, they have planted 30,000 seedlings to curb erosion and mitigate climate-related drought.



Mida Creek's mangrove forests are an important stop off for flamingos and other migrating birds, but local people were logging them to sell for firewood. Recognizing that ecotourism could provide a powerful economic alternative to selling firewood, a local youth group used two Greengrants to establish a creekside restaurant, build a suspended walking bridge above the mangroves, and promote ecotourism.



ATHI RIVER BASIN, KENYA

21
TOTAL GRANTS
MADE IN THE

240

LENGTH OF THE

17 WILLION
people rely on the river for water & food

\$102,000
TOTAL VALUE OF GRANTS

3006



Local change has global impact

2012

Every community victory makes our world safer, healthier, and more just. This map depicts countries where we supported projects in 2014.

TOTAL VALUE OF GRANTS IN 2014

103 PROJECTS FUNDE 757 **PROJECTS FUNDED**

Key Countries where Global Greengrants made grants in FY2014. Countries where Global Greengrants supported Indendent Funds to make grants in FY2014. (see page 16) Mexico Advisory Board becomes an independent nonprofit, Fund for Solidarity in Action-FASOL (page 16).

"Communities know better than anyone the need to defend their ecosystem and ways of life which are constantly threatened. With the support of Global Greengrants, this defense becomes more feasible, because of a long-term commitment to local processes and strengthening the most genuine organizations."



Pressing challenges

OUR GRANT RECIPIENTS work on every pressing environmental issue **AROUND THE GLOBE** — Granting support goes a long way in helping them **CREATE LASTING CHANGE.**

Number of grants made by issue area in 2014*



Biodiversity





Fresh

Climate

Change





Indigenous



Energy &

Environmental



Marine & Coastal Conservation



Sustainable Livelihoods & Economic Alternatives

Health



Food & **Agriculture**





Women's Rights & Leadership

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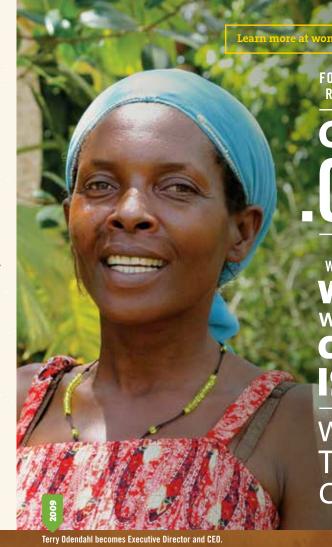
Bridging climate justice and women's rights

Why women and climate? Climate change is already here, and it is going to get worse unless we act. Women are hit the hardest, and they have less money, power, training, and ownership rights than men. But they are also forging bold, effective solutions.

The solution Dealing with climate change means involving women and men to take action in concrete ways. Our grant recipients are already implementing simple, affordable, and efficient solutions. They need more resources.

What we're doing We co-hosted the Summit on Women and Climate with the International Network of Women's Funds and the Alliance of Funds. Nearly 100 women's rights and environmental advocates from 37 countries converged to:

- 1) Collaborate to better understand the nexus of women and climate.
- 2) Advance women-led climate solutions.
- 3) Catalyze support to the grassroots.
- 4) Understand the risks women activists face in addressing climate change.
- 5) Amplify women's voices in climate policy.



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ONLY

OF ALL GRANTS **WORLDWIDE GO TO**

WOMEN **WORKING ON** CLIMATE ISSUES.

WE WANT THAT TO CHANGE.

^{*}A single grant often covers multiple issue areas. Visit greengrants.org/pressingchallenges for details.

Independent funds grow green grantmaking



There is no better way to create a sustainable world than from the ground up.

Each of these independent nonprofits started as a Global Greengrants advisory board and is now our funding partner in that part of the world. When each expressed interest in becoming an independent grantmaking organization, Global Greengrants responded by providing mentorship and additional funding for capacity building and start-up costs. Now they collectively raise millions above and beyond what we give each of them every year for small grants. More money means more grants and exponential impact.

Learn more at greengrants.org/growingglobalgreenphilanthropy

Global Greengrants Fund/UK & Europe

Global Greengrants has long had a presence in Europe. Over the past few years we have been working to make it easier for individuals, foundations, and socially aware businesses in the United Kingdom and Europe to support the work of our grantees.

Global Greengrants Fund / UK & Europe is now a registered charity in the United Kingdom, with a small nascent Board of Directors. We completed a feasibility study to help direct our development. We have already made four grants to groups in China, India, Kenya, and Bosnia and Herzegovina.

These are early days for Global Greengrants Fund / UK & Europe. And much is still to be determined, but here is what we are certain about: We are dedicated to mobilizing resources for global environmental sustainability and social justice. We will hold to Global Greengrants' same values and ethos. And we will provide donors in the United Kingdom

and Europe with the opportunity to invest in local change, spearheaded by the same expert advisors that are a hallmark of Global Greengrants and already so well established.

Wish us well as we embark on this venture!

Stephen Pittam

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Chair, Global Greengrants Fund / UK & Europe





Expenses

80% Grants and Program Support

20% Administration

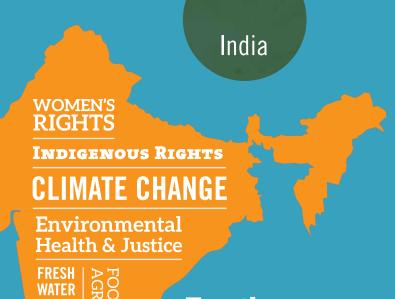
Revenue and Support £33.220

Expenses

Grants £20.240

Program support and services £5.018





Together we are stronger

Global Greengrants partners with individuals, foundations, and corporations to form a tapestry of support that helps grant advisors direct more resources to communities in need. Here is an example of the pressing challenges our India Advisory Board addresses with this support.

Elizabeth Weber, individual donor

"If you can save soil in a village, then a person may not have to move to the city and do slave labor in a place where he is exposed to environmental hazards. Everything is connected. That's why I give to Global Greengrants: because I want to move money to far corners of the world in a meaningful way."

Aveda, corporate donor

"Aveda Light the Way candles raise funds for communitybased environmental projects Global Greengrants sees value in. In particular, through its donor advised fund, Aveda gives water-related grants primarily in communities where it sources ingredients. Aveda and Global Greengrants strive to create a more just world."

—Dominique Conseil, President

Oak Foundation, foundation donor

"With a focus on Jharkhand and West Bengal, Oak Foundation partners with Global Greengrants to reach grassroots organizations that work on interrelated issues of climate change, women's rights, vulnerable populations, and sustainable livelihoods. This includes engaging the populations whose lives and well-being are most at risk from climate impacts."

— Kathleen Cravero-Kristoffersson, President

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Financials

	FY 2013	FY 2014
REVENUE & SUPPORT	\$8,230,665	\$9,791,618
EXPENSES		
Grants	5,841,675	6,498,894
Program support & services	1,119,626	1,234,469
Total program expenses	6,961,301	7,733,363
Administration & development	1,096,338	1,033,201
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$8,057,639	\$8,766,564

SOURCES OF SUPPORT

60%
FOUNDATIONS
Including 32%
Donor Advised
Funds



FY 2013 FY 2014 ASSETS Cash & cash equivalents 2,016,325 3,236,879 Accounts receivable 1,363,486 1,502,489 Investments 1,125,272 565,229 Equipment, furniture & fixtures 38,033 36,550 Prepaid expenses & other 8.986 134,789 TOTAL ASSETS \$4,552,102 \$5,475,936 **CURRENT LIABILITIES** Grants payable 107,653 22,600 Other accounts payable 85,363 54,261 Other current liabilities 41,590 56,525 \$234,606 \$133,386 Total payables & other liabilities **NET ASSETS** Unrestricted net assets 1.750,441 2.205.354 Temporarily restricted net assets 2,567,055 3,137,196 \$4,317,496 Total net assets \$5,342,550 TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS \$4,552,102 \$5,475,936

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Expenses

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