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Annual Update

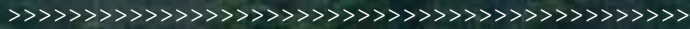


Where Change Takes Root



2020 brought many challenges for both people and planet, yet our global network of grassroots activists continued to implement effective frontline solutions, driving change from the ground up.

2020 by the Numbers



Thank you

2019/20 was Global Greengrants Fund UK's biggest year yet of support to grassroots environmental initiatives around the world. Since we began operating in 2013/14, we have continually strived to increase support to our community partners, so they can carry out their vital work of protecting our shared planet. This long-term investment has contributed significantly to a global environmental justice movement working on key issues such as climate justice, industrial pollution, agroecology, Indigenous land rights, local marine management, and more.

We thank our many partners, donors and supporters throughout the world who have helped make this milestone possible.

A Note from the Team

2020 – a year none of us will forget in a hurry. The coronavirus pandemic swept the world, changing all our lives in small and little ways. The grantee partners, advisors, and coordinators in our global network were - and continue to be - deeply impacted by the pandemic, as sweeping restrictions and lockdowns worldwide led to food insecurity, violence, and exacerbated tensions over continued environmental degradation and fossil fuel extraction.

Yet, despite the pandemic, our staff, board, volunteers, and grantees powered on. Many of the grants we awarded in 2020 went to COVID-response activities, helping communities improve access to food, spread information and awareness about the virus, distribute personal protective equipment, and continue their work fighting for environmental and social justice. The injustices faced by our grantee partners were exacerbated by the pandemic, to which they swiftly adapted and responded.

As a team, we also adapted – working remotely, developing response scenarios to support our partners better now and as they rebuild their communities, and figuring out how we can take care of ourselves and each other in this moment of crisis. We are incredibly inspired by the strength of our network, the commitment of our donors and partners, and the resilience of the movements and activists we support. Despite a year of challenges, we've had the opportunity to celebrate a number of victories from those on the frontlines of our work, evidence of the long term impacts of grassroots activism and the power of movements in driving real change.

We hope that you, too, will be inspired reading about these victories. Together, let's build on the lessons learned in 2020 for a more just, more resilient and sustainable future for all.

With gratitude and in solidarity,

Your Global Greengrants Fund UK Team

The Coronavirus Pandemic

In 2020, some of our grants went to specific COVID-relief, not counting the many grants that addressed issues exacerbated by the pandemic.

In its origins and impacts, the COVID-19 pandemic has clearly demonstrated the need for systemic change across the globe, highlighting the consequences of the unsustainable way humanity currently interacts with nature. The pandemic has also brought to the surface countless injustices and inequalities worldwide. There are many lessons from the pandemic that can be applied to the fight on climate change, including the need for community-led action to protect the greater good, as well as urgency in acting now to protect the most vulnerable in society.

Despite the pandemic, in 2020 our grantees continued their work, often incorporating responses to the virus into their projects. While addressing issues of food insecurity, health and safety concerns, and developing strategies to prevent the spread of the virus at the community level, our grantees also developed long-term resilience strategies. These strategies included strengthening land grab monitoring where corporations tried to use COVID to cut corners and misappropriate resources, and strengthening efforts to build up seed banks and increase seed sharing when the closure of markets threatened to disrupt food systems.

Paraguay: Articulación de familias con PCD de la comunidad Mbocajaty in Paraguay, a community group working with persons with disabilities and their families, is addressing food insecurity in the absence of effective government support. As in many places around the world, the pandemic has restricted access to markets to buy and sell produce in Paraguay. By providing families with training in gardening and small-scale marketing, the group hopes to recover a collective culture of food cultivation, a crucial strategy to challenge climate-intensive food production systems. All of this is happening via Whatsapp, in the absence of the ability to safely meet in person.

Democratic Republic of the Congo: Communities displaced by large infrastructure projects, such as the highly controversial Inga hydropower dam, are experiencing heightened vulnerability to COVID-19, including more severe food and income shortages than the rest of the population. With \$8,000, Synergie Femmes Solidaires is tackling the issue at its root by educating local women, youth, and religious groups about their rights to a clean and healthy environment. The project will promote the protection of freshwater in the Congo Basin and educate Indigenous women on sustainable agriculture, natural resource protection, and biodiversity. The funds will specifically support awareness campaigns against the Inga dam and meetings that facilitate an exchange between women and youth on renewable energy, gender, and climate justice.

Justice for All

At Global Greengrants Fund, we believe in the power of grassroots movements to lead the way to a more just and equitable future. We place trust, decision-making power, and financial resources into the hands of grassroots activists worldwide, including people fighting for racial justice, women's equality, the rights to self-determination for Indigenous Peoples, inclusive agendas for people with disabilities, and a rights-based approach for all. We believe in elevating voices, in the power of peaceful protest, in resistance, rebuilding, and resilience.

In 2020, as racial justice tensions grew, we continued to incorporate justice principles into our work, leaning further into our commitment to funding diverse frontline defenders and building intersectional movements.





Women's Environmental Action and the Power of Collaboration

Global Alliance for Green and Gender Action (GAGGA)

With less than 1 percent of international philanthropic funding going to women's environmental initiatives, GAGGA seeks to get funds into the hands of women, knowing that they play a key role in addressing the climate crisis. With €32 million mobilised to support women and mixed gender groups worldwide addressing environmental threats, the impact of this collaboration has been influential and profound.

GAGGA is a consortium led by the Fondo Centroamericano de Mujeres, Both ENDS and Mama Cash, in collaboration with strategic allies Global Greengrants Fund and Prospera-International Network of Women Funds, and funded the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs. In 2020, it was announced that GAGGA will continue to receive critical funding from the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs over the next five years to support women's climate action worldwide.

UN Women's Generation Equality Action Coalitions

This past summer Global Greengrants Fund was selected to be the philanthropic leader for UN Women's Generation Equality action coalition *Feminist Action for Climate Justice*. There are six action coalitions in total which will deliver concrete and transformative change for women and girls around the world in the coming five years. The coalitions include leaders from Member States, civil society, women's rights organisations, international organisations, UN agencies, philanthropic entities, youth-led organisations, and the private sector. We are excited to be able to strategically expand our work on women's environmental action with this important partnership.

Reasons to Celebrate

This year, our grantee partners celebrated stand out victories, many the result of years of effort, which we were proud to support. Along with these victories came the recognition of multiple members of our global network, including three grantees who were honored as recipients of the 2020 Goldman Environmental Prize. This prestigious prize is awarded to grassroots activists for their extraordinary achievements in protecting the planet. Grantees Chibeze Ezekiel from Ghana, Nemonte Nenquimo from Ecuador, and Paul Sein Twa from Myanmar joined 69 other grantees from Greengrants who had previously won the Prize.

Southeast Asia

Global Greengrants Fund has supported multiple groups across Southeast Asia working to challenge the construction of large hydropower dams and protect the Mekong River. With over 20 grants aimed at protecting the Mekong, as well as support for groups in Cambodia since 2008, Greengrants has helped fuel a movement in the Mekong Delta. This year, our grantees celebrated two major victories. In February, the Thai cabinet terminated the Lancang-Mekong rapids blasting project, a Chinese-led project that would channelise and dredge the Mekong River for commercial navigation. The next month, the Cambodian government made the decision to postpone the construction of any new hydroelectric dams for the next decade.

Zimbabwe

Hwange National Park is the largest national park in Zimbabwe, home to 40,000 elephants and the endangered black rhino. Unfortunately, this special place is under threat from coal mining, which would cause water pollution, land degradation, and biodiversity loss, as well as accelerate climate change. In 2018, Global Greengrants Fund awarded the Zimbabwe Environmental Law Association (ZELA) \$10,000 to carry out research on the impact, nature, and extent of coal mining activities in protected forests and wildlife areas in Zimbabwe using the Hwange National Park as a case study. ZELA then challenged the development of coal mining in the park through a court application. As a result of these efforts, the government banned coal development in national parks across the country in 2020.

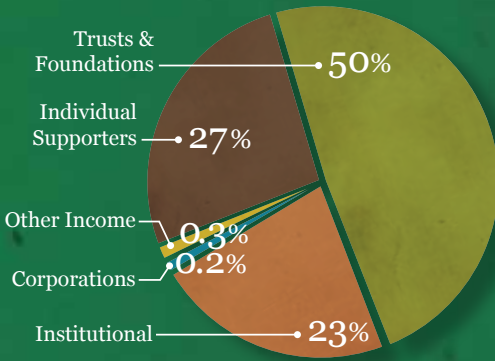


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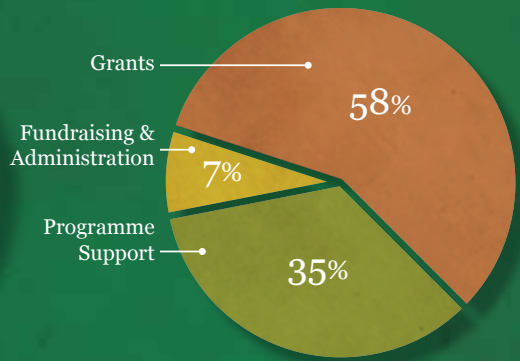
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	FY2020 (audited)	FY2019 (audited)
Donations and Legacies	\$2,098,908 (£1,664,783)	\$1,370,688 (1,059,051)
Expenditure		
• Grants	\$1,013,897 (£804,189)	\$790,213 (£564,202)
• Programme Support & Services	\$607,072 (£481,509)	\$368,902 (£285,033)
• Fundraising & Administration	\$113,018 (£89,642)	\$79,725 (£61,600)
Total Expenditure	\$1,733,987 (£1,375,340)	\$1,178,840 (£910,835)

Sources of Support



Expenses



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