

CLIMA Fund Partners FY19-20`



The CLIMA Fund is a collaboration between Global Greengrants Fund (GGF), Grassroots International (GRI), Thousand Currents (TC), and Urgent Action Fund for Women's Human Rights (UAF), which resources climate justice movements building local resilience and addressing the root causes of climate change. We support grassroots groups led by women, Indigenous Peoples, youth, and peasants, as those closest to the climate crisis and building ingenious, effective solutions for confronting it.

The CLIMA Fund's Soil to Sky report provides evidence that locally-led solutions can slow down the climate crisis while stewarding more just, ecologically vibrant, and safer communities. Agroecology, community governance of renewables, direct resistance to resource extraction, and Indigenous Peoples as frontline defenders are grassroots solutions that have the potential to cool the planet more than most of the strategies receiving the bulk of climate investments. Here is a snapshot of how eight CLIMA partners have advanced these solutions over the last year. The two foundational strategies of movement-building and gender equity are present in each of our partners' work. For more partner profiles, check out our website.

RESISTING PIPELINES, REOCCUPYING TRADITIONAL TERRITORIES, AND REVITALIZING CULTURAL PRACTICES

The CLIMA Fund supports grassroots groups resisting the expansion of extractive practices and challenging militarized and gender-based violence through security grants and long-term funding.

Gidimt'en Checkpoint, Canada and Tse Wedi Elth (Unist'ot'en Camp), Canada/USA, Urgent Action Fund for Women's Human Rights

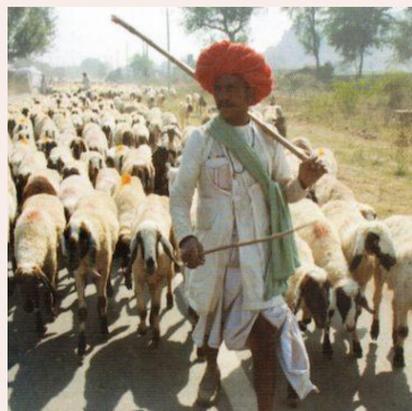


While the Canadian government allows pipeline projects through Indigenous territory to continue unchecked and land and cultural rights defenders are criminalized by the police, the Gidimt'en Checkpoint and Tse Wedi Elth resist resource extraction and reoccupy their traditional territory. The Wet'suwet'en people are resisting the Coastal GasLink pipeline, which will negatively affect local waterways and agricultural land on which communities depend.

AGROECOLOGY

SUPPORTING COMMUNITY-CONTROLLED AND BIODIVERSITY-BASED FOOD SYSTEMS

The CLIMA Fund's partners challenge large-scale corporate-controlled agriculture and support peasant movements for food sovereignty and community-controlled food systems.



Sahyog Sansthan, India
Thousand Currents

Guided by the philosophy of self-governance, Sahyog Sansthan organizes and educates farmers in sustainable farming practices and watershed management in one of the driest areas in Rajasthan, India. Their long-term monitoring, management, and accountability project revived a common pastureland in the region from drought conditions, which was then replicated in several other villages. CLIMA partners like Sahyog Sansthan operationalize locally-led and culturally-appropriate climate solutions best suited to communities hard hit by the climate crisis.



GRAIN, International
Grassroots International

GRAIN is a small international non-profit organisation that works to support small farmers and social movements in their struggles for community-controlled and biodiversity-based food systems. GRAIN's work challenges the global industrial food system, which is driving climate breakdown, by supporting seed exchanges at the micro level and challenging legislation favorable to Big Agriculture on the macro level.

PROMOTING ECOLOGICAL SUSTAINABILITY AND COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE OF RENEWABLES

The CLIMA Fund resources grassroots groups undertaking locally-led sustainable and renewable energy projects.



Digo Bikas Institute (DBI), Nepal
Thousand Currents

Digo Bikas Institute is a youth-led research and advocacy organization committed to promoting ecological sustainability and social equity at the policy and community level. DBI tracks the enforcement and progress of environmental regulation in Nepal and advocates for conservation and sustainability at the international level. Their Clean Energy Future Initiative seeks to power rural Nepal with solar mini grids, which will ensure reliable electricity in hundreds of villages and provide critical infrastructure during disasters.



The Doornkop Communal Property Association, South Africa, Global Greengrants Fund

Doornkop CPA designs community climate change adaptation and resilience building programs in the Doornkop community in South Africa. They are developing a five-year green development plan that includes training women and youth in solar panel installation, maintenance, and repairs. The project also includes developing strategic national and international partnerships with private and public institutions, academia, and civil society that are interested in advancing a Just Transition.

STRENGTHENING UNITY ACROSS INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES

The CLIMA Fund resources grassroots groups that share ancestral knowledge and conservation methods and organize Indigenous communities for reimagining and reshaping the social and political structures/institutions.



WAS - We Are the Solution, West Africa
Grassroots International

WAS is a rural, women-led movement for food sovereignty and gender justice in West Africa. WAS builds women's self-determination through agroecology and resists "corporate capture" of food systems (which leads to chronic hunger and landlessness). Through the combination of local knowledge and interdisciplinary technical expertise, they are building a food system that is socially just, environmentally friendly and economically viable.



Escuela El Sur Camina, Colombia
Global Greengrants Fund

Escuela El Sur Camina (The South Walk School) is a women and Indigenous-led organization preserving the traditional knowledge of local Indigenous communities protecting the largest remaining alpine tundra ecosystem in the world, and the main water source for Bogotá. This ecosystem is under threat from open-pit mining, the expansion of large-scale agriculture reliant on pesticides and fertilizers, and the presence of the largest garbage dump in the country, all of which damage the local flora, fauna, and water sources. Escuela El Sur Camina is collecting and sharing ancestral knowledge of conservation methods and engaging youth in land conservation.