

CLIMA Fund Partners FY22



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 effective solutions for confronting it.

The CLIMA Fund's [Soil to Sky report](#) shows 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](#).

STRENGTHENING INDIGENOUS SOVEREIGNTY

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

[Collecting Indigenous knowledge to protect pollinators in Bolivia](#) [Comunidad Mamuri](#)

In Bolivia, at least 62% of the main crops for human consumption and the great majority of fruits from the forest depend to some degree on the interaction with pollinating animals (native and/or managed). The recently observed high mortality of honey bees in Santa Cruz has repercussions for native bees and thus the overall health of the forests that depend on native pollinators.

Comunidad Mamuri is conducting monitoring and enabling knowledge-sharing among the Indigenous and peasant communities in Bolivia. Dialogues supported by Comunidad Mamuri will increase cooperation among the communities and create a trove of resources in Spanish and at least three Indigenous languages to aid community self-monitoring.

RESISTING DIRTY ENERGY, REOCCUPYING TRADITIONAL TERRITORIES, AND REVITALIZING CULTURAL PRACTICES

The CLIMA Fund supports grassroots groups resisting the expansion of extractive energy projects.

[Say NO to mining in South Africa](#) [Amadiba Crisis Committee \(ACC\)](#)



ACC is advancing collective campaigns and lawsuits to support alliances and foster movement-building in South Africa. Through its strategies of mass mobilization, protest, and litigation, ACC has successfully fought off mining companies and forced information disclosure by mining businesses within their communities. Their resistance has contributed to the broader "Right to Say NO" to mining campaign across Southern Africa.

[Indigenous resistance of extractive practices in Chile and El Salvador](#) [ONG Defensa Ambiental \(ONG DeA\) and Movement of Victims, Affected and Affected by Climate Change and Corporations \(MOVIAC\)](#)



ONG DeA is strengthening Mapuche communities' collective rights by resisting mining and protecting ceremonial sites. ONG DeA is working with allies to oppose the installation of a harmful rare earth mining project and enabling the local communities' involvement in territorial planning. MOVIAC is raising public awareness surrounding hydroelectricity's negative environmental and social impacts in El Salvador.

The group is strengthening the struggle against the construction of an eighth dam on the Sensunapán River despite a court ruling prohibiting the construction. CLIMA partners like ONG DeA and MOVIAC are uplifting Indigenous rights and publicizing the real impacts of dirty energy on Indigenous Peoples' connection with territory and access to water.

SUPPORTING COMMUNITY-CONTROLLED AND BIODIVERSITY-BASED FOOD SYSTEMS

The CLIMA Fund's grassroots partners organize peasant movements to resist corporate-controlled agriculture and prioritize community-led food systems and policies supporting locally-suitable food production.

Community-based food governance in Nepal Agriculture for Food Alliance (AAF) and ForestAction



Founded in 2013, AAF is a network of 13 food and farm organizations promoting agroecology for food and sustainable livelihoods across Nepal. AAF works at different levels of governance to influence policy-making related to agriculture, land use, and the climate crisis.

ForestAction uses a community-driven approach for policy research and advocacy that balances economic productivity, environmental sustainability, and social equity. CLIMA partners like AAF and ForestAction are shifting what was once a traditional, top-down, state-centric process towards a community-based governance system supported by evidence-based policymaking. These groups work with governments and media to shift public policy and popular opinion.

Indigenous Peoples and women-led food systems in the Amazon and the Andes Latindadd Red Latinoamericana por Justicia Económica y Social (LATINDADD) and Red Nacional de Mujeres Productoras de la Agricultura Familiar (RENAF)



Afro-Indigenous and peasant communities in the Amazon basin are facing ever-increasing human rights violations at the hands of governments and private corporations through targeted violence and human-caused environmental disasters.

LATINDADD focuses on caring for the Amazon rainforest and uplifting the interests of the beings reliant on the forest in Brazil, Peru, and Colombia. LATINDADD is working with peoples from Afro-descendant communities to trade union representatives to academics

Composed of 19 women farmer-led organizations in the Andes and Amazon regions, RENAFA is uplifting women's role in agriculture, promoting farmer-to-farmer learning exchanges, and advocating strategies at the local, state, and national levels. RENAFA is strengthening gender equity and counteracting the neglect of agrarian interests in Peru.

PROMOTING ECOLOGICAL SUSTAINABILITY AND COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE OF RENEWABLES

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

Women's renewable energy entrepreneurship in Georgia NGO Gamarjoba



Georgian women, especially those living in rural areas, have limited access to energy. NGO Gamarjoba's Renewable Empowered Woman project is expanding women's leadership in Georgia's renewable energy sector. The group is providing technical training and resources for small renewable energy installations to women entrepreneurs doubly impacted by climate injustices and the economic crisis associated with the COVID-19 pandemic.

Access to renewable energy and youth employment in Bangladesh Bangladesh Environment and Development Society (BEDS)



The Sundarbans mangrove forests are a climate-vulnerable coastal area in the Bay of Bengal. Residents experience a shortage of safe drinking water and a lack of reliable electricity. Insufficient educational facilities force students to take up forest resource harvesting jobs, further contributing to low livelihood improvement in the region. BEDS is working with local teachers to provide local students with solar lamps with the hope that an alternative electricity source will support their education and allow them to seek gainful employment over extractive work.