

The CLIMA Fund is a collaboration between [Global Greengrants Fund](#), [Grassroots International](#), [Thousand Currents](#), and [Urgent Action Fund for Feminist Activism](#), which resources climate justice movements building local resilience and addressing the root causes of the climate crisis. This past year we moved \$5M in 278 grants to movements led by Indigenous Peoples (67%), women (86%), youth (49%), and peasants (54%) in 77 countries. The CLIMA Fund's report [Soil to Sky: Climate Solutions That Work](#) shows that grassroots-led solutions can significantly mitigate emissions while stewarding more just, ecologically vibrant, and safer communities. Here is a snapshot of how the CLIMA Fund's grassroots grantee partners are creating change. For more partner profiles, [check out our website](#).

Grassroots movements are advancing food sovereignty by uplifting agroecology, artisanal fishing, and pastoralism



Our grassroots partners are building organizations to bridge local solutions with global movement infrastructure. **La Via Campesina (LVC)** is organizing over 250 million small-scale farmers and other food producers in 81 countries to strengthen the movement for food sovereignty and resist the corporate takeover of food systems and resources. The **World Forum of Fisher Peoples (WFFP)**, a social movement of small-scale fisher people from 23 countries, represents over 10 million fisher people from all over the world. WFFP supports its members to strengthen their organizational capacities. It advocates for the rights of fisherpeople to access and manage fisheries resources and protect biodiversity. The **World Alliance of Mobile Indigenous Peoples (WAMIP)** is a social movement of 200 grassroots organizations in 48 countries, made up of nomadic peoples and communities that share pastoralism as a livelihood strategy and conserve biological diversity. These three networks will join others in India this year to coordinate and strategize in support of food sovereignty, strengthening the already robust global food movement through the [Nyéléni process](#).



CLIMA Fund partners are resisting extractivism – the ideology and practice of commodifying natural resources for profit-at-all-costs – and protecting fisher livelihoods across Africa. **South Durban Community Environmental Alliance (SDCEA)**'s campaign Fish Not Oil (in partnership with another CLIMA partner, **Health of the Mother Earth Foundation**), is supporting fisherfolk resisting oil and gas and other offshore mining activities. The campaign mobilizes fishers to protect marine ecosystems and resist extraction in the waters of Nigeria, South Africa, and along the coast of Africa. The campaign holds dialogues for local communities to share technical analyses of local marine ecosystems and create shared advocacy strategies. Members are also in dialogue with government and oil industry representatives on the impacts of fossil fuel exploration on fisherfolk communities and the environment.



Participatory Ecological Land Use Management (PELUM) Zimbabwe built the first agroecology school in southern Africa. The group is upscaling participatory land management practices to improve nutrition security, livelihoods, and environmental sustainability. PELUM's vibrant networking platform on [diversifying farming practices](#) is essential for the productivity and sustainability of agriculture in Zimbabwe. The group has been training farmers in drought-prone areas on small livestock production and water harvesting. These activities, alongside farming, help farmers expand their income sources and better respond to climate shocks.

Grassroots movements are securing climate policy and building broad political coalitions to win key protections for the Earth



The **Philippines Movement for Climate Justice (PMCJ)** is a national coalition in the Philippines that works on climate justice and a just transition. Since 2013, PMCJ has successfully **stopped the creation of nine coal plants** and stalled the functioning of six existing coal plants in The Philippines. It consists of over 150 national networks, grassroots communities, and environmental NGOs. PMCJ uses strategies like campaigns, strategic litigation, cultural production, advocacy, and grassroots mobilizations, among others. PMCJ has supported 14 local jurisdictions to declare themselves coal-free and successfully supported front-line communities in shutting down 26 of 29 coal plants in the Philippines. In 2017, PMCJ filed the Philippines' first historic climate action suit against the World Bank's private finance arm for its role in the expansion of coal in the country and paved the way for several fossil fuel divestment campaigns.



ForestAction is working towards productive, sustainable, and equitable forest management in Nepal. The group uses a community-driven approach to policy research and advocacy. It builds the local community's capacity to respond to emerging needs, such as **forest fire prevention and response**. It publishes research on forest protection and governance, such as the recent **Special Issue on Forest Based Enterprises** in the Journal of Forest and Livelihood. The group is shifting what was once a traditional, top-down, state-centric process towards a community-based governance system supported by evidence-based policymaking.

Grassroots movements are producing equitable, extreme weather-resilient energy



Maquiné, a small municipality surrounding the Mata Atlântica Biosphere Reserve in Brazil, is home to thousands of people affected by a flood in 2023. In the absence of large landowners, the municipality has been overlooked by the government and energy supply companies. In response to the lower level of energy access in the locality, **Comunidade Ecológica Pé do Arco-Íris (CEPAI)** is constructing a Micro Hydroelectric Power Plant (MCH) in Maquiné to provide sustainable energy and ensure energy autonomy in rural areas. CEPAI is working with a public university to construct the MCH, which will generate clean and low-cost energy autonomously. People in Maquiné will be able to avoid dependence on diesel generators during blackouts or extreme weather events. CEPAI is one of several grassroots partners who are **diversifying and decentralizing energy production** to reduce vulnerabilities to climate change, especially in rural areas. Localized energy production meets energy needs equitably, is resilient to extreme weather-caused large-scale grid failure, and **reduces emissions**.



Project SEVANA supports community-led resistance to large-scale development projects in South-East Asia. The group resists projects that negatively impact the livelihoods of millions of people in the region and pollute the land, forests, and rivers. The group strengthens regional solidarity among Indigenous Peoples, small-holder farmers, and freshwater fisherfolk communities as they build alternatives to corporate-led projects that undermine local economies. Project SEVANA uses policy to challenge harmful climate projects (e.g., requesting environmental impact assessments for potentially harmful hydroelectric dam projects to stall and ultimately stop construction) and builds training programs for youth and small-holder farmers. Project SEVANA also documents the impacts of land grabbing and various development projects on women and girls to aid its advocacy work.

Grassroots movements are advancing Indigenous sovereignty and gender justice



The Indigenous women-led group **Associação das Mulheres Munduruku Wakoborün** works to increase the political participation of Indigenous women in Brazil. The group has popularized the concept of free, prior and informed consent (FPIC) among their local communities. FPIC is the right of Indigenous communities to be consulted prior to any large infrastructure or development projects - especially dams, mining, and illegal logging - in their territory. In 2014, the Munduruku people released the **Munduruku Consultation Protocol**, laying out how Indigenous communities ought to be consulted and involved in decision-making. Associação **collects evidence of environmental harm** caused by extractive industries and invests in its community's political and technical education, including the preservation of traditional medicine. The group has trained hundreds of Munduruku people in agroecology, nursing, and intercultural education.



The extensions of the INGA 3 and 5 dams along the Congo River have severely impacted the livelihoods and economic independence of local women, who comprise 62% of the inhabitants of the area. Large-scale extractive projects expose local women to gender-based violence and health risks, while the multinational corporations leading such projects frequently engage in corrupt practices with government officials, resulting in the silencing of women and youth. **SOFFLECO (Women's Solidarity on the Congo River)** advocates for gender-responsive policy reforms to secure corporate accountability and environmental justice along the Congo River. The group is mitigating the ongoing impacts of land grabs in the area by strengthening women's advocacy and their capacity to seek justice and reparations. The group trains local women in sustainable natural resource management and renewable energy production and is creating a Feminist Agenda on Climate Justice in the DRC.

Here is a sampling of our partners' recognitions over the past year:

Indigenous activists Nonhle Mbuthuma and Sinegugu Zukulu of the **Amadiba Crisis Committee** were awarded the 2024 Goldman Environmental Prize. Their work successfully halted harmful oil and gas testing in an area of South Africa's Eastern Cape known as the Wild Coast.

Health of Mother Earth Foundation's Nnimmo Bassey was named the recipient of the 2024 Wallenberg Medal for "his commitment to socio-ecological justice that connects large-scale issues of climate change, exploitation of natural resources, and political/corporate intransigence to the lives of individuals in the Niger Delta and beyond."

Julienne Lusenge, the Director of Fonds pour les Femmes Congolaises / Fund for Congolese Women (FFC), was selected as one of **TIME's 100 most influential people in 2024**. The only women's fund in the Democratic Republic of Congo, the FFC provides **financial and technical support to women's organizations** that are uplifting women's political participation and addressing gender-based violence.