

ANNUAL REPORT 2009



Land, Water *and* Food

RESOURCE RIGHTS FOR ALL



“More than a billion people are hungry. This is not the result of a scarcity of food, but a scarcity of democracy.”

FRANCES MOORE LAPPÉ,
SPEAKING AT GRASSROOTS INTERNATIONAL'S
25TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION



LAND. WATER. FOOD.

These vital resources are necessary for all of life. In fact, they are **fundamental human rights** that can—and must—be shared with every one of Earth's people. This is the Grassroots International perspective of abundance.

Grassroots International works around the world to help small farmers and other producers, indigenous peoples and women create abundance for their families and their communities in the face of a global system that requires, and sometimes creates, scarcity to generate profits.

If we fail to embrace universal rights to land, water and food as fundamental principles of human civilization, we condemn ourselves to accepting scarcity, famine, injustice, war and early death for billions as inescapable consequences.

But, if we work to realize these human rights, we can and will create not only material abundance, but abundant justice, peace and dignity.

The struggle is long, hard and uncertain—and all the more so in these times of climate change. But it is also inspiring, empowering and necessary. We are pleased to share a few stories of that struggle through the pages of this Annual Report and celebrate your involvement in this human rights movement.

What makes Grassroots International different?

Grassroots International is more than just a funder, and more than just an advocate for social justice. We are both! And our work is guided by a unique and powerful set of principles and practices. Our belief in abundance and the human rights to land, water and food rely on these principles:

- The people most affected by problems should pose the solutions.
- Small farmers and producers are better for the land, for the community and for the earth than big agriculture that relies on chemicals, promotes genetic engineering and gobbles up resources.
- People are more important than profit.
- Long-term partnerships and long-term development are critical for making long-term change.
- Informed and committed donors can help support global movements for social change.

Executive Director's Message



Last year, as I composed a message for our 2008 Annual Report, we struggled to support our friends in Gaza in the face of disaster in the form of warfare and economic blockade. This year, we work for our friends in Haiti, shattered by an earthquake.

Although separated by time and place, these two disasters are linked by the denial of resource rights to their victims. In both places, suffering has been vastly magnified because the people have been deprived of their basic human rights to land, water and food.

In the year between these two dramatic events, more than one billion people suffered the daily disaster of hunger. If you stand with Grassroots, you share our conviction that hunger is not inevitable or natural. It is a harsh reality forced upon the vulnerable many by a powerful few who insist on making everything on earth into a commodity.

Like all non-profits, Grassroots International faced economic strain during this year but, thanks to friends like you, we were able to maintain support to partners and grantees. Your contribution to Grassroots International in 2009 supported creative and courageous responses to these challenges around the world:

- In Gaza, you helped families devastated by war and the ongoing blockade.
- In Central America, you supported indigenous women organizing income-generating cooperatives.
- In Africa, you helped create a fledgling network of water rights activists.
- In Asia, you supported a 14-country campaign to protect heirloom rice varieties.

More and more Americans now know that the global food system we encounter at the supermarket and at fast food outlets is making us sick while ruining our environment and economy. Perhaps without knowing it, many of us now assert our own resource rights by buying locally grown and organic foods.

Our advocacy work helps Americans make the connection between our own local farms and foods and the millions of small family farmers in developing nations who want the same rights to produce and consume their own food.

I was reminded of this again when I heard that people in Gaza were donating what little they could to support earthquake victims in Haiti. *This* embodies the perspective of solidarity and abundance. *This* is a marvelous victory.

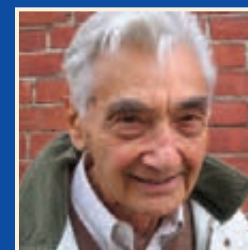
Thank you for your support.

For peace with justice,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "nikhil aziz". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Executive Director

In memory of our friend
Howard Zinn
1922–2010



“The future is an infinite succession of presents, and to live now as we think human beings should live, in defiance of all that is bad around us, is itself a marvelous victory.”

Resource Rights for All: LAND

“To have education, to keep the land, to have health care, that is a dignified life.”

MANUEL DA SILVA,
SISTER DOROTHY SETTLEMENT, BRAZIL



Brazilian social movements like the Landless Workers Movement are working to increase the pace of land reform.

Before families can raise their own food, they must have land. Grassroots International supports family farmers and landless workers around the world as they organize and struggle for the land they need for survival against a range of political, military and economic forces.

In the West Bank, Israel's 25-foot-high Separation Wall divides many Palestinian villagers from the lands they and their families have farmed for generations, just one more way that Israel pursues its long-term policy of land and resource confiscation. In Brazil, the landless rural poor go hungry while huge tracts of land are converted to the production of sugar cane for ethanol fuel. In Guatemala, indigenous people must challenge mining concessions to multinational corporations and defend traditional community land tenure. And, in Africa, there is a “scramble for Africa” fueled by global resource demand.

Grassroots International supports on-the-ground organizing by farmers and indigenous people to establish and defend their tenure on the land, whether as individuals or communally.

Stop the Wall is a coalition of non-governmental organizations and village committees, which organizes to bring attention to the land confiscation created by the construction of the “separation wall” between Israel and the occupied Palestinian territories. Grassroots International supports the village committees’ harvesting projects and Stop the Wall’s international work to document and publicize the resource rights impacts of the Wall.

In Brazil, the Landless Workers Movement (MST), a Grassroots International partner, has helped 350,000 formerly landless families to claim and settle unused lands larger in size than the state of Massachusetts. Repression against MST families has



Jamal Juma', Coordinator of Stop the Wall Campaign, was recently detained and later released without charge by the Israeli Defense Forces.

increased in recent years as international corporations create vast “bio-fuel” plantations in Brazil. In Rio Grande do Sul, the state government has resurrected laws used during the military dictatorship to bring far-fetched charges against MST members.

“Grassroots is one of the only organizations that understands the importance of legal defense work,” says Aton Fon Filho of Grassroots partner, Social Network for Justice and Human Rights, which defends MST members.

Formerly landless sharecroppers in Honduras, like Analina Claros and her husband are also transforming idle land into family farmsteads with support from the Honduran Coordinating Council of Campesino Organizations (COCOCH), a Grassroots partner. Analina is a leader in the Nueve de Noviembre community in Comayagua, which she helped found and defend against repeated eviction threats. Through COCOCH, small farmers like Analina are linked to the Via Campesina and the global Food Sovereignty movement.



“I feel stronger when I know that I am a member of a much larger movement of people like me.”

ANALINA CLAROS, ORGANIZER OF THE NUEVE DE NOVIEMBRE SETTLEMENT OF FORMER SHARECROPPERS IN HONDURAS AND CO-FOUNDER OF THE HONDURAN PEASANT WOMEN'S UNION,



Rafael Alegria of COCOCH and Via Campesina speaking with land rights activists at the October Twenty-Eighth Encampment in Comayagua, Honduras.

Resource Rights for All: WATER

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ater is essential for life, and without water, the land cannot produce food.

Indigenous farmers have always been inventive in creating technologies and social systems that promote the efficient use and fair sharing of vital water resources.

Throughout the global south, massive corporate plantations and hydropower projects have created crushing new competition for finite and shrinking water resources while contributing to global warming. Global climate change has, in turn, put further pressure on water supplies as rainfall becomes erratic and temperatures rise.

According to Grassroots International's ally International Rivers, "[F]or every US\$1 billion spent on large dams, five million small farming families could be lifted out of poverty." Giant dam projects



The artificial riverbed of the São Francisco River diversion project.

like the Grand Inga proposed for the Congo River will literally suck up water needed to produce food. In 2009, Grassroots International supported the African Rivers Network to protect farmers, indigenous people and the environment against such projects.

In Brazil, indigenous and peasant communities must make way for massive new canals that will divert water from the São Francisco River in rural areas of the northeast. Small farmers won't get the water, either. Brazil is spending \$2 billion to divert scarce water to huge sugar cane plantations for ethanol production. Pólo Sindical, a Grassroots partner, works against such mega projects and to bring low-cost water harvesting and cisterns to subsistence farmers in the region.



Whole farming villages are razed as the government moves entire rivers to provide water to the Brazilian agrofuels industry.



Farmers in Haiti's arid Northwest have adopted cisterns as a key technology to sustain and expand food production. Decades of foreign "aid" (and international policies) have destroyed Haiti's ability to feed itself. Haiti's dependence on imported food leaves it critically vulnerable when disasters disrupt ports. Grassroots partner, MPNKP, the National Congress of the Peasant Movement of Papaye, has assisted in the construction of more than 100 cisterns, allowing communities and farms to remain viable.



Many Haitian families rely on children to carry water.

“The global water justice movement is of one voice that water must be seen as a basic human right and must not be denied to anyone because of the inability to pay.”

MAUDE BARLOW,
UNITED NATIONS SPECIAL ADVISOR ON WATER

Resource Rights for All: FOOD

Is food a human right or just a commodity? *International corporations and financial institutions have already gone a long way toward reducing the vast natural diversity and abundance of indigenous, locally adapted food crops to an increasingly standardized worldwide diet that relies on non-native food grown from imported and often genetically engineered seeds. Of the world's 50,000 edible plants, fewer and fewer varieties of three—rice, maize and wheat—now provide 60 percent of the world's food intake.*

Commodity food may appear to be cheap, but it carries huge hidden costs. Nutritionally, the diet based on the globalized food system leads to obesity, diabetes and heart disease. Low-cost imported food undercuts the market for farm-grown local foods. As peasants are forced off the land, cities swell, further ratcheting up demand for cheap food to sustain the underemployed urban poor. “Vacant” rural lands can now be colonized for vast mechanized plantations serving export markets with sugar, coffee or anything of value to consumers in developed nations... even the flowers, fruits and vegetables in your local supermarket!

In response, Grassroots International supports the global Food Sovereignty movement through our partner the Via Campesina, a worldwide network of organizations speaking for peasants and family farmers from around the world. The Food Sovereignty movement challenges corporate control of food with new democratic

“There’s a myth that we cannot survive on our land, but it’s not true. We can. Agro-business says we need huge farms that grow one thing, but it’s not true.”

CLAI XAVIER LOUREDO,
TREASURER OF THE FARMERS ASSOCIATION, GOIÁS, BRAZIL



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Restoring local food production is the key to Haiti’s recovery and development. The Peasant Movement of Papaye supports cassava bread making in Haiti’s Central Plateau.
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structures empowering family farmers to grow food in ways that are environmentally and economically sustainable and which can end hunger.

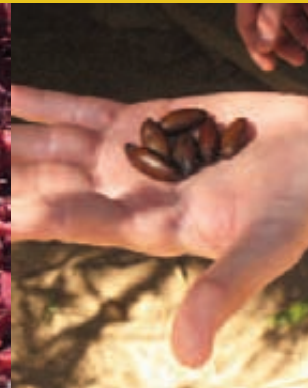
Food Sovereignty begins with seed sovereignty. The Creole Seeds Project, run by our Brazilian partner organization, the Popular Peasant Movement (MCP), preserves and distributes the very best local seeds to farmers.

“Our seeds are more productive, more insect resistant and produce better tasting crops than hybrids or other seeds,” says the project coordinator, Elias Freitas Mesquita. “To be sovereign is to have control over seeds and land, techniques and knowledge—everything necessary for food.”

Family Farmers Feed Brazil

Brazil is considered an emerging economy on the global stage, yet millions of its people remain poor and hungry. Is that because Brazil is not “developed enough” or because the nation has followed the wrong development path? A 2009 study from the Brazilian Institute of Geography and Statistics shows that small farms outperform large agribusinesses in food production, efficiency and job creation. Some key findings:

- 1. Small farms use land and other resources more efficiently than large agribusinesses.** Family farmers destroy less of the forest and marginal land than agribusinesses, they use less water and they use less oil-based fertilizers and pesticides.
- 2. Brazil's food security depends on small farmers.** The study shows that family farmers produce more than half of Brazilian staples such as cassava and beans and protein from milk, pigs, and poultry.
- 3. Brazil relies on family farming for national revenue and jobs.** Even though small-scale farming occupies less than one quarter of the total farmland, it is responsible for 38 percent of the national revenues from the agricultural sector, or \$25.2 billion. Small-scale farms in Brazil employ 12.3 million workers.
- 4. Export-oriented agribusiness threatens rural farming and indigenous communities and contributes to global warming.** The massive expansion of corporate agrofuel production aggressively extracts water, land and other resources from rural communities and an overtaxed environment. Agrofuel crops feed cars in Brazil and other nations, and produce nothing for hungry Brazilians.



EDUCATION AND ADVOCACY

Our long experience with international partners on the ground gives Grassroots International a deep understanding of how policies enacted in our names by the United States government undermine the human rights to land, water and food for millions of people around the world. Our grantmaking experience also shows us that even the most impoverished people can challenge powerful global forces by organizing locally and linking to a global network of solidarity.

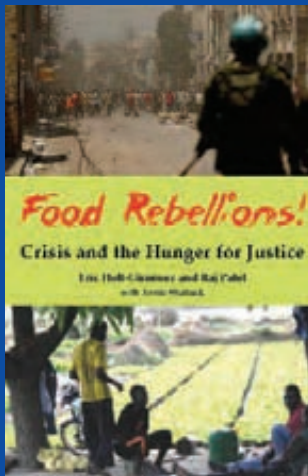
Grassroots International's advocacy and education programs help make that network of solidarity a larger, better informed and more powerful force for justice in American and international policies affecting agriculture, food and related issues such as trade, energy and climate change.

Grassroots works closely with the Via Campesina—a global network representing over 100 million small producers—and its member organizations to build a movement for food sovereignty and global justice. In the U.S. we work closely with the National Family Farm Coalition, a Via Campesina member organization, as well as a growing coalition of advocacy, policy, faith-based and community organizations through the U.S. Working Group on the Global Food Crisis.

Here are a few examples of our advocacy and education work in 2009:

- Developing and hosting the web page of the U.S. Working Group on the Global Food Crisis.
- Calling for an end to the Siege of Gaza, and for a change in U.S. policy toward Israel/Palestine to support human rights, international law, and equality.
- Petitioning the Obama administration to address the root causes of the global food crisis and to offer policy alternatives that favor small farmers and local food systems—abroad and at home.
- Helping partners and allies speak for Food Sovereignty by attending the United Nations General Assembly on the Global Food Crisis and the Right to Food along with the U.N. Special Rapporteur on the Right to Food.
- Demanding changes to U.S. policies that promote “free trade” rules that inhibit governments from protecting food security and sovereignty.
- Co-sponsoring and co-leading a consultation and planning meeting between the U.S. Working Group and close allies from community-of-color groups working in the food justice movement.
- Supporting the publication of *Voices from Africa: African Farmers and Environmentalists Speak Out Against a New Green Revolution in Africa* by our ally the Oakland Institute.

Grassroots International continues to work with other funders and activists to amplify the work of our partners for Resource Rights. We planned, participated in and co-sponsored dozens of workshops and plenary sessions, on topics ranging from “Gendering Resource Rights” to “How a Human Rights Link is Transforming the Global Food Supply Chain” to “Grantmaking Strategies to Promote Resource Rights and North-South Cooperation.”



In 2009, Grassroots International released Food Rebellions! Crisis and the Hunger for Justice, written by Eric Holt-Giménez and Raj Patel with Annie Shattuck and co-published with our ally Food First/Institute for Food and Development Policy.

THE ROLE YOU PLAY

GRASSROOTS INTERNATIONAL WORKS THROUGH A LARGE AND GROWING NETWORK OF SUPPORTERS, PARTNERS AND ALLIES AROUND THE GLOBE. We invite you to join the Grassroots International global justice community.

Here are three things you can do:

Sustain

www.GrassrootsOnline.org/donate

There are many reasons and many ways to give. Here are a few:

- Join our sustainer program
- Donate stock
- Give a gift in someone's honor or memory
- Include Grassroots International in your will
- Host a house party or other fundraiser

Donations are tax deductible and secure. Grassroots International earned Charity Navigator's top rating, the Better Business Bureau's coveted Seal of Approval, and the seal of excellence from Independent Charities of America.



Advocate

www.GrassrootsOnline.org/subscribe

Grassroots International has a growing and vibrant on-line activist network. Sign up to receive updates and alerts, as well as e-newsletters.

Volunteer

The small staff of Grassroots International takes on lots of big tasks. Volunteers help keep things moving, from mailings to translations to social networking. To find out more, contact info@GrassrootsOnline.org, or call 617.524.1400.



2009 Volunteers and Interns

Thank you for making our work possible and for accompanying us as we work to create a more just world.

Christopher Ahern
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GIVING TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

At home in the Pacific Northwest, retired physician Dr. Stanton Freidberg makes an active difference to his community as a volunteer cardiologist and board member at the Free Clinic of Southwestern Washington. He wanted to make sure his international giving made a difference, too.

“I was looking for a group that didn’t just give money, but enabled people to work for their own improvement—and one that shared my belief in social justice and human rights, too,” Stan recalls.

“My dad is a generous, well-read man,” says Stan’s daughter, Susanne Freidberg, Ph.D., a professor of geography at Dartmouth. She suggested he consider joining her as a donor to Grassroots International.

Stan has never regretted following Susanne’s advice. In 1995, Stan and Susanne traveled to Eritrea to visit some of the Grassroots International partners they had supported with their contributions. Stan got to see a rural health clinic that his contributions had made possible. “Having seen their work close up, we have supported Grassroots ever since,” Stan says.

In 1999, Stan and his wife Colleen formed a family foundation. Together with Susanne and their other children, Mark and Jill, the Friedbergs have supported Grassroots International partners in Brazil and, for the last two years, in Haiti.

“I read everything Grassroots sends and I follow them online,” Stan says. “I like their focus on women and children and the great diversity of partners and places they support.”

“I’m constantly impressed by who and what our contributions support,” comments Susanne. “In the long run, it’s about empowerment, autonomy and human rights.”



“What I like about Grassroots is that it supports people on the ground, not international staff on diplomats’ salaries.”

SUSANNE FREIDBERG



FINANCIAL REPORT 2009

NOVEMBER 2008 THROUGH OCTOBER 2009

Grassroots International maintained solid financial footing and continued to provide critical support to grassroots movements, despite challenges from the global economic downturn. Here are highlights from the financial report for the 2009 fiscal year:

- Grassroots provided partners and other grantees with over \$1.8 M in cash grants and material aid.
- Grassroots continued to maintain low operating overhead, devoting 77% of spending to programs and education.

Grassroots International does not seek or receive U.S. government funding, and remains outspoken in support of the human rights to land, water and food. As always, your active support makes all of this possible.

Statement of Support, Revenues and Expenses

For the year ended October 31, 2009

	Unrestricted		Temporarily Restricted		FY 2009 Total
	Undesignated	Board-designated	General	Donor-advised	
Support and Revenues					
Institutional grants & contributions	618,012	2,300	679,755	250,000	1,550,067
Individual contributions	567,452	31,612	31,672	–	630,736
In-kind (donated goods & services)	–	–	600,699	–	600,699
Investment and other income	268,083	–	–	36,228	304,311
Sub-Total	1,453,547	33,912	1,312,126	286,228	3,085,813
Net assets released from program restrictions	2,023,620	(23,157)	(1,526,715)	(473,748)	
Total Support and Revenues	3,477,167	10,755	(214,589)	(187,520)	\$3,085,813
Expenses					
PROGRAMS					
Cash grants	1,266,800				1,266,800
Shipping grants	22,307				22,307
In-kind material aid grants	600,699				600,699
Program services	332,529				332,529
Education	150,101				150,101
Sub-Total	2,372,436	–	–	–	2,372,436
SUPPORT SERVICES					
Management and General	225,082				225,082
Fundraising	467,976				467,976
Sub-Total	693,058	–	–	–	693,058
Total Expenses	3,065,494				\$3,065,494
Net Income/(Loss)	411,673	10,755	(214,589)	(187,520)	\$ 20,319
Net Assets, Beginning of Year	866,258	546,982	334,469	602,764	\$2,350,473
Net Assets, End of Year	1,277,931	557,737	119,880	415,244	\$2,370,792

Balance Sheet

As of October 31, 2009

Assets	
Cash and equivalents	158,219
Grants receivable	10,000
Investments	2,234,908
Fixed Assets, Net	41,230
Other	22,362
Total Assets	\$2,466,719

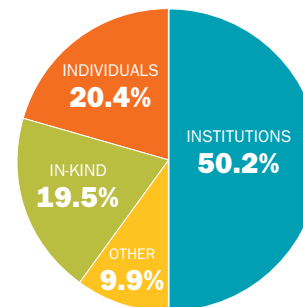
Liabilities and Net Assets

LIABILITIES	
Accounts payable & accrued expenses	95,927
Total Liabilities	\$95,927

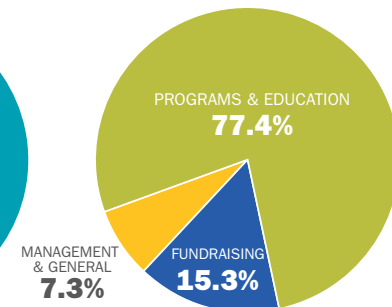
NET ASSETS

Unrestricted	
General (undesignated)	1,277,931
Board-designated	557,737
Temporarily Restricted	
General	119,880
Donor-advised	415,244
Total Net Assets	\$2,370,792
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$2,466,719

SUPPORT AND REVENUES



EXPENSES



The grant amounts shown may also include support from Grassroots International donor-advised funds.

PARTNERS AND SELECTED GRANTEES 2009

Human Rights

Brazil

Landless Workers Movement - Pernambuco (MST-PE) – Defending civil and political rights of land rights activists

Social Network for Justice and Human Rights (Rede Social) – Human rights and advocacy on agrofuels

Democratic Republic of Congo

Action Against Impunity for Human Rights (ACIDH) – Rights of mining-affected communities in Katanga Province

Haiti

Platform of Haitian Human Rights Organizations (POHDH) – Human rights advocacy

Mexico

Mixe Peoples' Service (Ser Mixe) – Land and water rights defense

Palestine

Ensan Center for Democracy and Human Rights – Legal defense

Palestinian Center for Human Rights (PCHR) – Protection of land and property rights

Union of Agricultural Work Committees (UAWC) – Securing farmers' rights

Movement Building

Bolivia

Red Vida – Continental Assembly on water

Brazil

Brazil Environmental Justice Network – Coalition building and popular education

Landless Workers Movement - Maranhão (MST-MA) – Leadership training

Pólo Sindical – Water and land rights of families affected by mega dams

Popular Peasant Movement (MCP)/National Peasants Union (UNAC) – Brazil-Mozambique Learning Exchange

Social Network for Justice and Human Rights (Rede Social) – Research publication on agrofuels production in Brazil's Amazon

Colombia

Hemispheric Social Alliance (HSA) – IV Americas People's Summit in Trinidad and Tobago

Hemispheric Social Alliance (HSA) – Advocacy on U.S.-Columbia Free Trade Agreement

Guatemala

Committee for Campesino Unity (CUC) – Movement building to defend Indigenous rights

National Coordination of Indigenous Peoples and Campesinos (CONIC) – Women's National Commission of the Via Campesina-Guatemala

Haiti

Haitian Platform to Advocate Alternative Development (PAPDA) – Brazil-Haiti solidarity learning exchange

Haitian Platform to Advocate Alternative Development (PAPDA) – Food Sovereignty Advocacy Campaign

Honduras

Honduran Coordinating Council of Campesino Organizations (COCOCH) – Emergency support for peasant organizing in wake of the coup

Via Campesina - Central America – Global Campaign for Agrarian Reform

Via Campesina - Central America – Via Campesina Regional Women's Commission

India

CHINTAN Environmental Action and Research Group – Research and advocacy

Indonesia

Via Campesina - International/Serikat Petani Indonesia (SPI) – General support

Malaysia

Pesticide Action Network Asia Pacific (PAN AP) – Save the Rice Campaign

Mexico

Association of Indigenous Communities in the Northern Zone of the Isthmus (UCIZONI) – Support for the Mexican Alliance for Self Determination (AMAP)

Center for Economic and Political Research for Community Action (CIEPAC) – Transnational observatory

Mexican Network Against Free Trade (RMALC) – Mesoamerican Forum

Oaxaca State Coffee Producers Network (CEPCO) – Capacity building and leadership training

Otros Mundos – Water Rights Education and Defense

Union of Organizations of the Sierra Juarez of Oaxaca (UNOSJO) – Zapotec Autonomy

Via Campesina - North America – Delegation to Chiapas for alliance building with indigenous peoples

Via Campesina - North America – Support for the Regional Coordinating Committee

Mozambique

Environmental Justice – Monitoring Pollution and Database for Maputo/Matola

Nicaragua

Via Campesina - Central America/Association of Rural Workers (ATC) – Training and Leadership Development

Nigeria

Centre for Environment, Human Rights and Development (CEHRD) – Capacity building

Palestine

Stop the Wall Campaign – Organizing local land defense committees

Peru

Confederation of Peruvian Peasants (CCP) – Emergency support for Legal Defense of Amazonian Indigenous activists

National Coordination of Communities Affected by Mining (CONACAMI) – Support for the IV Indigenous Summit of the Americas

Spain

GRAIN – Research and advocacy on agricultural biodiversity

Switzerland

Ecumenical Advocacy Alliance/Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy (IATP) – Food Sovereignty Conference in Geneva

Thailand

Campaign for Alternative Industrial Network (CAIN) – Industrial pollution watch and community environmental health advocacy

Uganda

African Rivers Network (ARN) – Capacity building and leadership training

United States

Border Agricultural Workers Project – Food Sovereignty Campaign

Family Farm Defenders – Food Sovereignty Campaign

Federation of Southern Cooperatives (FSC) – Building local food systems

Food First – Spanish translation of *Food Rebellions!*

Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy (IATP) – Trade and global governance

Institute for Policy Studies (IPS) – Program on Inequality and the Commonwealth

Missouri Rural Crisis Center – Rural civic participation on food sovereignty

National Family Farm Coalition (NFFC) – Food Sovereignty Campaign

Oil Change International – Shell Guilty Campaign

Polaris USA/Our World is Not for Sale Network (OWINFS) – Travel grant to the World Trade Organization meeting

Quixote Center – Travel support for Global South organizations to the G20 meeting

Rethinking Aid

Brazil

Association in the Settlement Areas of the State of Maranhão (ASSEMA) – Emergency support for flood relief

Palestine

Gaza Community Mental Health Program (GCMHP) – Gaza emergency response

Palestinian Agricultural Relief Committees (PARC) – Gaza emergency response

Palestinian Medical Relief Committee (PMRC) – Gaza emergency response

Palestinian Medical Relief Committee (PMRC) – Support for mobile clinic in Nablus

Sustainable Livelihoods

Brazil

Association in the Settlement Areas of the State of Maranhão (ASSEMA) – Economic development and babaçu nut cultivation

Landless Workers Movement - National (MST) – Agroecology training program

Landless Workers Movement - Pernambuco (MST-PE) – Agroecological production

Popular Peasant Movement (MCP) – Creole Seeds Project in Goiás

Guatemala

National Coordination of Indigenous Peoples and Campesinos (CONIC) – Women-led initiatives for sustainable agriculture in Sololá

Haiti

National Congress of Papaye Peasant Movement (MPNKP) – Creole pig repopulation

Peasant Movement of Papaye (MPP) – Reforestation and agroecological training

Honduras

Civic Council of Popular and Indigenous Organizations of Honduras (COPINH) – Protecting water from contamination and privatization

India

The International Campaign for Justice in Bhopal – Installation of public water taps

Israel

Ahali Center for Community Development – Batouf Valley community empowerment

Kenya

National Nurses Association of Kenya – Children's access to water

Mali

Azhar – Solar energy production

Mexico

Center to Support the Popular Movement in Oaxaca (CAMPO) – Micro-regional planning

Mozambique

Estamos – Integrated water and sanitation

Palestine

Palestinian Agricultural Relief Committees (PARC) – Urban agriculture in Gaza

Union of Agricultural Work Committees (UAWC) – Women's Empowerment Project

Grassroots International Institutional Supporters NOVEMBER 2008 THROUGH OCTOBER 2009

Grassroots International appreciates the generosity and support of the funders listed below, as well as those who remain anonymous. Particularly during an economic downturn, their steadfast commitment to Resource Rights, along with that of our individual contributors, makes it possible for Grassroots International to support the global movement for human dignity and social justice. Thank you.

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American Jewish World Service	Helen Brach Foundation	Saint John's University
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OUR MISSION

Grassroots International works to create a just and sustainable world by building alliances with progressive movements. We provide grants to our Global South partners and join them in advocating for social change. Our primary focus is on land, water and food as human rights and nourishing the political struggle necessary to achieve these rights.

Since 1983 we have worked in the Middle East, Asia, Africa, and the Americas, concentrating our efforts in areas where U.S. foreign policy has been an obstacle to positive change and where creative movements build solutions to global problems from the grassroots up.

HOW WE WORK

Grassroots International and its supporters pursue justice by supporting rural and indigenous people around the world in their struggle for resource rights—namely, a fair share of the earth's land, water and food and the sustainable stewardship of these precious, life-giving resources. To win, they must overcome determined and powerful interests. That is why political organizing and protection for human rights cannot be separated from the act of sowing seeds in the ground.