PLANTING the SEEDS of GLOBAL JUSTICE

Grassroots INTERNATIONAL
FUNDING GLOBAL MOVEMENTS FOR SOCIAL CHANGE

ANNUAL REPORT 2013

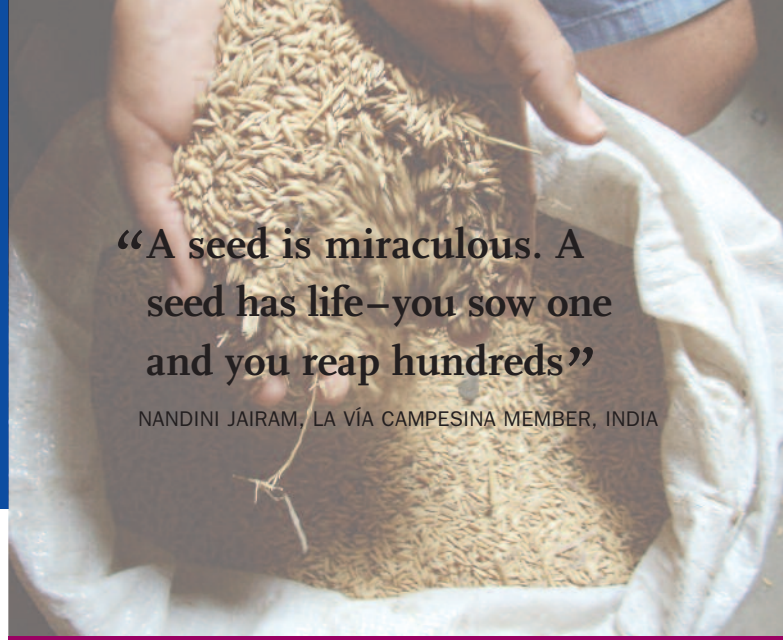
Grassroots International and its supporters pursue justice by supporting rural and indigenous people (especially women) around the world in their struggle for resource rights — namely, a fair share of the earth's land, water and food and the sustainable stewardship of these precious, life-giving resources.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

A global movement tipping point is within reach.

Seeds of...

HUNGER	HOPE
Genetically modified and proprietary seeds and foods	Biodiversity and locally adapted sustainable foods
Privatization of rivers and water supplies	Resource rights for those who grow food and respect the commons
Concentration of land ownership in a few corporations and wealthy elite	Land and territory rights for those living and working on the land
Commodity agriculture and resource extraction for export	Diversified farming and sustainable harvesting for community-led agriculture
Suppressing and criminalizing dissent that gets in the way of maximum profit	Peasant movements to defend human rights, including resource rights
Rural people forced off their lands	Women, indigenous people and peasants as custodians of land, territory, water, and seeds

Together we can plant seeds of hope for a sustainable harvest.



"A seed is miraculous. A seed has life–you sow one and you reap hundreds"

NANDINI JAIRAM, LA VÍA CAMPESINA MEMBER, INDIA

THROUGH GRASSROOTS INTERNATIONAL, YOU ACCOMPANY THE WORLD'S PEASANT AND INDIGENOUS FOOD PRODUCERS as they plant seeds of future bounty and prosperity, of justice and dignity, of a sustainable balance between humankind and nature. A world where our food is deeply rooted in our own soils and cultures. Such a world *is* possible.

But so is a much bleaker alternative, a world where control of the world's food, land and water is concentrated in the hands of a few corporations. A world where the needs of people and nature inevitably lose to the drive for profit.

You have refused to fall for false solutions to the problems of hunger and the greed that fuels them. Planting bad seeds reaps bad results – climate disruption, violence, inequality and hunger.

But when we plant good seeds, then good prevails. The true seeds of hope lie in our hands.

Executive Director's Message

It all began with a seed.

Some 30 years ago, Grassroots International sprouted from the radical notion of partnership with those on the front lines of the world's most critical struggles. And thanks to your support, Grassroots International grew from a progressive initiative engaging in Lebanon and the Horn of Africa into a leading supporter of international movements for social change.

The impact you've made extends beyond the $41 million in grants and material aid awarded to hundreds of effective grassroots organizations worldwide. It reaches fisher communities in Brazil, youth in Palestine, peasant farmers in Haiti, women in India, indigenous peoples in Guatemala and even family farmers in the US.

Being rooted in such a powerful history helps Grassroots International continue reaching out to those who are on the front lines of today's critical struggles. In many ways, the biggest battle now is about something little: seeds, the building blocks for our food system and the epicenter of a global tug-of-war for our future.

While industrial giants like Monsanto and Sygenta hold one end of the rope, millions of small farmers and indigenous people exert a great and growing force on the other. These peasant farmers provide more than 70 percent of the world's food, protect biodiversity and use sustainable methods that cool the planet.

With your partnership, Grassroots International continues to provide much-needed support to those who are standing up against the giants of corporate-driven and climate disruptive agriculture. You help them protect the world's heirloom seeds, seeds that are naturally more productive, insect resistant and suited to sustainable agriculture than the genetically modified or hybrid seeds developed in corporate laboratories.

You also provide something else: hope and solidarity. You are helping Grassroots International quite literally seed the movement for food justice and social change. Thank you for nurturing a productive future.

You can read more about activities around the globe in the pages of this Annual Report and see what you've helped accomplish recently, and over the last 30 years. With the stakes ever higher for our collective future, I thank you in advance for your continued partnership in creating a more just and sustainable world.

For peace with justice,

Nikhil Aziz

Executive Director

The winners of the 2013 Food Sovereignty Prize included Grassroots International's partners the Haitian G4 coalition and the Dessalines Brigade/Via Campesina Haiti and South America. The Food Sovereignty Prize celebrates viable real-world alternatives to the corporate, industrial model promoted by the corporate-subsidized World Food Prize.

Planting seeds of justice

As they have for countless generations, *peasant farmers still sow the seeds that produce most of the world's food. They use and improve native seeds and sustainable methods developed over generations to grow the most and best food for their particular climate and soil. Through Grassroots International you support women, farmers and indigenous peoples as they nurture and defend the world's diverse legacy of food plants and seeds from extinction at the hands of predatory agribusinesses and shortsighted food policies.*

Grassroots International supports womens' rights to grow food in the occupied Palestinian territories.

Seeds and sovereignty

At first, the seed bank for Palestinian farmers was a response to the gradual disappearance of traditional seeds used for generations by regional farmers. By gathering and banking natural local seeds, Grassroots International partner the Union of Agricultural Work Committees (UAWC) gave farmers an alternative to buying imported hybrid seeds.

But the UAWC seed bank, which Grassroots supports, is more than a repository. It is also an important assertion of independence and autonomy by farmers living in the occupied Palestinian territories. Collectively, the 200 to 300 farmers who trade seeds through it provide for themselves and one another, avoiding the need to purchase expensive hybrid seeds and the chemical fertilizers they require from Israeli suppliers each year.

As Fu'ad Saif, the Programs Director for UAWC, says, echoing many Palestinian farmers, "There's no national sovereignty without seed sovereignty."

Harvesting dignity

In the central Brazilian state of Goiás, farmers without access to alternatives face steep costs for GM seeds and the toxic fertilizers and pesticides that are part of that package. Once they fall behind, many farmers are forced to sell their lands to Brazil's burgeoning sugar plantations, which grow cane only to feed ethanol production for export. In this way, once-diverse food producing regions in Brazil have become massive food deserts.

Saving local food crops keeps families healthy.

With support from Grassroots International, the Popular Peasant Movement (MCP) pushes back, organizing local farmers to build community control of food in Goiás. Through the Creole Seeds Program, more than 40 seed banks provide local farmers with a winning alternative to corporate control. As a result, they have planted, reaped, tested and improved more than 400 tons of high-yielding heirloom corn, rice, beans, cassava and cover crops since 2006.

"Our local seeds are more productive, more insect resistant and produce better tasting crops than hybrids or other seeds," says Elias Freitas Mesquita, MCP's regional coordinator.

The Creole Seeds Program is considered a model of participatory research in biodiversity. MCP also shares their expertise with other communities in Latin America and Africa. Your support for Grassroots International helps sustain and replicate successful models used by farming families to defend local food sovereignty, including seed sovereignty.

"In a world where we can feel isolated in the struggle, the Via Campesina needs solidarity and commitment to help us work for food sovereignty and justice. We recognize that Grassroots International is there with us in this struggle, not just as a funder but as a trusted partner."

ITELVINA MASIOLI, MEMBER OF THE INTERNATIONAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE OF THE VIA CAMPESINA

The agroindustrial system grows profits.

Six global corporations control about 70 percent of the world's seeds as measured by the dollar value. As a result, vast fields of single crops—often from genetically modified or hybrid seeds—have taken over the landscape.

Peasant farmers grow the food we eat.

Peasant farmers supply approximately 70 percent of the world's food, growing more than 7,000 varieties of crops on farms of two acres or less.

The Via Campesina represents more than 250 million rural people around the world through their affiliated member groups.

Via Campesina, globalizing resistance

A core partner of Grassroots International, the Via Campesina unites small-scale farmers and food producers from 79 countries around the world through 164 member organizations. Saving seeds from corporate takeover has been a key part of the struggle from the Via's founding in 1993.

Today, the Via focuses on two key strategies to preserve peasant farmer control of seeds:

- Organizing farmer-to-farmer exchanges and other collective strategies to produce and conserve peasant seeds at the local level.
- Challenging laws that strip peasants of their rights to control seeds (known as the "Monsanto laws"), and pushing for laws at the national and international level to recognize the rights of peasants and family farmers to conserve, use, exchange, sell and protect their seeds.

Cultivating movements

Peasant farmers, fisherfolk, women and indigenous peoples around the world organize *to defend their lands and their rivers from megaprojects, such as dams and mines, and to preserve local and national food sovereignty. To prevail, they must be prepared to sustain difficult and often dangerous struggles for years. Thanks to support from people like you, Grassroots International is able to stand in partnership with the people for as long as it takes to win justice.*

Mexico: Without corn we have no country

In an unprecedented move in October 2013, a Federal Mexican Tribunal suspended authorization for new permits for the commercial planting of genetically modified corn by transnational corporations such as Monsanto, Pioneer and Syngenta. The Tribunal recognized the legal interests of 53 individuals and 20 civil associations that filed a class action lawsuit against the Ministries of Agriculture and Environment, the federal government and the transnational corporations that applied for permits to plant transgenic corn.

The facts alleged in the class action lawsuit are the result of years of legal defense and organizing work done within the National Campaign "Sin Maíz No Hay País," which means "Without Corn We Have No Country." More than 300 popular organizations have joined this campaign. Among them are a number of Grassroots International partners, who are also part of the Network in Defense of Corn (Red Maíz).

The court relied on the collective rights of the Mexican people to save, use and participate in the biodiversity of native corn. The temporary ban on new permits will last until the suit is resolved, and ongoing pressure and grassroots organizing are critical to assert seed sovereignty.

> "After 20 years of struggle, today we can say that this land belongs to the working class. This achievement shows that we have no other way to win our rights to land but by occupation and resistance."
>
> BRAZILIAN CONGRESSMAN VALMIR ASSUMPTION

Strong social movements are essential to the defense of Mexico's traditional staple, corn.

Landless no longer

Landless rural families first occupied unused land at Rosa Prado in southern Bahía, Brazil in August of 1993. They lived in makeshift shacks. Sometimes they were hungry. They were evicted 19 times. Yet they never quit. Their rough shacks became a community, while together they pursued their constitutional right to the unoccupied land.

Finally, last year, the community received legal title to about 5,000 acres of farmland, enough to support 280 farm families. This was the

first victory for land reform in Brazil in the last two years. Organizers from the Landless Workers Movement (MST), which organized and sustained the occupying families, say the win will energize the land rights movement across Bahía.

The MST has been a Grassroots International partner organization since 1998.

Haitian women win leadership

Of the nearly 870 million people who go hungry every day, 70 percent are women and girls. Despite being responsible for up to 80 percent of food production in some regions, women own less than 2 percent of all property worldwide. That's why women's rights to land, and the leadership and training to win those rights, are essential, not only to achieve social justice but to create a more sustainable future.

With your help, Grassroots International's partner in Haiti, the Peasant Movement of Papaye (MPP) is committed to changing the systems of patriarchy that have been in place for years in the broader community, starting right at home with their own leadership structure.

At one time, even attending a meeting posed real risks of violence at home for women. The MPP broke through that risk by requiring all family members – including women – to attend organizing meetings, and supplementing those meetings with daycare and literacy training for women, as well as education on women's rights for men.

Building on that base, the MPP then set a goal of 50/50 gender parity in all their leadership structures and have nearly reached it.

There is still more to do to end structural violence against women within Haiti's rural movements and communities. The MPP's deputy spokesperson, Ghislaine St. Fleur, says, "A movement that doesn't include women is incomplete and cannot succeed."

Building Haitian women's power within popular movements is vital to their status as food producers.

Winning land through occupation takes time and determination.

The power of movements

The movements Grassroots International has supported during its 30-year history *now advance the rights of millions of small producers including indigenous peoples and women, on the frontlines of a global struggle for resource rights. Your support for Grassroots International's grantmaking and advocacy work builds international bonds among movements and activists around the world. When enough people join this global movement, we will win!*

Shared knowledge of peasants

When Carlos Henríquez, a farmer from Oaxaca, Mexico, shared his recipe for organic fertilizer last October, peers from Honduras, Brazil and Guatemala were taking notes. Carlos spoke at a farmer-to-farmer learning exchange about agroecology organized by Grassroots international partner UNOSJO (Union of Organizations of the Sierra Juarez of Oaxaca) in Mexico.

Agroecological farming is about more than natural fertilizers. Other farmers at the exchange shared knowledge about soil structure, water management and seed saving—as well as advocating for better policies. But it's even more than that, according to Jessica Da Silva Britto, another participant from Brazil's Popular Peasant Movement. "Agroecology is a tool of social change," she says, "It integrates women and men as part of a whole and returns to us the dignity of being a peasant."

> "I am a peasant and a feminist."
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> FRANCISCA 'PANCHA' RODRIGUEZ OF CHILE AT THE 4TH WOMEN'S ASSEMBLY OF LA VÍA CAMPESINA

Sara Mersha of Grassroots International (left) and Leonardo Maggi of MAB in Brazil joined many activists to support the Navajo people of Black Mesa.

Communities united for climate justice

Privileged communities may ignore climate change and the responsibility to address it. But indigenous and peasant communities feel its impact now. They are already creating the real solutions the world needs.

The Navajo people of Black Mesa, Arizona see their sacred springs and essential water sources drying up, while a nearby coal mine drains the ancient Navajo Aquifer and contributes to climate disruption. Indigenous and rural people in Brazil lose whole towns, farms and forests to dozens of hydropower dams. Both the mine and the dam are false solutions to climate change.

"We don't just have to let things happen to us," said Jihan Gearon of the Black Mesa Water Coalition. "There are lots of communities just like us." As she spoke, communities around the United States that have been impacted by energy projects gathered in Black Mesa for the Climate Justice Alliance's Our Power camp in support of the Navajos' right to the water under their feet. Community-based solutions to energy needs, combined with national and global solidarity and support, can lead us through a "Just Transition" to a future of truly clean energy.

As a member of the Climate Justice Alliance, Grassroots International was honored to attend and to invite Leonardo Maggi, of the Brazilian Movement of People Affected by Dams (MAB) to join us at Black Mesa. Leonardo compared the lush lawns and gardens he'd seen in Phoenix with the parched lands and distant water sources for the Navajo. "There is a lot of water, from what I've seen," he said. "That is unjust given how many people close to here [Black Mesa] don't have water."

Only through organized movements can the world's small food producers expose and resist the global resource grabs of "green capitalism."

Seeds of global feminism

Grassroots International provided seed money to the burgeoning Global Campaign to End Violence against Women. Since the campaign launched in 2008, with ongoing support from Grassroots International and in close collaboration with the World March of Women, it has spread around the globe addressing both personal and systemic violence against women — and developing women's leadership.

In 2013, at the Via Campesina's 4th Women's Global Assembly, peasant and indigenous women united to push the campaign forward. Shanta Manavi (Nepal), Jean Enriquez (Philippines), and Francisca 'Pancha' Rodriguez (Chile) powerfully linked the dual oppression of capitalism and patriarchy, and called for a popular peasant feminism that recognizes women's equally important roles within peasant agriculture.

"We need power," Shanta said, "Through empowering ourselves politically we will overcome the violence and discrimination of centuries."

A delegate to the Via Campesina's 4th Women's Global Assembly

Celebrating 30 years of social change!

Just as every seed planted helps to feed the planet, every voice raised and every dollar given to our shared struggle helps to tell the truth, organize vibrant movements and connect allies across continents. Thank you to everyone who shares our journey!

Celebrating 30 years of social change

In 2013, Grassroots International celebrated 30 years of activism and solidarity in the global fight for justice with our 30th Anniversary event and gala on September 29 in Cambridge, Massachusetts. Together, Grassroots International founders, current leaders, partners, allies and funders re-affirmed our belief that when we stand united our better vision of the future can prevail.

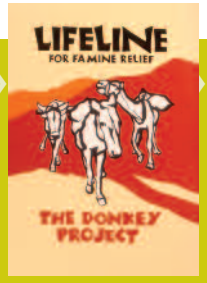
During the celebration, two wonderful friends, Amelie Ratliff and Karen Ansara, were recognized with our first-ever Community Partnership Awards. And two global partners, Itelvina Masioli, a member of the International Coordinating Committee of the Via Campesina, and Miriam Nobre, Coordinator of the World March of Women, received the Global Partnership Awards.

Our deepest thanks to our Co-Chairs, Noam Chomsky, Naomi Klein and Alice Walker, and to the many friends, supporters, partners and allies who also joined us.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM OUR HISTORY

1983 Former Oxfam America staff members form Grassroots International in response to the Israeli invasion and US shelling of Lebanon.

1984 West Bank and Gaza programs established to support the struggle for Palestinian rights.



1985 The Donkey Project in Eritrea brings grain to areas in hunger; Program in the Philippines supports pro-democracy movement and struggle against US military bases.

1985 South Africa program launches to support anti-Apartheid struggle.

1991 Support to Haitian organizations resisting the new military regime that ousted the democratically elected Aristide government.

1994 Launch of Mexico progam to counter the upcoming NAFTA free trade agreement.

Karen Ansara

Learning from Haiti

When Karen Ansara and her husband Jim issued a $1 million challenge in response to the January 2010 earthquake in Haiti, they turned to Haitians living in Boston for guidance on how to help. They were told that the best way was to invest in Haiti's rural communities.

Among many potential grantees, Grassroots International stood out for the quality of its partnerships with rural organizations in Haiti. "Grassroots International has been working in Haiti so long and has such a depth of knowledge and such respect for local culture and local leaders," says Karen.

Through many trips to Haiti since 2010, Karen has come to her own appreciation of Haiti's dynamic social sector and the need to make a sustained commitment.

"That's the other reason I love Grassroots International," Karen continues. "They don't make new grants to new organizations every year. They chose four grantees in Haiti to partner with over the long term. And that's what I think it takes."

> "I'm not aware of any other organization that has such great respect and such a sense of solidarity. Grassroots International represents the values I hope our philanthropy embodies." KAREN ANSARA

Amelie Ratliff

Supporting work that others won't

Amelie Ratliff's commitment to social justice flows from reflection on her own upbringing in segregated Birmingham, Alabama. And through her work with social justice organization in the South and Gulf Coast, she knows that politics can't be separated from struggles for economic justice.

"It's the complicated political situations that make Grassroots unique," Amelie says. "So many organizations don't want to be involved when feeding people and providing access to water has the smell of a political position." That's why Amelie's financial support for Grassroots has never wavered. "Grassroots is doing the work that others don't do, and I'm happy to be a part of it."

In fact, through monthly giving, Amelie doubled her support for Grassroots International and then doubled it again at our 30th Anniversary event. "I began making monthly gifts because it makes sense. Grassroots can count on that income. And it's a great way to make sure I give as much as I really want to."

Amelie Ratliff (far left) received our Community Partnership Award in appreciation of her steadfast commitment and generosity of spirit.

1998 Grassroots International first partners with vibrant Brazilian social change movements.

2002 Grassroots International first -ever partnership with the Via Campesina.

2005 Resource Rights for All initiative marks a shift toward thematic, cross-border work.

2006 Mexico program expanded to Mesoamerica supporting the two most significant social movements in the region: indigenous peoples and peasants.

2009 Grassroots International commits long-term support to the Via Campesina's Global Campaign to end Violence against Women.

2011 Grassroots International and allies pressure pension giant TIAA-CREF to divest from companies profiting from the Israeli occupation.

2013 Grassroots celebrates the past 30 years and turns to the future.

Plant a seed with us!

What you do and say can help tip the balance toward justice. Contact Grassroots International and join the movement for resource rights and climate justice.

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 or insurance policy
- Host a house party or other fundraiser

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

Advocate

www.GrassrootsOnline.org/subscribe

Become an activist for food sovereignty and the human rights to land, water, food and climate justice. Join the Grassroots International on-line activist network. Sign up on our web site to receive updates and alerts, as well as e-newsletters.

Volunteer

We need volunteers to help us with mailings, events, translations and social networking. To find out more, contact info@GrassrootsOnline.org, or call 617.524.1400.

Connect

Follow us on: facebook twitter YouTube flickr

Share resources widely with your networks and help the movement grow.

To discuss the best way for you to be powerful for global justice, please contact Carol Schachet at Grassroots International by phone at 617.524.1400 or email her at carol@GrassrootsOnline.org

The Grassroots International Staff
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2013 Volunteers and Interns

For their countless hours of unheralded (and unpaid!) work, we thank these marvelous volunteers!

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FINANCIAL REPORT FOR 2013 NOVEMBER 1, 2012 THROUGH OCTOBER 31, 2013

Grassroots International provided $1.4 million in cash grants and material aid to leading social movements around the world, a 14% increase over the prior fiscal year. Every dollar awarded puts air under the wings of some of the world's most tenacious global movements for human rights to land, water and food.

As before, Grassroots International maintained an efficient operation, devoting more than 70 percent of spending to grants, education, and program services.

Over our 30 year history, Grassroots has awarded more than $41 Million to hundreds of key and effective partners. Active support of our donors makes all this work possible.

Statement of Support, Revenues and Expenses

For the year ended October 31, 2013

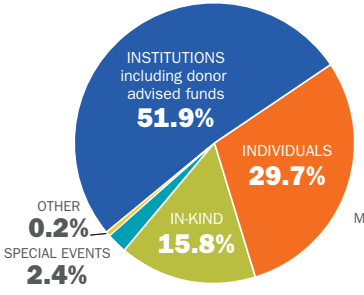
	Unrestricted		Temporarily Restricted		FY 2013
	Undesignated	Board-designated	General	Donor-advised	Total
Support and Revenues					
Institutional grants & contributions, including from donor advised funds	656,384	–	645,850	–	$ 1,302,234
Individual contributions	676,147	–	68,938	–	745,085
In-kind (donated goods & services)	1,524	–	396,501	–	398,025
Special events	59,812	–	–		59,812
Investment and other income	5,831	–	–	–	5,831
Sub-Total	1,399,698	–	1,111,289	–	2,510,987
Less donor designations to agencies	–	–	–	–	–
Net assets released from program restrictions	1,154,444	–	(1,154,444)	–	–
Total Support and Revenues	2,554,142	–	(43,155)	–	**$2,510,987**
Expenses					
PROGRAM SERVICES					
Grants:					
Cash grants	942,801				942,801
Shipping grants	16,861				16,861
In-kind material aid grants	396,501				396,501
Sub-Total	1,356,163	–	–	–	1,356,163
Less donor designations to agencies	–				–
Total grants	1,356,163	–	–	–	1,356,163
Humanitarian/social justice program	377,250				377,250
Education	111,008				111,008
Total program services	*1,844,421*	–	–	–	*1,844,421*
SUPPORT SERVICES					
Management and general	249,330				249,330
Fundraising	510,635				510,635
Total support services	*759,965*	–	–	–	*759,965*
Total Expenses	2,604,386				**$2,604,386**
Change in Net Assets	(50,244)	–	(43,155)	–	**(93,399)**
Net Assets, Beginning of Year	309,095	721,864	147,514	10,120	**1,188,593**
Net Assets, End of Year	258,851	721,864	104,359	10,120	**$1,095,194**

Balance Sheet

As of October 31, 2013

Assets	
Cash and equivalents	$ 105,117
Grants and pledges receivable	61,093
Investments	1,009,265
Fixed and other assets, net	40,113
Prepaid expenses and other	28,694
Total Assets	**$1,244,282**
Liabilities and Net Assets	
LIABILITIES	
Grants Payable	71,450
Accounts payable & accrued expenses	77,638
Agency liability	–
Total Liabilities	**$149,088**
NET ASSETS	
Unrestricted	
General (undesignated)	258,851
Board-designated	721,864
Temporarily Restricted	
General	104,359
Donor-advised	10,120
Total Net Assets	**$1,095,194**
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	**$1,244,282**

SUPPORT AND REVENUES



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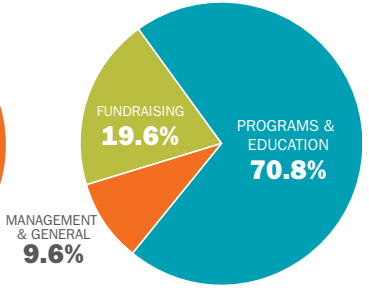

Grassroots International does not seek or receive US government funding, so we can remain independent and outspoken in support of human rights to land, water and food. Without support from official channels, it is the active support of our donors that makes all our work possible.

PARTNERS AND GRANTEES FY2013

Between November 1, 2012 and October 31, 2013, Grassroots International disbursed 75 grants to organizations in 13 countries across the world to support movement building, sustainable livelihoods, and human rights. Below is a partial listing.

Movement Building

Supporting and connecting social movements within countries and across borders, sectors, or issues in order to build their capacity, strength and global voice.

Belize

Maya Leaders Alliance – Protecting Mayan lands and forests by improving access to information on oil extraction

Brazil

Landless Workers Movement-Maranhao – Base Organizing and Leadership Development

Popular Peasant Movement – Latin American Agroecology Learning Exchange

Via Campesina-South America – Strengthening ongoing movement building efforts

World March of Women-International – Travel to attend the World Social Forum in Tunis

Guatemala

Peasant Unity Committee – Organizing and Movement Building with small-scale farmers, peasants and indigenous communities

Sector de Mujeres-Women's Sector – Participation in the World March of Women International Conference

Haiti

Haitian Platform to Advocate for Alternative Development – Food Sovereignty Campaign and ongoing advocacy for rural development policy change

Tèt Kole-Heads Together Small Producers of Haiti – Farmer organizing for agricultural production and animal husbandry

Honduras

National Federation of Rural Workers – National Organizational Assembly; Agroecology Learning Exchange

Via Campesina-Central America – Global Campaign for Agrarian Reform

Via Campesina-Central America – Learning Exchange on Creole Seeds and Biodiversity

Via Campesina-Central America – Women's Regional Commission to implement the Global Campaign to End Violence against Women

India

Tamil Nadu Women's Collective – Women's Empowerment Project; South Asia Agroecology Learning Exchange

Indonesia

Via Campesina-International – Small-scale sustainable agriculture defense; Support for the Women's and Youth Assemblies of the Via Campesina's 6th International Congress.

Mexico

Union of Organizations of the Sierra Juarez of Oaxaca – Latin American Agroecology Exchange

Via Campesina-Mexico – Ecojustice Organizing: Women's Leadership Development, Permanent Peoples' Tribunal, Agroecology and Peasant Seeds

Nicaragua

Via Campesina-Central America/Rural Workers Association – Training and Leadership Development for peasant, indigenous and Afro-descendant organizations to tackle issues of agrarian reform and food sovereignty

Palestine

Stop the Wall – Empowering Youth through Organizing, Leadership Development and Media Training

Union of Agricultural Work Committees – Women's Empowerment Project

Thailand

Focus on the Global South – A Catalyst to Expand the Global Agroecology Movement

United States

Food First-Institute for Food and Development Policy – Support to Land Grabs Study in North America,

IDEX-International Development Exchange – A Catalyst to Expand the Global Agroecology Movement

Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy – A Catalyst to Expand the Global Agroecology Movement

National Family Farm Coalition – Food Sovereignty

US Food Sovereignty Alliance – Food Sovereignty Prize support

Campesina-North America – Grassroots organizing for food sovereignty in the United States, Mexico, and Canada.

Zimbabwe

Via Campesina-International – To promote and strengthen movements around food sovereignty, agroecology, social and climate justice

Human Rights

Training of local human rights monitors; legal defense for resource rights activists; communications, education and training to raise public awareness of resource rights as human rights; and presentation of documentation or cases at regional or international human rights bodies.

Brazil

Landless Workers Movement-Pernambuco – Human Rights Training and Defense

Movement of People Affected by Dams – Resistance in the Amazon to demand communities' rights to land, water and food, housing, sanitation and electricity

Rede Social - Social Network for Justice and Human Rights – Human Rights and Resistance to Agrofuels

Haiti

Haitian Human Rights Platform – Human Rights Education and Monitoring in the Central Plateau

Society for the Animation of Social Communication – To distribute in-depth reporting on the post-earthquake reconstruction process

Honduras

Black Fraternal Organization of Honduras – Territory Rights Defense of Garifuna economic, cultural and social rights

Civic Council of Grassroots and Indigenous Organizations of Honduras – Human Rights Legal Defense

India

Samata-Mines, Minerals and People – Mining Information Clearinghouse of India

Mexico

Red Maíz-Network in Defense of Corn – Legal Action Against GMO Crops

SER Mixe-Mixe Peoples Services – Land and Water Rights Defense

Union of Organizations of the Sierra Juarez of Oaxaca – Building Zapotec Territorial Autonomy

Palestine

Addameer Prisoner Support and Human Rights Association – Legal defense and protection of human rights in Palestine

Ensan Center for Democracy & Human Rights – Legal Aid for victims of human rights violations in the West Bank

Gaza Community Mental Health Program – Crisis Intervention following Operation Pillar of Cloud

Palestinian Centre for Human Rights – Protecting Palestinian Land and Property Rights

Union of Agricultural Work Committees – Securing Farmers' Rights

Sustainable Livelihoods

Supporting community-led sustainable development projects that advance democratic access to and management of crucial local food production and the right to natural resources; and serve as an entry point for organizing.

Brazil

Association of Settlement Areas in the State of Maranhão – Support to the family peasant economy in Babaçu areas and sustainable management of natural resources

Landless Workers Movement-National Agroecology Training Program – Training leaders and organizers from the base communities and settlements

Landless Workers Movement-Pernambuco – Agroecological Productive Project

Popular Peasants Movement – Creole Seeds Program preserving local genetic materials and opposing the rapid expansion of agrofuels

Guatemala

National Coordination of Indigenous Peoples and Campesinos – Women-led Sustainable Livelihood Projects

Haiti

Haiti Survie – Reforestation Project

Haitian Platform to Advocate for Alternative Development – Food Sovereignty Program

Movement of Haitian-Dominican Women – Women's Income Generation Project in Leogane

National Congress of the Papaye Peasant Movement – Creole Pig Repopulation and Goat Distribution

Peasant Movement of Papaye – Agroecology Program in the Central Plateau

Women's Movement of Acul-du-Nord – Food sovereignty for vulnerable families with "jaden lakou," or gardens near the home

Mexico

Enlace Civil – Agroecology & Food Production/ Support for Consolidation of the Siit Lequm Lum Cooperative

Foundation of Organized Small Producers – Support to Fair Trade Initiatives in Mexico

Union of Organizations of the Sierra Juarez of Oaxaca – Agroecological Training Center

Palestine

Palestinian Agricultural Relief Committees – Gazan Urban Agriculture

Rethinking Aid

Delivering critical humanitarian and rehabilitation aid that strengthens, rather than diminishes, community institutions that are able to address or avert crises in the future.

Haiti

Haitian Platform to Advocate for Alternative Development – Agricultural Production following a year of natural disasters (including Hurricane Sandy)

Peasant Movement of Papaye – Agricultural Production following a year of natural disasters (including Hurricane Sandy)

Palestine

Palestinian Medical Relief Society – Promotion of personal peace for the traumatized children in Gaza Strip

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JENNIFER NEAR, LIBRA'S SENIOR PROGRAM OFFICER

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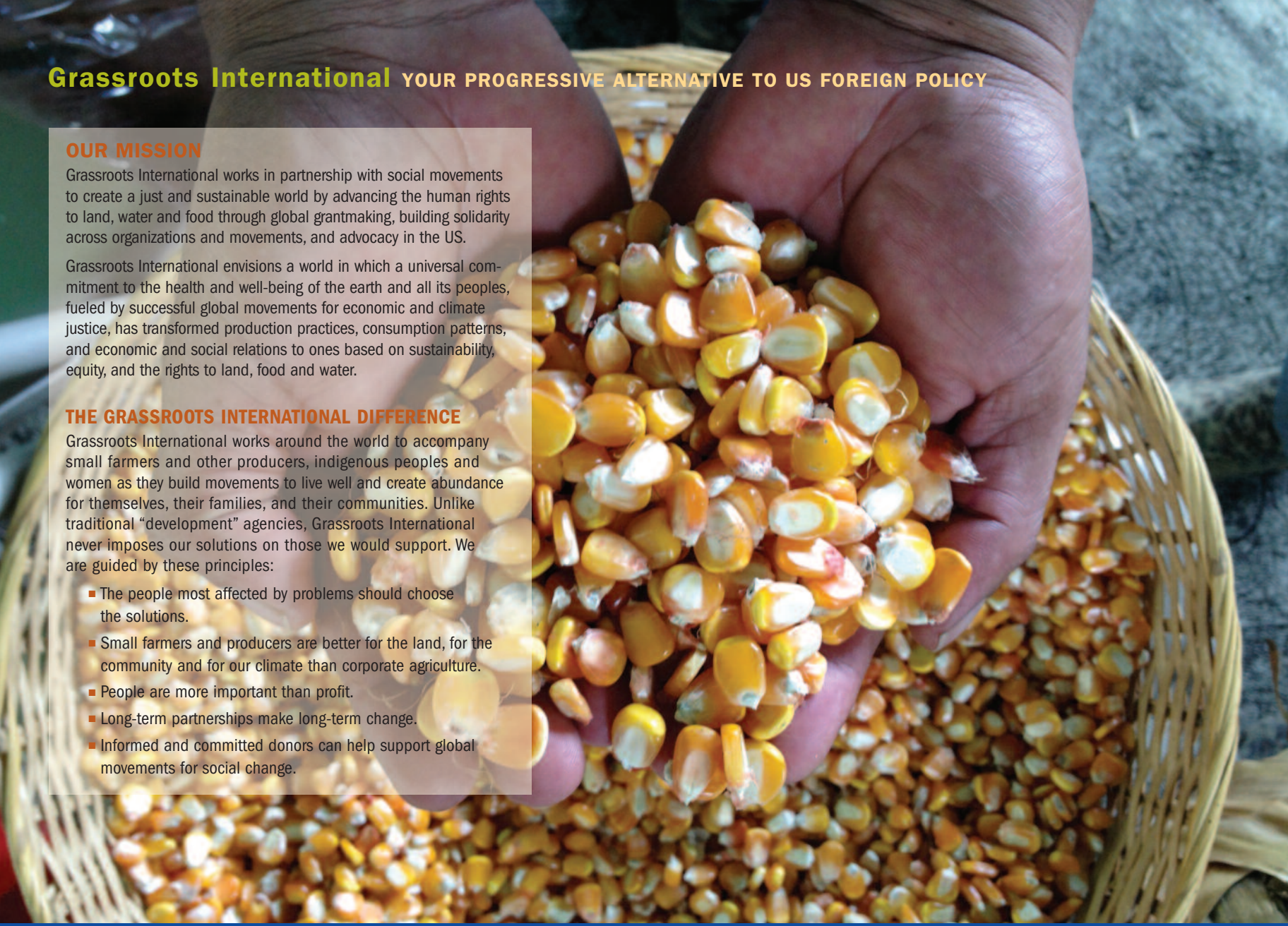

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Grassroots International works in partnership with social movements to create a just and sustainable world by advancing the human rights to land, water and food through global grantmaking, building solidarity across organizations and movements, and advocacy in the US.

Grassroots International envisions a world in which a universal commitment to the health and well-being of the earth and all its peoples, fueled by successful global movements for economic and climate justice, has transformed production practices, consumption patterns, and economic and social relations to ones based on sustainability, equity, and the rights to land, food and water.

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- The people most affected by problems should choose the solutions.
- Small farmers and producers are better for the land, for the community and for our climate than corporate agriculture.
- People are more important than profit.
- Long-term partnerships make long-term change.
- Informed and committed donors can help support global movements for social change.

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