“[We need] the historic memory of Indigenous Peoples, because if we continue with our current economic model, it will be the death of all of us. Thus, it is necessary to return to our roots and love of life, and to decolonize our thinking...we have living books in the form of our grandparents, who teach us about living in harmony with the earth.”

From a grant report by Asociación Femenina para el Desarrollo de Sacatepéquez (AFEDES)/Women’s Association for the Development of Sacatepéquez in Guatemala, Thousand Currents partner since 2005.

Community member from Federación Nacional de Mujeres Campesinas, Artesanas, Indígenas, Nativas y Asalariadas del Perú (FENMUCARINAP)/National Federation of Peasant, Artisan, Indigenous, Native, and Wage-earning Women of Peru adding an offering to the ceremonial mística in Cusco, Peru. Photography by Johann Carrasco.
50 GRASSROOTS PARTNERS
forging local solutions to our shared global challenges, of which 16 partners are new because solidarity must be grown

75 YEARS
of partnership with our five senior partners, because solidarity doesn't stop

8 PROJECTS
funded by the Buen Vivir Fund in health care, housing, small business development and banking, and environmental and climate protection

3 FOCUS AREAS
Food Sovereignty Alternative Economies Climate Justice

200+ MILLION
smallholder farmers, Indigenous Peoples, sexual and ethnic minorities, and youth working with and connected to our partners

PARTNERS WORKING GLOBALLY
and cross-regionally in 13 countries, which now include Brazil, Colombia, Fiji, Guatemala, India, Mexico, Nepal, Nigeria, Peru, Philippines, South Africa, Vanuatu, and Zimbabwe

100% OF GIFTS
from individuals went to direct grantmaking for our grassroots partners, since our operating costs were covered by foundation grants

4 OUT OF 4 STARS
from Charity Navigator and holder of GuideStar’s “Gold” Seal of Transparency

23 STAFF
supporting our partners

600+ PEOPLE
are part of the Thousand Currents Young Professionals Network

150 “IMPACT INFLUENCERS”
or people who have graduated from the Thousand Currents Academy

SOON TO BE 35 YEARS
since we were founded in 1985 (as IDEX)

OVER $10 MILLION
invested in 1,000+ community-led initiatives

$6.8 MILLION,
our FY19 revenue amid steady and sustainable growth

The Year, By the Numbers

Food Sovereignty
Alternative Economies
Climate Justice

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To those inviting us to possibility.
Those organizing their communities.
Those who believe justice is to be lived, not reigned down.
Those for whom activism is not a choice but a matter of survival.
Those confronting repressive institutions, authoritarian governments, and extractive corporate entities that cause active harm in their communities.
And those upholding a multitude of local, creative, people-led solutions to the climate crisis, broken food systems, and drastically rising inequality.

We thank you.

Glanis Changachire, Founder and Director of the Institute for Young Women Development, addressing young women at a post-election traditional bira in Guruve, Zimbabwe. Photo courtesy of the Institute for Young Women Development.

Message from Solomé Lemma & Fahad Ahmad

Thousand Currents’ Executive Director & Board Chair, respectively

The stakes are high.

The Amazon burns. Our environment and food systems are under attack by corporate interests and their government backers. People and children are dehumanized for seeking safety and opportunity. Indigenous and marginalized peoples protecting their land, lives, and livelihoods face continued attacks, torture, intimidation, and murder.

At the same time, all around us, we also see the promise of change. There is growing consciousness of the failures of capitalism. Indigenous and young people are leading us—actively engaging and mobilizing millions around the world. Increasingly, many of us are reimagining socioeconomic systems and calling for what we truly need to lead healthy, fulfilled, and meaningful lives.

Thousand Currents is entering this coming year with a sustained commitment to our partners, and a bolder position about why the transformative work of progressive social movements to build the “next world” beyond our current—unwell and unfair—economic, political, and social systems is so vital. Our local, regional, and global partners have sharp analysis, innovation, and shareable knowledge about how to align philanthropy more closely with equitable and transformative social change.

As our organization has grown in terms of revenue, staff, systems, and reach over the past year, we are also called to illuminate the current unjust practices in philanthropy and “social good” more broadly, remaining true to our values. We will continue to develop new, more equitable philanthropic practices by growing our grantmaking portfolios, the Buen Vivir Fund, the Climate Leaders in Movement Action (CLIMA) Fund, and our network of 150 alumni of Thousand Currents Academy in the philanthropic sector.

The enclosed annual report is an expression of our gratitude to the community of believers to which we belong. We celebrate and actively learn from the work of our partners, and we are encouraged by the deep sense of connection and shared responsibility among our supporters and allies. Thank you for being steadfast in your vision of a more just and equitable future.
To those willing to wrestle and reckon with the past.

Those building a future where our interdependence restores us.

Those who seek harmony between reason, imagination, and values.

Those deepening their understanding of the wisdom of their ancestry.

Those willing to release resources for a greater aim than just their families’ gain.

Those trying to balance the privilege of giving money away with the need for truth-telling about the origins of wealth.

And those who understand the greatest risk in these times is to sustain the status quo or polish it with cosmetic face-lifts.

We are grateful.
To those upon whose shoulders the causes of injustice often rests.

Those who take on big corporations to keep their communities safe.

Those who save local seeds and promote Indigenous farming practices.

Those who build women-owned cooperatives that hold millions of dollars in assets.

Those with clarity that capitalism has failed, and market-based solutions are not viable.

Those who may not yet understand all that decolonization entails but are ready to learn.

Those who know that living in harmony with the Earth goes far beyond conscious consumerism.

And those recovering and restoring the sacred.

We honor you.
To those open to what we are becoming.

Those rooted in lineage, Spirit, training, accountability.

Those who keep the faith when others get lost in despair.

Those ready to connect beyond, even disregarding, borders.

Those for whom cultural and contextual specificity remains paramount.

Those who choose strategy and substance over romanticism or idealism.

Those swimming in the contradictions of intent, rhetoric, and results—and doing so together.

And all those creating action on a new scale and changing our relationships with money, people, land, and water—wherever we are.

Together, we are multitudes.

We are Thousand Currents.
**As of June 2019**

**Brazil**
- Movimento dos Atingidos por Barragens (MAB)/The Movement of People Affected by Dams
- Movimento dos Trabalhadores Rurais Sem Terra (MST)/Landless Workers Movement

**Colombia**
- Federación Nacional Sindical Unitaria Agropecuaria (FENSUAGRO)/National Federation of Agricultural Trade Unions

**Fiji**
- Pacific Network on Globalisation (PANG)

**Guatemala**
- Asociación de Mujeres Ixpiyakok (ADEMI)/Ixpiyakok Women’s Association
- Asociación Femenina para el Desarrollo de Sacatepéquez (AFEDES)/Women’s Association for the Development of Sacatepéquez
- Asociación para la Paz de los Mexicanos Indígenas (DESMI)/Social and Economic Development of Indigenous Mexicans

**India**
- Sahyog Sansthan

**Mexico**
- Educación para la Paz (EduPaz)/Education for Peace

**Nepal**
- ASHA Nepal
- Digo Bikas Institute (DBI)
- ForestAction Nepal
- Nari Chetana Kendra Nepal/ Women Awareness Center Nepal (WACN)

**South Africa**
- African Centre for Biodiversity (ACB)
- Ntinga Ntaba kaNdoda
- South Durban Community Environmental Alliance (SDCEA)
- Surplus People Project (SPP)

**Zimbabwe**
- Institute for Young Women Development (IYWD)
- Zimbabwe Smallholder Organic Farmers’ Forum (ZIMOFF)

**Regional and Global Partners**
- Asociación de Desarrollo Alternativo Rural No (ANDES)/Association of Alternative Rural Development
- Asociación para la Naturaleza y el Desarrollo Sostenible de los Mexicanos Indígenas (DESMI)/Social and Economic Development of Indigenous Mexicans
- Asociación de Pequeños Productores de la Agricultura Familiar (La Red de Mujeres)/The National Network of Women Producers of Family Farming
- Asociación para la Paz (EduPaz)/Education for Peace
- Asociación de Desarrollo Alternativo Rural No (ASODAR)/Association of Alternative Rural Development
- Asociación para la Naturaleza y el Desarrollo Sostenible de los Mexicanos Indígenas (DESMI)/Social and Economic Development of Indigenous Mexicans
- Asociación de Pequeños Productores de la Agricultura Familiar (La Red de Mujeres)/The National Network of Women Producers of Family Farming

**Catalyst Partners**
- Articulación de los Povos Indígenas do Brasil (APIB)/Brazil’s Indigenous People Articulation

**Senior Partners**
- Initiative for Strategic Litigation in Africa (ISLA)

**Buen Vivir Fund Members**
1. Asociación Femenina para el Desarrollo de Sacatepéquez (AFEDES)/Women’s Association for the Development of Sacatepéquez
2. Dietel & Partners, representing an anonymous donor
3. Desarrollo Económico y Social de los Mexicanos Indígenas (DESMI)/Social and Economic Development of Indigenous Mexicans
4. Educación para la Paz (EduPaz)/Education for Peace

5. Federación Indígena Empresarial y Comunidades Locales (CIELO)/Indigenous and Local Community Federation of Entrepreneurs
6. Gramin Vikas Vigyan Samiti/Center of People's Science for Rural Development (GRAVIS)
7. Instituto para la Superación de la Miseria Urbana de Guatemala (ISMUGUA)/Institute for Overcoming Urban Poverty in Guatemala
8. Libra Foundation, with the Candid Group
9. Nari Chetana Kendra Nepal/ Women Awareness Center Nepal (WACN)
10. Ñepi Behña/Women of Dignity
11. NoVo Foundation
12. Regenerative Finance
13. Swift Foundation
14. Tan Giving/Unical Foundation
15. Ubunye (“Togetherness”) Foundation
16. Wallace Global Fund
17. The Whitman Institute
18. Whole World Women Association (WWWA)
THOUSAND CURRENTS HAS EXPERIENCED AN EXCELLENT FEW YEARS OF STEADY AND SUSTAINABLE FINANCIAL GROWTH.
From 2013 to 2019, our organizational revenue, institutional fundraising, and grantmaking have grown substantially, thereby increasing Thousand Currents’ impact by channeling even more resources to our grassroots partners.

Thousand Currents ended FY18 at $6.8 million in revenue. (This figure also includes revenue earned through our fiscal sponsorship of the Black Lives Matter Global Network). The graphs that follow reflect data from our last audited fiscal year 2018.

Thanks to multiyear, flexible funding commitments from key institutional funders, as well as from our earned income strategies, we began FY17, FY18, and FY19, and have begun FY20 with 100% of our core organizational costs covered.

This means that giving from Thousand Currents’ loyal individual donors can go directly to programmatic work, i.e., our responsive grantmaking to visionary leaders and grassroots organizations and movements in the Global South—those that are creating lasting solutions for their communities’ most pressing issues and our shared global challenges.

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Revenue Sources, FY2018
23% Individuals
3% Earned Income & Other Revenue
74% Foundation Revenue

Note: This graph does not include foundation revenue promised for future years.

Expenses Breakdown, FY2018
81% Programs
6% Management & Operations
13% Development

Note: This graph does not include foundation revenue promised for future years.

Revenue Growth, FY2013 - FY2018
* In FY16, to ensure our long-term financial sustainability, we received revenue to grow our reserve fund called the Baobab Fund.
** FY16 through FY18 include revenue earned through our fiscal sponsorship of the Black Lives Matter Global Network.
In gratitude for their support and solidarity

**Institutional Funders**
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