



# Above and Beyond

THOUSAND CURRENTS 2020 ANNUAL REPORT

# Meeting The Moment



**IN A YEAR** that challenged every single one of us, you showed up. When your livelihoods were upended, when your health required extra safeguards, and when the global Black Lives Matter movement reached new heights, you stood in unwavering solidarity with us.

Your support made it possible for us to go above and beyond for our grassroots and movement partners around the world.

COVID-19 and the long-term survival of our planet required a thoughtful, immediate crisis response. Because of you, our COVID-19 Above and Beyond solidarity fund moved emergency support to every single one of our grassroots partners.

Thank you for helping us build a more loving, just, and equitable world.





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Against the backdrop of the global pandemic and racial justice reckoning around the world, I am grateful that our donors enabled Thousand Currents to meet moments of scarcity and fear with **abundance and courage.**”

Solomé Lemme  
Executive Director



# Walking Together



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**WHEN WE WALK ALONE**, we can only travel a certain distance. But when we walk together, we are limitless. Even in times of crisis, our partners show us every day how to take a journey with love and resilience.

In an unprecedented pandemic year, our partners acted swiftly to meet the needs of their communities for relief, recovery, and renewal. They built

and mobilized mutual aid solidarity networks. They fed, exchanged, and took care of each other. They battled authoritarianism and climate disasters. Black, Indigenous and frontline peoples around the world showed us how to rise up in solidarity.

## Our Partners:

Created mutual aid initiatives to support cash-challenged households of Indigenous farmers and daily wage workers.

Built deep alliances to reinforce independent food distribution systems and hold governments accountable for inaction.

Launched multilingual health awareness campaigns in remote Indigenous communities.









# Growing Our Support



Highest ever grantmaking budget for grassroots partners



Doubling of grants over next two years



Raised over half a million dollars in COVID-19 support

## OUR GRASSROOTS PARTNERSHIPS

Our grantmaking program supports:

**68 grassroots partners  
working for**



**Food  
Sovereignty**



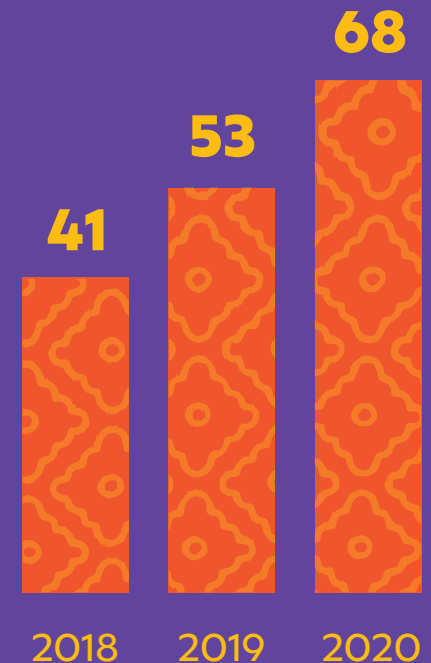
**Climate  
Justice**



**Alternative  
Economies**

**in  
Africa, Asia & the Pacific,  
and Latin America**

Number of partners





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Even as we continue to manage the direct impacts of COVID-19 on our lives, work and ways of working—and adapt to the state of the world—I am excited to reflect and dream about what the future holds.”

Nwamaka Agbo

Chair, Thousand Currents Board of Directors





# Nurturing Seeds

WE CONTINUE to proudly cultivate collaborations, experiments, and training for global climate justice, community-led impact investing, and shifts in the philanthropic sector.

## The CLIMA Fund

a collaboration between Global Greengrants Fund, Grassroots International, Thousand Currents, and Urgent Action Fund for Women's Human Rights.

## The Buen Vivir Fund

a powerful resource for global grassroots groups working on community-led impact investing.

## The Academy: Solidarity as Practice

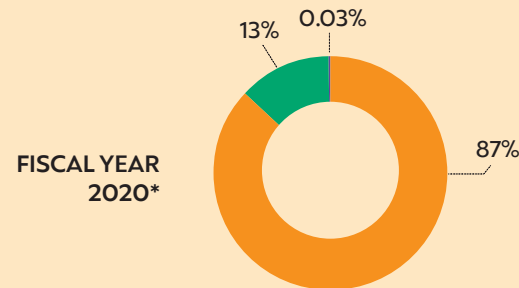
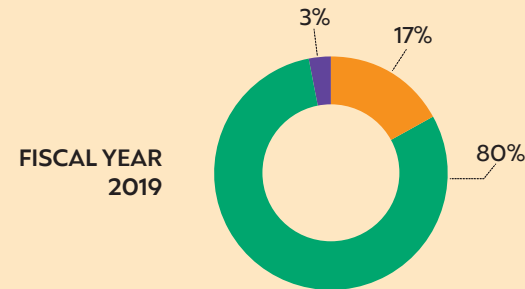
a training course for philanthropists, rooted in Indigenous and racial Black feminist traditions.

# Evolving Who We Are

**78%** of our staff identify as Black, Indigenous, Multiracial, or a Person of Color.

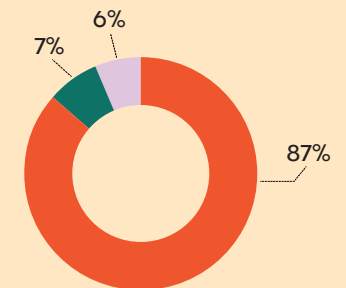
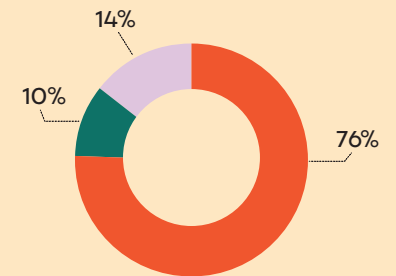
We are conversant in **21** languages, and represent **14** countries around the world.

REVENUE SOURCES



Contributions  
Foundations  
Other

EXPENSES



Programs  
Management and Operations  
Fundraising

\*Our 2020 numbers reflect one-time fiscal sponsorship revenue.



# Thousand Currents

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