



Thousand
Currents

Collective Power, Collective Change

2025 Annual Report

Dear friends,

When I visited Nous Sommes la Solution (NSS) in Senegal this year, I witnessed the profound impact of grassroots organizing.

NSS brings together more than 500 women's associations and 1.8 million women in eight countries across West Africa to build resilient agroecological food systems. During my visit, I met with NSS's leaders and members, as well as villagers, the mayor, and other community leaders—all of whom had a deep knowledge of agroecology, along with a true passion to grow, produce, and market food in a responsible and ethical way.

It was a clear example of how our partners' work happens on so many levels: NSS is organizing farmers and feeding communities, while also shaping policies and shifting mindsets.

And they are not alone. Across the world, our movement partners are delivering big changes.

This fiscal year, more than 140 partners strengthened local economies, supported their communities' farming practices and food systems, and advanced community-led climate solutions—reaching an estimated 320 million people. From the highlands of Peru to the coasts of Thailand, from the Niger delta to the mountains in Nepal, we see evidence of a truth we have always known: when communities lead, the future changes for everyone. We distributed more than \$35 million to our movement partners this year—the largest amount ever, and nearly double what we distributed last fiscal year.

None of this would have been possible without you—our donors, partners, and allies. Thank you for your unwavering commitment to a more just and joyful world, and for trusting **community-led solutions that are paving the way for a better planet for us all.**

In this Annual Report, you'll read stories of '**Collective Power, Collective Change**' and get a brief glimpse of the kind of impact our partners are leading. You'll see all that we've been able to accomplish this year, and learn about the ways our donors have lent their support with generosity.

Our futures are intertwined. And it is together—with you—that we will chart the path forward.

In solidarity,



Solomé Lemma

President & CEO

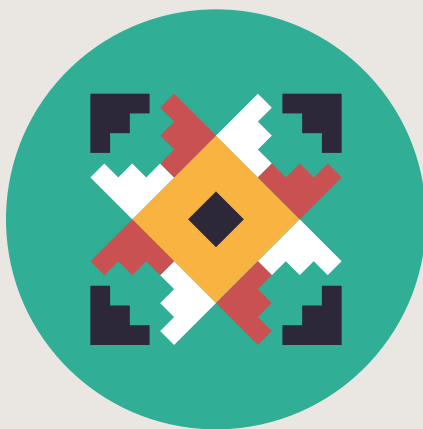
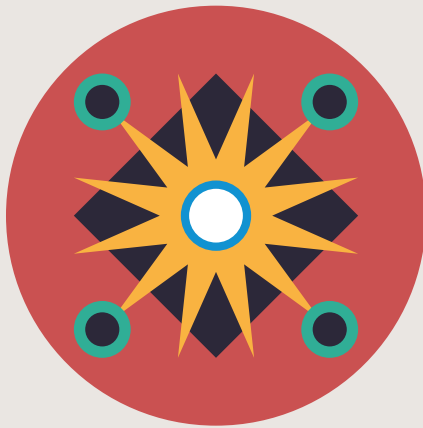
Whatever difficulties come our way, I know we will be able to **transcend together to find solutions** and **achieve our objectives**. But I also know that somewhere, I need the support of donors who can join our cause and give us courage and means to move forward. Funders like Thousand Currents understand us and offer us hope that we can go very far.



Mariama Sonko, President of Nous Sommes la Solution

Moving More and Better Resources

Thousand Currents partners with grassroots movements worldwide to support transformative, community-led solutions, rooted in the knowledge that collective power leads to collective change. We fund the work of movements—groups of farmers, organizers, peasants, fisherfolk, activists, artists, and more—who are building the future from the ground up—because they have proven, effective, and scalable solutions. Moving in community, with community, and for community, they address root causes and build a world where people and planet can thrive together.





Top: Nous Sommes la Solution (Senegal), left: Aquelarre (Dominican Republic), right: Southern Peasants' Federation of Thailand

Our grantmaking is the heart of our work, and every year we're proud to mobilize resources for movements advancing solutions toward food sovereignty, economic justice, and climate justice. In FY2025, we marked a major milestone: we distributed over \$35 million in grants—the largest amount ever, and nearly double what we distributed last fiscal year.

101 of our movement partners are advancing economic justice. This year:



In Honduras, movement partners worked with 75 social enterprises to engage over 1,600 families in operating and stocking more than 200 community stores selling fresh, local products like coffee, honey, and produce. These community-run stores not only generate income but also keep wealth circulating locally, ensure access to healthy food, and demonstrate the principles of solidarity economies—where communities build collective power through cooperation, mutual care, and environmental sustainability.



In Indonesia, they supported the creation of more than 130 cooperatives where Indigenous community members can sell their products and crops—ensuring local livelihoods and sustainable economic growth.



In South Africa, they rebuilt part of a cooperative-owned eco-lodge that was damaged by fire the previous year. The eco-lodge relies entirely on solar energy and receives over 2,000 tourists a year, with the income generated going directly to local infrastructure such as schools, roads, and bridges.

93 of our partners are working for food sovereignty. This year:



In South Asia, they partnered with farmer groups, women's collectives, and civil society to enable a large-scale transition to agroecology—certifying 65,000 hectares (more than 160,000 acres) as organic and chemical free, and bringing together people from over 100 villages for trainings on organic farming, seed protection, and more.



In Senegal, they held a seed fair with 300 people from 17 countries to share knowledge on seed laws and policies, showcasing West Africa's seed biodiversity and enabling farmers to exchange seeds.



In Peru, organizations led by Indigenous women successfully advocated to include produce grown by smallholder farmers in local school meals, resulting in reduced anemia and malnutrition.

92 of our partners are driving climate justice. This year:



In the Philippines, they worked with local governments to commit to achieving 100% community-led renewable energy by 2030, securing agreements in three provinces and inspiring 16 more to commit to making a just transition toward renewable energy.



In Brazil, they helped reduce community reliance on conventional electricity by expanding access to solar energy, which supports garden irrigation, water heating, and more, paving the path for energy democracy.



In Kenya, the Supreme Court upheld an award of KES 1.3 billion (approximately \$10 million) to the residents of Owino Uhuru village in Mombasa for the harm caused by lead poisoning from a battery manufacturing plant—a huge win for the community, and the result of our partner's consistent and long-term strategic litigation.

Nonhle Mbuthuma, Founder of the Amadiba Crisis Committee



**Hope
is in community.**

When we felt like losing
hope, it was the community
members who gave us hope.
Community commitment
has always given
us strength.

Moving In, With, and For Community

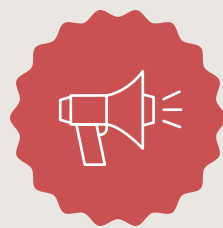
At Thousand Currents, we know that communities hold deep wisdom.

This year, we embarked on a global listening journey to shape our next five-year strategic plan and ten-year vision. At gatherings in Kenya, Brazil, the Philippines, Nepal, Indonesia, and Thailand, we met with 85% of our partners in person, and we ensured 100% participation through online consultations. Partners shared their visions for the future—sustainable approaches to how we grow our food, generate energy, and steward natural resources—and we centered their priorities in defining our path forward. Their dreams now form the foundation of our new strategy.



Collective action also drives our partnerships across the sector.

The CLIMA Fund—a funders' collaborative between Thousand Currents, Global Greengrants Fund, Grassroots International, and Urgent Action Fund for Feminist Movements—raised \$7 million in FY2025 for grassroots groups in more than 100 countries.



We continued to carry this message—that lasting change comes from community-led movements—into global spaces. We organized and spoke at Climate Week in New York, the Global Summit of Collaborative Funds in San Francisco, EDGE Conference in Bogotá, the Skoll World Forum in Oxford, and the Global Alliance for the Future of Food Summit in Brussels, partnering with funders and allies to practice trust, listen deeply, co-learn, and rapidly shift resources to Global South movements.



Amid rising global challenges, this year we relied on community to help us meet the moment, expand our imaginations, and honor milestones. And we had a significant one to celebrate: **Thousand Currents turned 40!** We gathered in the Bay Area with our founders, early and new supporters, and our beloved community to celebrate and reflect on 40 years of supporting grassroots solutions.



Top: RENAF (Peru), left: Social Empowerment Educational Program (Fiji), right: Amadiba Crisis Committee (South Africa)



We are so grateful for our community of partners, peers, champions, and donors who make this work possible.



In FY2025:
We brought in
\$6.5 million



with
\$4.9 million
from individual donors
and **\$1.6 million**
from institutional
donors



86%
of our individual
donors were returning—
a reflection of their
commitment and belief
in our work



74%
of all donations
received—individual
and institutional—
were unrestricted



14%
of donors were new—
showing that our
community continues
to grow

Solidarity
is not just about
pushing forward our
struggles; **it's about
building community
along the way.**

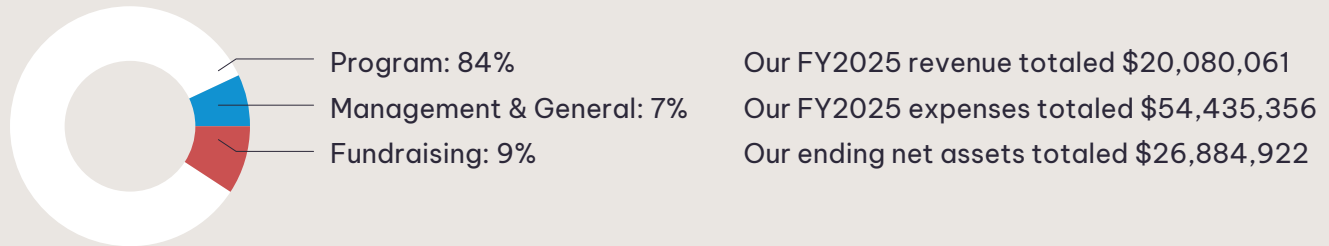


Choosri Olarkit, Southern Peasants' Federation of Thailand

Investing in the World We Share

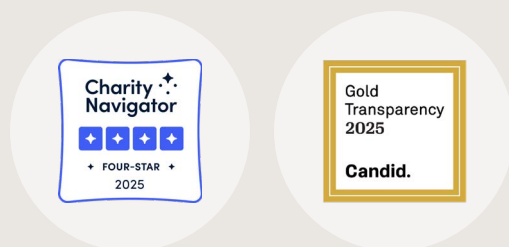
At Thousand Currents, we align our resources with our vision, investing in economic justice, food sovereignty, and climate justice to build a world where people and planet thrive together. Our financial strategy is guided by a commitment to ensure that the movements and communities at the heart of our mission have the resources they need to meet the scale of their dreams.

FY2025 Expenses Breakdown



A cornerstone of our approach is long-term partnership, with a promise of at least ten years of funding. We usually disburse grants annually as funds are raised. Fueled by a transformative gift received last year, this year we allocated a significant share of resources to honor our multiyear commitments. For the first time, we disbursed multiyear grants upfront, giving partners the certainty to plan, hire, and deliver, which we know is transformative on the ground. FY2025's expenses included more than \$35 million in grants. Your support, especially multiyear, flexible support, made this possible and extended that certainty to more partners.

We maintain the highest standards through annual independent audits, public financial disclosures, and ongoing reviews of our policies. These practices build trust and ensure that every dollar is stewarded with integrity. We have been awarded: 4/4 stars by Charity Navigator and GuideStar's Gold Seal of Transparency.



Figures represented here are unaudited and include revenue and expenses related to CLIMA, for which Thousand Currents serves as fiscal host, as well as pass-through revenue and grants, and investment and earned revenue. For more detailed financial information, including audited FY2025 financials (available after December 2025), please visit www.ThousandCurrents.org.

Chantelle Khan, Social Empowerment Education Program



We select donor partners carefully and don't take money from embassies or big foreign agencies that don't understand movement building. **Thousand Currents understands and fosters a global network where,** despite geographical distance, **we work in similar ways.** This shared approach is humbling and inspiring.

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Our Mission

Thousand Currents leverages relationships and resources worldwide in support of social movements building loving, equitable, and just futures, while transforming philanthropic practices.

A Note on Design

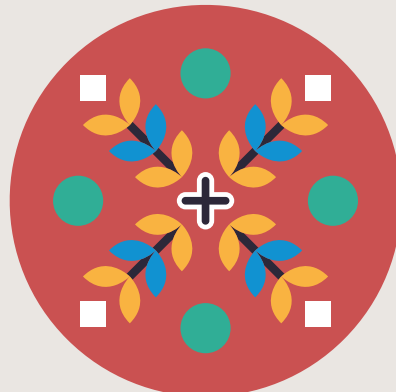
The patterns throughout this year's Annual Report are inspired by the art traditions, daily tools, and environments of our movement partners. From textile designs, to the geometry of a fishnet, to the shape of seeds and palm leaves, the motifs you see throughout this report are representative of the different communities our movement partners belong to. They celebrate our interconnectedness, and the patterns and symbols reiterate how our liberations, struggles, and joys are intertwined. We hope you find them inspiring as you immerse yourself in this report.

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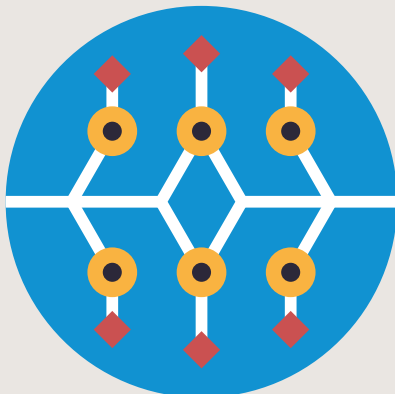
Thank You!



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If you want to
engage in supporting
people in other parts of the
world to achieve their dreams,
you have to let them define their
dreams, **listen carefully to them,**
try to see the world as they
see it, and be as generous
and responsive
as you can.



Paul Strasburg, Founder of Thousand Currents

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