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Waters of Ccocotaki project, Peru.

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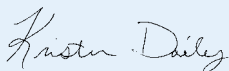
In this year's edition of the Philanthropy Guide, you'll read stories of non-profit organizations addressing one of the most critical issues of our time: Climate Justice. This issue is also one that impacts everyone on the planet, and the actions we take today will determine the future for generations to come.

According to the World Bank, 78 percent of the world's poor live in rural areas and most of them rely on agriculture for their livelihoods. That means that shifting weather patterns, rising temperatures, extreme weather events like floods, droughts, and land degradation are putting the poor at greater risk of losing their livelihoods, being unable to feed their families, sinking further into poverty, and maybe even being forced to migrate.

As is often the case, those who are most affected by a crisis have a great deal of insight and knowledge to create effective solutions. While Indigenous communities are often at greater risk from environmental degradation and climate effects, their long history of living from and caring for the land provides a unique perspective and an integrated set of solutions that can make sustainability a reality and help turn the tide on the climate crisis.

Throughout this guide, you will find numerous stories of successful strategies to address climate change and support those impacted the most. In addition, in the back of this guide you will find a full directory of Global Washington's more than 160 members, including contact information and descriptions of their work.

On behalf of Global Washington and Seattle Foundation, we thank you for your partnership and commitment to making the world a better place for everyone.



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GOALMAKER Earthworm Foundation

James Mulbah, Project Manager, Earthworm Foundation

By Amber Cortes



James Mulbah

Being a child in a war-torn environment makes you grow up fast. James Mulbah was only six years old when the first Liberian Civil War began—a conflict that would kill around 250,000 people and create economic devastation in the country for years.

“As a child I witnessed human rights abuses, destruction of properties, and lack of business services,” he explains. “I also saved myself— my survival depended on it.”

The hardship that Mulbah and his family endured included walking—179 kilometers (110 miles)—from Monrovia to Gbarnga Bong county.

The experience started a lifelong path and commitment to justice that led Mulbah to become a project manager in West Africa for the **Earthworm Foundation** (formerly known as The Forest Trust), an organization that works with both businesses and communities to solve social and environmental challenges.

With “God and all the good spirits” on his side, Mulbah made it to a small village called Giziwolo in a neighboring county. There, where villagers grew their own food and used the local river for drinking and fishing, Mulbah learned about the respect for the environment inherent in the village’s culture.

“We’re all just caretakers of the land. The better we care for it, the better it will care for us.”

“The environment was seen as a sacred place, organized around certain fundamental laws and principles. I saw the sacredness in all things that the environment provided. Life was so enjoyable and peaceful in the village. Food was in abundance, and there were no shortages of water.”

A few years later, Mulbah’s mother, who could not yet join him in the village due to the war, passed away from lack of medical care. Mulbah considered the tragic circumstances of her death a consequence of the civil war, and began to draw connections about the human costs of conflict.

Mulbah knew that in order to work for peace, he needed to get a formal education. So, he left the village for Monrovia. There, he shared a small apartment with other family members as he worked and saved towards school.

Eventually, he made it, “even though I did not have a school uniform, or books!” he exclaims.

But despite the obstacles Mulbah succeeded, eventually earning a scholarship and establishing a junior youth empowerment program while at the University of Liberia.

The program allowed Mulbah to travel throughout rural areas, and he started observing similar issues in communities that had been impacted by mining and logging: “ranging from water pollution, to health and safety issues, to land disputes,” he says.

And Mulbah was in for another rude awakening when he went back to visit Giziwolo, the idyllic village of his childhood.

“The village was empty. And the house that I once lived in when I was there was broken down. And there’s a logging company – they had constructed roads over the beautiful river we had there,” Mulbah says. “And people from the village, they relocated to the city.”

He was shocked at what he saw.

“All those memories were lost, and I couldn’t do anything to get them back.”

The experience only strengthened Mulbah’s determination to learn about conflict resolution—especially when it came to environmental rights.

As his professional career began, he joined other recent university graduates from across Central and West Africa for in-depth training in conflict resolution and stakeholder engagement at Earthworm Foundation’s **Centre of Social Excellence (CSE)** in Cameroon. With these skills, Mulbah started working in the field to solve land disputes between communities and between communities and companies.

He then got his master’s degree in sustainable peace from The University of Peace, a United Nations mandated university, just as the UN member states were broadening their approach to peace and security to include the concept of ‘**sustainable peace**’—addressing the root causes of conflict, and achieving lasting, long-term peace in hand with sustainable development, equitable economic opportunity, and human rights protection for all.

Mulbah brings what he learned about conflict resolution and climate mitigation, along with a super-specific set of data science tools (like **ArcGIS**, geographic mapping software) to his work at the Earthworm Foundation.

After the civil war, the Liberian government attempted an economic revitalization plan, which granted a number of concessions to foreign investors, particularly in the palm



James Mulbah facilitating a land rights meeting in Liberia.

Photo: James Mulbah/Earthworm Foundation

oil sector. And after nearly three years, the major palm oil producers **allegedly engaged in** land grabbing, human rights abuses, and persistent deforestation.

So, palm oil producers in Liberia **asked** the Earthworm Foundation for help addressing some of the critical issues that were raised against them.

Mulbah and his team proposed that the companies put a sustainability team in place and created an action plan for the company to set up a governing structure for local communities to have a say.

They conducted assessments and participatory mapping with members of the community to resolve historical boundary disputes and other grievances. Using the 2018 **Land Rights Act** in Liberia as a legal basis, they finally were able to formalize land use agreements between palm oil companies and neighboring communities.

Over the years, Mulbah's been grateful to be able to do things like convince supply chain actors that responsible sourcing is essential to the future of their business and the environment—"to preserve those areas which we consider as high conservation value areas—sacred places."

But his favorite part of the job is being able to sit down and talk with farmers, share-croppers, and other community members.

"Just being with them reminds me of when I was in Giziwolo, sitting around and talking on the farm."

Mulbah is optimistic about meeting the UN's SDG goals for 2030. For instance, all around him there's evidence that the world is waking up to the urgency of climate change, he says.

"NGOs and civil society organizations are aggressively pushing governments for even more action to address climate change and biodiversity loss."

"You see corporations being held responsible for what's happening to our planet," he says. "Companies are looking for how to solve their sustainability issues. There's a large pool of talent inside these companies willing to contribute to fighting the current environmental and social crisis."

"You see traditional investors seeking to understand and mitigate the socio-environmental impact of their investments, in turn pushing companies to act more responsibly," he continues. "And we have new technologies of all kinds of scalability potential."

Mulbah's optimism comes from a place of deep respect for the land, and the village that is so close to his heart.

"Land is not owned. I learned that when I was in Giziwolo. I didn't own land; but I survived from the land," he says.

"We're all just caretakers of the land. The better we care for it, the better it will care for us."

PROFILE EverVillage

Nature-based Solutions Build Food and Water Security

By Tyler Leopard

What connects Guatemalan women learning to be solar engineers with Peruvian youth creating a water management plan?

The people who **EverVillage** works with would probably say that they're trying to make things better for their community and wouldn't get caught up in terms like climate justice, intersectional environmentalism, or green infrastructure. And to be honest, these terms don't roll off the average person's tongue every day. But EverVillage sees them as the framework for long-term solutions to the climate crisis around the globe.

EverVillage is a nonprofit organization that partners with communities across the globe on social and environmental solutions. Their work focuses on vulnerable ecosystems and populations facing climate change, humanitarian crises, natural disasters, pandemics, and poverty.

Climate justice shows that climate affects us socially, economically, politically, and more. Climate is not just about the environment; it impacts people's lives in many ways and is related to human rights and social justice. And of course, climate impacts vulnerable communities disproportionately to the energy they consume. Communities like the ones who partner with EverVillage.

Intersectionality was first coined by law professor Kimberlé Crenshaw to describe how social justice problems like sexism and racism frequently overlap, creating multiple layers of complexity. **Intersectional environmentalism**

acknowledges that the various issues within climate justice overlap and that the environment doesn't exist in isolation.

Green infrastructure is an alternative to our typical "grey" infrastructure. According to EverVillage's website:

"Grey infrastructure (roads, pipes, roofs) create a slew of environmental issues. Polluted runoff from these surfaces can ruin ecosystems by causing erosion, flooding, and contamination."

"A basic tenet of green infrastructure is that rainwater, stormwater, and even wastewater should be utilized as resources. Nature-based solutions allow us to protect the planet while building water and food security for its inhabitants."

Wastewater is a bit of a misnomer. "Wastewater is not waste. It can actually grow gardens. I've seen wastewater turn [land] into vast paradises in the desert. We've gotta figure that out because otherwise we're just perpetuating climate destruction. I know it works. That's what excites me the most," said Kate Riley. "Green infrastructure in general continues to amaze me."

Kate is an environmental engineer and has focused her work at the nexus of social and ecological change. Kate founded EverVillage in 2020 after she and a bunch of her "water nerd friends" were traveling and realized that, though we have our own issues in the Puget Sound region (with declining populations of salmon, orcas, and other water-related wildlife), the rest of the world is dealing with a water problem on a whole other level.



Barefoot Solar Mamas workshop, Guatemala.

Photo: EverVillage

Water scarcity impacts 40% of the world's population. Drought is a slow-onset disaster, and can lead to other issues like famine, civil conflict, and economic hardship.

Rainwater collection, bio-retention, and infiltration are ways to sink water back into the soil—where nature does the work—and can replenish the planet and all living creatures.

EverVillage was founded during the COVID-19 pandemic. The break from travel allowed EverVillage's team to refine their strategy and focus on long-term change. The green infrastructure sector is surprisingly rare, especially in refugee camps and other parts of the world where water is scarce.

Historically, "we've unfortunately been in such dire circumstances, that we've had an emergency approach, not a long-term 'ok how do we create water security into the future,'" said Kate. "The development world has gotten stuck in quick fixes." There hasn't been much investment in long-term water security solutions. People have been managing water well for centuries and have techniques that work. EverVillage is trying to support communities who use those techniques, trying to broaden the global conversation, and plan for longer-term security.

EverVillage focuses on the long game of building relationships with women and youth, building their leadership, and partnering with them to find natural crossovers to create infrastructure. One example is a project in Guatemala with **Barefoot College** to create Solar Mamas. They've been training mostly indigenous women to become solar engineers. Then once the Solar Mamas have that training, they are poised to learn about water management and other needs in their community. Once the Solar Mamas have electricity and water, they can think more about how to build their livelihood. The Barefoot College water curriculum is combined with entrepreneurial and cultural capacity-building.

"Even though they do not use the term 'climate justice,' they see all the natural resource needs around climate to be acutely connected with day-to-day livelihood," said Kate.

EverVillage also hosted a women's workshop in Guatemala and brought the Solar Mamas and other women together to share more learning across generations. One thing Kate learned from that gathering is that the logistics for women to take three days off are extremely complex. Even with childcare provided for the workshop, it was still challenging for the women to leave their responsibilities for a few days. One woman ended up bringing her husband with her.

In addition to **Green Infrastructure** and **Water for Climate**, EverVillage provides these services:

Water for Food includes water management and catchment, innovative ways to support small-scale agriculture (like aquaponics), and economic returns (wells, aquifers, and ponds)

Community Engage! Includes public planning and evaluation, strategic communications, and eco-healing

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Learn & Lead focuses on women leadership, youth education, and working with young professionals

Impact Investing makes the case for institutions investing in EverVillage

One of EverVillage's project focuses is **Rural Resilience**.

Rural resilience is the capacity for renewal in one of the most important and multi-functional landscapes on the planet. Despite their economic, ecological, and cultural significance - rural communities are some of the most impoverished in the world, and are especially vulnerable to crises like COVID-19 and climate change.

EverVillage is starting a project with a community-led association in a mountainous region of Peru, where indigenous elders recognized that water was going to be a core issue and asked the youth to take it on. This community uses ancient practices to conserve water long-term, saving part of it to put back in the aquifer. The project addresses the long-term issue of the watershed, rather than a quick short-term fix of addressing the water supply in the cities.

The engineering part may be the fun part of the project to see, but the leadership-building and growth of the young people is critical. The youth are a group of 20-year-olds who, with support from U.S. and in-country partners, are creating an integrated water management plan. They have to figure out how to grow seasonal crops in the current climate. In his lifetime, the 20-year-old association lead has seen alpacas no longer be sustainable because of drought. Consequently, the women in their community can no longer weave textiles and they've lost a whole revenue source.

"The thing we have to invest in the most is the human element. This next generation is primed to try something different. That's really exciting to see," said Kate. "Water is truly life. Not only can we go back to supporting crops and animals, but [better water management] will also keep our art alive."

PROFILE Future of Fish

Climate Justice Means Protecting the Future of Fish

By Kelly Pendergrast, Communications Consultant at Future of Fish

Billions of people depend on fish as a critical source of protein. From lobster divers in Belize to handline mahi-mahi fishers in Peru, communities around the world feed themselves and make a living from the fish they pull from the ocean every day. But these livelihoods are under threat. Climate change is already wrecking havoc for coastal communities in developing countries, with rising seas damaging dockside infrastructure and warming waters driving away traditional fish stocks. The result is loss of income, food, and in many cases, cultural heritage.

Climate justice is only possible when front-line communities—like those that depend on the sea for food and livelihoods—have the resources they need for a resilient future. At Future of Fish, we center our work on collaborations with small-scale fishers. Together we design better systems, practices, and technologies that help fishers continue supporting their communities in this time of unstable climate impacts. By working closely with fishers, seafood supply chains, and the local community and governments, we co-design interventions that build environmentally sustainable, climate resilient, and economically viable fisheries for today, and the future.

Our current work with mahi-mahi fishers in Peru is one example of our work to address climate justice within sustainable fisheries. Peru provides 50% of the world's mahi-mahi and all of it is caught by small-scale fishers using non-mechanized gear. The lifeblood of Peru's mahi-mahi fishery, these fishers target fish that previously lived off Peru's coast. But today, the mahi-mahi are moving further out to sea. Fisheries scientists are working to understand what's causing the shift, but climate change is presumed to

be a leading culprit. What were once week-long or ten-day trips now stretch to three weeks because fishers have to travel farther to make their catch. The traditional boats aren't designed to stay out for such long trips. This means fishers—and the fish they catch—both suffer.

Future of Fish and our partners at WWF are collaborating with Peru's mahi-mahi fishers to design solutions that will benefit the fish and the fishers. With input from innovators in cold chain technology, naval engineering, and other fisheries around the world, we are working together to build out the technology and regulatory solutions to ensure small-scale Peruvian fishers can fish safely and sustainably in a changing climate. The journey to a climate-resilient mahi-mahi fishery is just beginning, but we're dedicated to staying in it for the long haul.

While our team has always been concerned about climate, and passionate about creating positive environmental impacts, we now prioritize climate change mitigation as a key design principle in our work. We were galvanized by 2019's IPCC reports, and the global youth movement dedicated to ensuring our planet and every species on it—including us—have a healthy future to look forward to. We know it's not going to be easy, but we were never about "easy" at Future of Fish. As a systems-change organization, we dive head-first into the wicked problems facing our oceans and coastal communities, and there is no greater system-challenge than addressing climate change. Climate justice is interwoven with everything we do to protect the future of fish, the communities that rely on them, and the oceans that support us all.



Boats arranged on the beach in Paita, Peru.

Photo: Future of Fish.

PROFILE Landesa

Finding 'Elegant Solutions' to Complex Problems

By Amber Cortes

Like the air you breathe, you may not spend a lot of time thinking about the land you live on.

But for many communities and individuals in low- and middle-income countries, land is life—"their entire world is access to land and natural resources, both from an income front and for food security," says Rachel McMonagle, the climate change and land tenure specialist at Landesa, an organization working to secure land rights for people experiencing poverty, discrimination and economic inequality around the world.

When it comes to conversations about climate change, human rights and sustainable development, McMonagle says, people don't seem to recognize the vital role of land in climate resilience, and how it can be a powerful tool for good.

"I think there's a disconnect, especially for a lot of people in the U.S., that we just take property rights and rights to natural resources for granted," she continues.

For the Global North, land rights are pretty much a settled issue. But even though at least half the world's land and natural resources (some say as much as 65%) are managed by local communities and Indigenous people, they only have formal legal ownership of 10 percent of that land.

This imbalance, McMonagle says, opens up the door for corporate interests or outside land grabs from logging and mining companies, or other 'outside actors' coming in who may be disrupting centuries of sustainable land management due to this lack of legal land rights.

As a global nonprofit with over five decades of experience, Landesa's impact spans different geographies, land uses and communities, working with farmers, forest communities, and pastoralists to secure land tenure—because land ownership leads to greater financial and food security, and can open up opportunities in health care, education and political power within communities.

Land ownership also encourages more investments in the land itself—investments with long-term environmental benefits such as agricultural practices like terracing the land, tree planting, or investing in sustainable infrastructure development.

"And so Landesa is really focused on those win-win solutions that benefit both communities and the environment at the same time," McMonagle says.

One example is in Myanmar, where Landesa has been working with the forest department to allow communities to secure forest certificates and create sustainable land



Indira and her family pose with their land title.

Photo: Tyler Roush/Landesa.

When women and Indigenous groups are able to secure land rights, it can lead to climate mitigation and resilience efforts such as restoring forests and natural reservoirs, resource-sharing and carbon sequestration.

management plans, so that entire communities can own the land collectively, and reforest areas through mangrove restoration.

Mangroves provide a host of climate mitigation and adaptation benefits. They sequester four times as much carbon as tropical rainforests, protect inland farmland from storm surges, help with saltwater intrusion and also provide fish habitat to strengthen local livelihoods.

“It’s just a lot of benefits through one activity,” McMonagle explains. “I don’t want to call it a simple solution—but maybe it’s an elegant solution.”

Reports have **also shown** that when women and Indigenous groups are able to secure land rights, it can lead to climate mitigation and resilience efforts such as **restoring** forests and natural reservoirs, resource-sharing and **carbon sequestration**.

It also puts communities in a position where they can become drivers of local sustainable development and safeguards of the land by launching campaigns and lawsuits against corporate land grabs.

And the cascading effects of women in particular owning land, McMonagle says, can shift gender roles, financial equity, and social norms in a community towards the direction of greater gender equality.

Another example—in India, Landesa has been working on securing women’s land rights for more than a decade, in part by focusing on inheritance laws and helping implement homesteading initiatives in areas where there’s a gap between national and regional statutes.

Women like Indira and her family were able to turn their initial allocation of land into a thriving business, finding stable income while stewarding the land itself. Her family is among the more than 40 million people enjoying stronger land rights through Landesa’s work in India.

It makes sense that when people own the land they manage, they become better stewards of their environment, says McMonagle, “since their livelihoods and well-being are so closely tied to these natural resources.”

If you’ve ever signed a lease or purchased property you may have an inkling of how complicated land ownership can be. So just imagine navigating land rights in other countries and cultures, with their own sets of laws and customs. It often



Wetland areas in Liberia are a source of food for rural and periurban communities.

Photo: Tyler Roush/Landesa.

U Pho Toke and his 14-year-old son lost their jobs in Thailand, and returned to their mangrove village in Tanintharyi, Myanmar, which has been certified as a 150 acre community forest. With this new certification, they receive free mangrove saplings from the forestry department for replanting, and a sense of security so that they will invest in their land.

Photo: Landesa



makes for a “messy web of factors” to reckon with, according to McMonagle.

Like the differences between national statutory laws and local customary laws (for example, in **Zambia**, statutory law provides for the sharing of property between husband and wife, but customary law denies women any rights to family property). Or sometimes sweeping national reforms get passed, but without the capacity for local implementation.

“Land reform is super challenging, and requires tremendous political will,” McMonagle says.

Add to that the social norms and gender roles just within a specific community—and, as McMonagle puts it (and many in the global development world realize), “If you know one community, you know...one community!”

Which is why **research** is such a core part of what Landesa does, interfacing with government officials, local civil society organizations, lawyers, and communities, taking into account unique legal frameworks, national and regional policies, as well as customs and cultural norms.

“A lot of our research is trying to translate realities on the ground back to policy proposals,” McMonagle explains. “So, it’s kind of a two-way street on translating how things are working up and down the chain.”

COVID-19 has, of course, complicated matters even more—reversing the previous migrations of populations fleeing climate disasters in rural areas for the city, to people leaving crowded urban areas to go back to family farms and villages. Already it has set off the second-largest **mass migration** in India’s history.

But, McMonagle says, land rights can actually play a **powerful role** in both adapting to climate change and preventing future pandemics—in ways you might not even think of.

For example, land tenure could play a role in establishing different natural areas or migration corridors to enforce the separation between animal populations that might be carrying pathogens and keep interactions with people at a minimum.

Just like in many sectors of global development, COVID-19 has wrought havoc on everyone’s lives and modes of being. But it also brings opportunities to change the iniquities and failings of the systems that are supposed to support us.

“By strengthening land rights for rural communities,” McMonagle says, “we can achieve sustainable development priorities and reduce the risk of facing this degree of suffering ever again.”

PROFILE Na'ah Illahee Fund

Advancing Sustainable Lifestyles and Regenerative Economies to Foster Climate Justice

By Joanne Lu

Na'ah Illahee means “Mother Earth” in the Chinook Wawa language, and it is the perfect encapsulation of what the Na'ah Illahee Fund is trying to achieve. As an Indigenous-led philanthropy, they are investing in the leadership of Indigenous women to advance climate justice, gender justice, and regenerative economies in their communities and beyond.

Na'ah Illahee Fund, a grantee of Seattle Foundation, was founded in 2004 by Susan Balbas, herself of Cherokee and Yaqui descent. She was already working in the world of philanthropy at the time, but she was disappointed by a lack of Native representation in the sector and a lack of dollars being invested in Indigenous communities. She decided to do something about it, so took her knowledge and experience and launched what was first called Tierra Madre Fund and is now the Na'ah Illahee Fund.

According to Balbas, Na'ah Illahee Fund was founded to provide resources and a safe space for Indigenous women to resume what was historically their role: the caretakers and leaders of their communities. **Global data** also supports the idea that if you invest in women, they will typically invest

more in their families and communities than men will. But since European colonizers have arrived on their shores, Native women in particular have gotten the short end of the stick, says Balbas. Prior to that, elder women councils guided good decisions for many nations.

“We want to raise up Indigenous women back to their rightful place as leaders,” says Balbas.

To do that, Na'ah Illahee Fund works as many foundations do, providing grants to applicants for their proposals. However, what they offer goes far beyond just funding. They also convene experts in various fields to help build the skills and leadership of community members. In addition, they provide guidance on fundraising and foster a safe space for leaders to share their successes and challenges so they can learn from each other. Na'ah Illahee Fund also collaborates closely with non-Native colleagues, who help keep them abreast of local, state and federal rules and regulations.

Civic engagement (or “Wise Action”) is one major way that Na'ah Illahee Fund is building leadership in Indigenous



Na'ah Illahee Youth Trails Program.

Photo: Na'ah Illahee Fund

communities and helping to amplify their voice. For example, during the 2020 census, they trained 150 messengers with community organizing skills and messaging techniques to educate their fellow community members on the importance of census reporting. As a result, Washington State had the top reporting rate for tribes, which was up 15 percent from 2010. Na'ah Illahee Fund is also hoping to mobilize this network over the next several years to amplify the Native vote.

Another large portion of the work that Na'ah Illahee Fund facilitates is centered on climate justice. These include projects that fall under the umbrellas of "Indigenous Ecology," or land-based projects, and Food Sovereignty. According to Balbas, climate justice is mitigating the factors that have caused a disproportionate impact on communities of color and Indigenous communities and building regenerative economies – that is, economies that give back to the earth to regenerate it. In contrast, most Western economies now are extractive, in which what we give back to the earth is pollution and waste.

Na'ah Illahee Fund is so focused on climate justice because the Indigenous way of life was sustainable for tens of thousands of years. And to a large degree, Native people still live very close to the land, so they are disproportionately impacted by climate change and changes to the environment. Balbas says their climate justice work is not only a chance for Indigenous leaders to provide healing for their communities, but it's also an opportunity to model to the rest of the world what sustainable lifestyles and regenerative economies look like.

Some of the projects that Balbas is most excited about are helping to redistribute resources from resource-rich areas like Seattle to more rural parts of the region. For example, there are several projects the fund is supporting that have the potential to set up recycling networks (compost, solid waste management and water treatment systems) in rural areas where they currently do not exist. They're also helping to set up community gardens and renewable energy infrastructure in some of these areas.

Na'ah Illahee Fund periodically launches new funds. Recently, they launched two new groundbreaking funds dedicated to ending gender-based violence (Let's Help to End GBV Grant) and helping families search for thousands of missing and murdered Indigenous women, whose cases were never taken seriously by police (Red Blanket Fund). But overall, they're excited to stay the course and continue uplifting Indigenous women as leaders of their communities and caretakers of the earth.

"We have a model that hasn't really changed very much, because we found it to be so effective," says Balbas. "It's convening groups of leaders, raising their skills, networking and providing resources, so we hope to be doing a lot more of that."

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Na'ah Illahee community garden.

Photo: Na'ah Illahee Fund

PROFILE Nia Tero

Helping Secure Indigenous Guardianship of Diverse Ecosystems Through Strengthening Self-Determination

By Amber Cortes

It's an astounding fact— **80%** of the world's remaining forest biodiversity lies within Indigenous peoples' territories.

If you care about the future of our planet and the climate crisis, it's a fact you'll never forget. Because it's got profound implications for climate action, mitigation and resilience. It means that healthiest parts of our planet are in the hands of Indigenous peoples.

"And that is not by chance," says Margarita Mora, Managing Director, Partnerships at Nia Tero. "It is because they have a deep, reciprocal relationship with their lands."

Nia Tero was founded in 2017 by a small group of Indigenous and non-Indigenous leaders to support Indigenous peoples in their efforts to protect their ways of life and their territories.

With 40% of remaining intact ecosystems and **20%** of all of the above ground carbon stocks, it's clear Indigenous land and leadership should be invested in. But Indigenous groups receive **less than 2%** of all environmental funding on the global level—a huge disparity.

"So we want to change that disparity," says Mora.

To ensure they do this, Nia Tero has cultivated an impressive and diverse team of BIPOC and Indigenous leaders from

around the world on their board and staff, and a vast network of Indigenous advisors.

"And I think that that has allowed us to have as a central part of our work the idea of contributing to Indigenous people's self-determination. So not arriving **with** solutions, but actually following **their** guidance and their priorities."

Central to this work is that principle of self-determination.

The United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous peoples **states** that for Indigenous peoples, "self-determination is the right to freely determine their political status as well as their economic, social and cultural development."

In some cases, that means the right to autonomy or self-government, in other cases it could mean Indigenous peoples can maintain their distinct politics and culture while retaining their right to participate politically in the State.

Self-determination can have powerful outcomes for Indigenous peoples wanting to protect themselves—and their land. For example, in Brazil, Indigenous lawyers from the Articulation of Indigenous Peoples of Brazil (APIB) have successfully sued the government to protect tribes in voluntary isolation from first contact.

Nia Tero is currently helping support this coalition to extend this historic legal victory to protect all Indigenous territorial rights. This not only keeps missionaries and potential new diseases like COVID out of Indigenous territories—but mining, agribusiness and cattle ranching interests, too.

Studies have **shown** that when Indigenous peoples have the right to self-determination when it comes to management of their lands, those territories are healthier, more biodiverse, and even better protected than officially protected areas.

To Margarita Mora, this speaks to the reciprocal relationships that are part of Indigenous guardianship: a different way to relate to animals, plants and living ecosystems, where cultural practices and even spiritualities are deeply tied to the places they live.

"So it is that idea that the land is not just for development or even conservation. It is the holistic view that, you cannot choose between your heart and your brain, right? You need both to come together, and they have managed to do that since time immemorial."

Nia Tero utilizes what they call "place-anchored partnerships," to develop relationships with Indigenous peoples who live in a collective territory or place along with their partners and chosen allies. The term is specific to



Indigenous villagers, Brazil.

Photo: Christina Mittermeier, Nia Tero

Indigenous peoples who share history, sustenance, and biophysical geographies, as well as metaphysical spaces tied to identity, the sacred and home.

“We have conversations with the partners, and we develop relationships first, because money and funding is a tool, not an end. It is not the focus of the relationships.”

For example, Nia Tero is **working with** the Sahtu Dene First Nations in Canada, where ways of life are threatened from melting ice and rising temperatures. They’re providing through the Indigenous Leadership Initiative multiyear support

for communities in the the Sahtu to establish their own protected areas and their guardianship program. These efforts are directly tied to the Sahtu deep cultural and spiritual relationships to their lands, a territory equivalent in size to Western Europe.

“Because they wanted to reclaim their traditional lands and ensure that future generations maintain their relationship to the land, as that is what is enabling and will enable them to face the climate crisis that is coming,” explains Mora.

“So we support them as they need us to support them, not based on what we want to support.”

Another strategy that guides Nia Tero’s work is called ‘cross-cutting’—including things like Indigenous storytelling, policy advocacy, scientific research, and leadership development in strategic goals.

Mora says it’s a way to ensure that Indigenous policymakers have all the tools they need to participate, for example, in international events like the **Convention on Biological Diversity**, helping shape biodiversity targets for 2030.

It also amplifies Indigenous voices through storytelling, like with **the Reciprocity Project**, which empowers Indigenous



Margarita Mora and Sharon Austin, Northern Amazonia lead of Nia Tero, during a trip to Suriname.

Photo:Nia Tero



Sahtu Dene homestead in boreal forest, Canada.

Photo:Valérie Courtois/Nia Tero

people to share their perspectives and stories on guardianship in their lands, through their own lived experiences.

“But the power of the Reciprocity Project is, we didn’t tell them what stories they had to tell,” says Mora. “We found incredible Indigenous storytellers who told their own stories.”

“And what is beautiful about it is that it all comes back to the relationship with the land. And how important it is to have that relationship remain.”

The concept of reciprocity is a core aspect of Nia Tero’s vision, Mora says, and how they relate with the world and with each other within the organization.

“Reciprocity starts with really acknowledging and respecting each other.”

And they want to make sure other organizations are changing the way they work with and relate to Indigenous peoples, too. Indigenous peoples and their lands are not a tool to achieve conservation goals, or a testing ground for a development program conceived of thousands of miles away.

“So we need to shift that behavior and acknowledge that despite the incredible education that some people might have, Indigenous peoples in their lands know more than we do,” says Mora.

They have been caring for their lands for generations, and are in fact the leaders we need to turn to for lessons in climate action, mitigation, and most of all, resilience.

“So I think it really doesn’t matter the line of work that you follow, but if you follow the principle of listening, respecting others, and doing no harm, we’re going to be in a much better place.

PROFILE Remote Energy

Powering a Sustainable Future by Training a Diverse Workforce

By Amber Cortes

There's no denying the numbers—the solar industry is HOT right now. Solar **accounted for 43%** of all new electricity-generating capacity added in the U.S. in 2020, and globally, the solar energy market is projected to reach **\$223.3 billion** by 2026. It's great news for sustainable energy, and also for jobs. According to the US Bureau of Labor Statistics, PV installer positions are projected to grow **50.5 percent** in the next decade. (PV stands for Photovoltaic, the kind of solar cells used to generate electricity from the sun.) By 2030, the off-grid solar sector could support up to **4 million jobs** globally, mostly in Africa and South Asia.

"Such a huge amount of growth," says Chris Brooks, co-founder of Remote Energy. "And a huge amount of jobs out there... Solar has taken over." Remote Energy wants to make sure no one gets left out.

The organization began, says Brooks, when a group of five renewable energy workers—installers, electricians, and educators—came together to teach at a PV training center



Solar installation training kit.

Photo: Expanding Lives

14.2% of households on Native American reservations have no access to electricity (compared to only 1.4 percent of all U.S. households),

in Colorado. But the experience wasn't satisfying. All Brooks and his fellow instructors could think about were "the people who couldn't make it to the class," says Brooks, "because they couldn't afford it, or some other barrier prevented them from accessing that type of a technical training program."

Knowing that people who wanted to learn about solar would likely use the technology to improve their communities, they formed Remote Energy with a focus on reaching marginalized populations and remote areas where the power lines don't reach. Remote Energy doesn't build solar. Simply put, they train people all over the world to train other people to build solar—which is different from a lot of other programs out there.

"Most cater towards training this huge growing workforce that's focused on big utility-scale solar installations," Brooks explains. "But we found we could have the biggest impact by training instructors specifically to teach others how to install smaller, off-grid systems that benefit communities, health care, and education."

Since the pandemic, Remote Energy has gone, well, remote—quickly pivoting from hands-on teaching to figuring out how to put their curriculums into an online format. They found they could reach more people in places they wouldn't have access to otherwise, Brooks says, "and we not only reduced our carbon footprint by not having to travel, but we could bring our costs way down."

Training people online to actually work on live systems and equipment was a challenge, but the organization is now sending kits to technical schools they work with so students get hands-on experience with equipment they can bring home.

The World Economic Forum defines **energy poverty** as the lack of access to sustainable modern energy services and products. Since solar deals with electricity, it can mean unelectrified communities and people who either don't have access to electrical services, or the access they do have is intermittent or unreliable.

Energy poverty can have the most detrimental effects in education and health care, says Brooks. "For example, we work with an organization that focuses on maternal health clinics,



Nigerian women trainees.

Photo: Remote Energy

and there's literally women having babies by candlelight, or by cell phone light, because they don't have electricity."

Learning about the true cost of energy poverty has been eye opening for Brooks. "When I first got into solar and started working in developing communities, I always thought I was going to have to travel really far away. But the reality is that there's energy poverty in our backyards." For example, **14.2%** of households on Native American reservations have no access to electricity (compared to only 1.4 percent of all U.S. households), according to a 2000 report from the U.S. Energy Information Administration.

To combat this disproportion, Remote Energy has partnered with tribes in Washington State and beyond to develop training facilities where aspiring Native American technicians and instructors can learn how to design and install solar power systems. And, they found, electricity powers positive changes. Health care clinics can store vaccines and medicine. Students can use light to study in the evenings. Air quality improves as less people burn wood or kerosene for fuel. "So it kind of has this effect where even just a little bit of electricity can really make people healthier and more productive," says Brooks.

Remote Energy is also trying to spark change within the industry itself. Women, who are disproportionately represented in technical fields and STEM careers, represent only 28%

of people employed in the renewable energy fields. As an electrician, Remote Energy co-founder Carol Weis found the field dominated by men, so she implemented **women-only classes** as part of their programming. So far this year they've educated 42 women from 11 countries to become solar technicians and instructors.

The program goes beyond the technical to teach soft skills like building confidence and leadership. The experience, Brooks says, inspires other women to see what's possible. "When given an opportunity to learn with other women, they're just way into it. They're not afraid to participate. They're not afraid to try new things or be judged."

The ripple effect has made an impact—the 5 women instructors trained from a partner program in Kenya have since taught over 200 students. Breaking down barriers to a sustainable energy future is something Brooks is pretty optimistic about. "There are lots of things that are slowly holding the industry back—information barriers, economic barriers, geopolitical barriers, technological barriers."

But, says Brooks, a key to overcoming these issues is the development of a diverse, equitable, and inclusive workforce. One community at a time. "We're not talking about giant, utility scale solar systems to power the planet, we're talking about little systems that people can install in their communities to bring positive change to their lives," he says.

PROFILE Seattle Foundation

Local Philanthropic Institution Has Begun a New Chapter Addressing Climate Justice

By Stephanie Stinson

Community foundations first emerged as U.S. institutions more than 100 years ago. Since then they have become essential bridge builders, civic leaders, and philanthropic catalyzers in the places they serve.

Closer to home, the name **Seattle Foundation** has long been synonymous with efforts to strengthen the health and vitality of our region through philanthropy since **its creation in 1946**. Each philanthropic strategy designed by Seattle Foundation is rooted in the belief that all individuals, families, and communities deserve opportunities to thrive, regardless of their race, place, or other identity. In line with its tradition as a recognized leader in striving to reduce the inequities that exist across our local communities, Seattle Foundation launched a **Climate Justice Impact Strategy** in 2018 to guide the evolution of its ongoing commitment to this work.

Part of a broader Community Program practice area, the Climate Justice Impact Strategy endeavors to address the disproportionate impacts of climate change on communities of color and low-income communities, while also ensuring these communities themselves are at the frontline in designing initiatives to address a changing climate. The strategy document states: "Everyone has a stake in achieving climate justice and we believe that focusing on those first and worst impacted ensures that we all thrive."

Sally Gillis, the managing director of strategy and partnerships at Seattle Foundation, oversees the Climate Justice Impact Strategy. Drafted with an eye towards long-term systems change, Gillis said that the strategy recognizes the importance of concurrent efforts around mitigation, adaptation resilience and leadership.

After launching its climate justice strategy, the Seattle Foundation undertook its first major action in this area – the endorsement and support of Washington state Initiative 1631, a carbon emissions fee. "This for us was a strong step forward in speaking to our commitment, using our voice as a civic leader in support of equitable climate change policies

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that truly support frontline and marginalized communities," said Gillis. "We continue to see policy as a critical lever. While the initiative wasn't successful, I'm proud that we stood on the right side of history in speaking to our values."

When asked about particular policies Seattle Foundation anticipates supporting moving forward, Gillis commented that the organization will be keeping an eye on what unfolds during this legislative cycle to then inform future ballot priorities. She also noted that Seattle Foundation relies on its community partners to elevate ways the organization can be most valuable.

"There is great effort through many of our grantees to put progressive policies on the ballot and in front of the legislature, recognizing that if we don't act quickly, climate justice is going to be harder and harder to be realized."

A fundamental component to the strategy's approach includes producing more prominent messaging around the human-centered impacts that communities of color and low-income communities face in a changing climate. It is widely documented that in the United States, race is the most significant predictor of a person living near contaminated water, air, or soil. Locally, this is evidenced by the fact that 58 percent of the population that lives within one mile of the Duwamish River Superfund boundary are people of color. To this end, Seattle Foundation is using storytelling to better illuminate the complexity and humanity of climate justice.

In the past, Seattle Foundation has invited philanthropists to join **Puget Soundkeeper** and Duwamish River Cleanup Coalition on a **boat tour of the Duwamish River**. This gave philanthropists the opportunity to reflect on both the social and environmental consequences of a century of development in Seattle's commercial district and how they wanted to be part of solutions moving forward.

"We know not everyone is able to take time out of their day to join us," Gillis acknowledged. "Moving forward, I'm excited to think about how we might use vlogs (video blogs) and video to capture the stories of our grantees, and truly tell of their resilience and leadership through this work. We need to shift the storyteller to on-the-ground leaders who are holding and centering community."

A key aspiration of the outing was to bring more overall attention to human-centered impacts within the broader climate change narrative.

"Our neighbors along the Duwamish River will experience climate change through sea level rise, storm surges, flooding,



2017 Earth Day climate march in Seattle.

Photo: Rick Theis, Twenty20.

and this will amplify the community's current and urgent need to take action," stressed Gillis. "At the same time, that community is seeing increased gentrification and decreased affordability, so that local residents don't just face climate change, but they face affordability changes. We must intentionally plan and protect communities so that they aren't forced to make false choices between sea walls and affordable housing, both of which are necessary for a community to thrive in place."

Gillis noted that these same choices, between livability and safety, are made by communities in many of the places that Global Washington members work around the world. Such circumstances are heightened by extreme inequality and a lack of government accountability.

In describing the foundation's programmatic goals for the coming year, Gillis said they will continue to work in partnership with institutional funders, while concurrently working across silos to ensure that highly impacted communities are given the space to lead.

"We recognize that within the environmental field, especially in the Pacific Northwest, has been historically white-led and male-dominated. We know that in order to ensure that climate justice is realized, we have to expand the movement, reinforcing People-of-Color-led leadership within the field," said Gillis.

Pursuant of these leadership objectives, in December Seattle Foundation **invested \$500,000 in ten frontline organizations** undertaking community-based and community-defined

efforts. Gillis said that she looks forward to evolving similar work as a key priority in 2022.

Gillis cites honest feedback and fostering authentic partnership with these frontline organizations as being among the biggest lessons learned since the foundation adopted this strategy.

"As part of our grant making and convening efforts, we have been a long-time funder of **Front and Centered**, a collaborative of 60 plus POC-serving organizations, fighting for environmental justice. This has brought us into honest dialogue with those organizations who have called us into conversations and who have pushed us to be better than philanthropy has been historically," said Gillis.

Finally, Gillis noted the importance of connecting Seattle Foundation's local efforts to the broader climate justice initiatives taking place worldwide.

"As we approach climate justice, we could work in our local Pacific Northwest context. At the same time we are aware that we can't work in isolation. For example, we know that the burning forests of Australia will impact our air quality here in Seattle. Ultimately, we are sharing one planet and one set of solutions. Thus, we continually seek out opportunities to learn from national and international leaders to help inform our locally-led solutions."

Global Washington works in partnership with Seattle Foundation to promote climate justice as a priority issue locally and globally. For more information about how you can support Seattle Foundation's work in the area of climate justice, contact **Sally Gillis**.

PROFILE Tearfund USA

A Faith-Based International NGO, Seeks to Inspire Christians to Act on Climate

by Amanda Miah, Content Manager of Tearfund USA

In September, 2019,, the world witnessed an unprecedented movement of young people raising their voices, demanding that their leaders take action on the global climate crisis. For millions of people across the world, standing up for climate justice isn't just a passing trend; it is both urgent and necessary for a flourishing future.

Tearfund, a faith-based international aid and development organization, is among those taking action. **We have seen firsthand how climate change is affecting those we serve.** The problems produced by an unstable climate are undeniable and as a result, vulnerable people are being pushed back into poverty at an alarming rate.

In 2016, world hunger increased for the first time this century. Rising global temperatures and unpredictable weather patterns, such as frequent rains, floods, and droughts, are disrupting harvests and putting pressure on food supplies. And it's the world's poorest and most vulnerable people who are hit hardest. They often lack the resources necessary to adapt to the changing climate, and protections like insurance are not available to them. Not only are people losing their livelihoods but also their means of survival. Access to clean water, food, and shelter is growing scarcer. This instability forces many to flee their homes, contributing to the **global migration crisis**.



Approximately 45 million people across 16 countries in southern Africa face severe food shortages due to extreme weather events and political and economic instability.

Photo: Tearfund USA

The injustice of climate change is that those most affected by it are those who have done the least to cause it.

The relentless consumption of some has not only caused climate injustice but has devastated our natural world. **Since 1970, the populations of wildlife species have fallen by 60%.** The more we consume, and the more our economies grow, the further our environment is pushed to the breaking point. Tearfund recognizes this and is committed to helping people live more simply and for a more sustainable future, both environmentally and economically.

"Data shows that the people least likely to support policy change to address climate justice are evangelical Christians. But data also shows that some of the most generous people giving financially to address global poverty are also evangelical Christians. As a faith-based organization we have a unique obligation to help our supporters within the Christian community understand the relationship between climate change, hunger, poverty, migration, lack of clean water, and other critical issues facing our world," says Jason Fileta, interim CEO of Tearfund USA. "We believe God wants to see a movement of his people take action on climate change to secure justice for the poor and future generations."

A holistic approach to justice is at the forefront of Tearfund's work. We encourage supporters to not only give but also to pray, advocate, and live in ways that challenge injustice.

"Political advocacy is essential to see true climate justice. The challenge of climate change is so large that our own personal lifestyle changes will not be enough; we need policy change," Jason says. Tearfund began its advocacy work in the early 1990s. With the combined efforts of supporters, partners, and staff, the organization continues to strive in influencing powerful decision-makers around the world to change unjust policies.

Solving the global climate crisis is still possible. It requires a new way forward – one that changes our consumption habits as individuals and nations, provides funding for the poorest communities in our world, particularly coastal regions and those communities dependent on agriculture to adapt to a changing climate, and finally, that finds alternative ways of living together that doesn't devastate our environment or the world's most vulnerable people.

Though the climate strike has long since passed, you can still raise your voice against climate injustice. I encourage you to **sign this petition**, urging our nation's leaders to help the poorest in our world adapt to climate change through access to agricultural training and development, irrigation, and other solutions to build more resilient communities.

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actforcongo.org

ADARA DEVELOPMENT ●

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AFRICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Africa Chamber of Commerce promotes bilateral trade and investment relationships between Africa and the Pacific Northwest of the United States.

africanchamberofcommercepnw.com

AGROS INTERNATIONAL ●

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agros.org

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childreverywhere.org

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[gatesfoundation.org](https://www.gatesfoundation.org)

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[buildon.org](https://www.buildon.org)

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[blfundafrica.org](https://www.blfundafrica.org)

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[care.org](https://www.care.org)

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[Chandlerfoundation.org](https://www.Chandlerfoundation.org)

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[ChildFund.org](https://www.ChildFund.org)

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[cleantechalliance.org](https://www.cleantechalliance.org)

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daysforgirls.org

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f5.com

FIVE ANGELS ●

Five Angels a 501(c)(3) which assists with providing quality care and medical services to families in Shire, Ethiopia.

FRED HUTCHINSON CANCER RESEARCH CENTER ●

Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center, home to three Nobel laureates, is guided by the mission to eliminate cancer and related diseases as causes of human suffering and death. Fred Hutch conducts research of the highest standards to improve prevention and treatment of cancer and related diseases.

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fredhutch.org

FRIENDLY WATER FOR THE WORLD ●

Friendly Water for the World expands global access to low-cost clean water technologies and information about health and sanitation through knowledge-sharing, training, community-building, peacemaking, and sustainability. It empowers communities abroad to take care of their own clean water needs.

friendlywater.org

FSC INVESTMENTS & PARTNERSHIPS ●

FSC Investments and Partnerships (FSC I&P) promotes environmentally appropriate, socially beneficial, and economically viable management of the world's forests.

investments-partnerships.fsc.org

THE FOUNDATION FOR INTERNATIONAL UNDERSTANDING THROUGH STUDENTS (FIUTS) ●

The Foundation for International Understanding Through Students (FIUTS) advances international understanding through cross-cultural experiences, student leadership, and community connections. Founded at the University of Washington in 1948, FIUTS programs connect international students, U.S. students, children and K-12 schools, and members of our community through programs that inspire dialogue and cultural exchange. info@fiuts.org

fiuts.org

FUTURE OF FISH ●

Future of Fish is an international nonprofit that works to transform at-risk communities into thriving centers of coastal sustainability that can serve as replicable models for a just and blue economy. Future of Fish knows that one organization cannot shift the system alone. They currently operate in Latin America and the Caribbean, with partnerships serving South East Asia and Africa. hello@futureoffish.org

futureoffish.org

● 501(c)(3) non-profit organization

GAMBIA HEALTH EDUCATION LIAISON PROJECT (GAMBIAHELP) ●

Gambia Health Education Liaison Project, also known as GambiaHELP, exists to enable communities in Gambia to protect, conserve, and improve their own health, the health of their community, and their natural environment.

gambiahelp.org

GAPPS - GLOBAL ALLIANCE TO PREVENT PREMATURITY AND STILLBIRTH ●

GAPPS seeks to improve birth outcomes worldwide by reducing the burden of premature birth and stillbirths. It is working to close the knowledge gap in understanding the causes of preterm birth and stillbirth and collaborating to implement evidence based interventions to improve birth outcomes.

gapps.org

GIRL RISING ●

Girl Rising uses the power of storytelling to change the way the world values girls and their education. It ignites action for girls' education and gender equity by changing attitudes and harmful gender norms through programming and campaigns reaching families, communities, corporations, governments and the general public.

girlrising.org

GLOBAL IMPACT ●

Global Impact works on charitable ventures to inspire greater giving. It serves as a trusted advisor, and an intermediary and implementing partner across the private, nonprofit, and public sectors. Through these partnerships, the organization has raised \$2 billion to address issues around poverty and global development. Its expertise includes fundraising and partnerships, employee engagement and CSR, and finance and business services.

charity.org

GLOBAL LEADERSHIP FORUM ●

The Global Leadership Forum strengthens globally oriented social-purpose leaders through a peer cohort program that addresses leadership, management, and organizational development topics. In this trusting peer community, creative problem solving and real-time application of topics results in personal and organizational growth and development. Alumni form an enduring community who support each other to improve lives in communities worldwide. team@glfglobal.org

glfglobal.org

GLOBAL PARTNERSHIPS ●

Global Partnerships is an impact-first investor dedicated to expanding opportunity for people living in poverty. GP extends loans and early stage investments to social enterprises that serve people living in poverty in developing countries throughout Latin America, the Caribbean, and sub-Saharan Africa.

globalpartnerships.org

GOODCITIZEN

GoodCitizen provides executive search and leadership advisory services to mission-driven organizations. The pressing challenges in our communities and around the world – and the best ideas for addressing them – converge on questions of leadership. GoodCitizen exists to help social sector organizations (philanthropies, non-profits, social enterprises) build leadership teams that can make a difference and drive change. melissa@goodcitizen.com

goodcitizen.com

GORMAN CONSULTING

Gorman Consulting is a firm that provides specialized measurement and evaluation services, primarily in the health sector.

gormanconsulting.org

GSBA, WASHINGTON STATE'S LGBTQ & ALLIED CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ●

GSBA, Washington State's LGBTQ & Allied Chamber of Commerce's mission is to combine business development, leadership, and social action to expand economic opportunities for the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender community and those who support equality for all. It envisions a vibrant global economy strengthened through the full participation of diverse local communities.

thegsba.org

HANDS FOR PEACEMAKING FOUNDATION ●

The focus of the Hands for Peacemaking Foundation is to offer opportunities for economic development, improved health conditions, and access to education to promote self-sufficiency for the Guatemalan people.

handsforpeacemaking.org

HEIFER INTERNATIONAL ●

Heifer International is on a mission to end hunger and poverty, while caring for the Earth. For 76 years, Heifer International has worked with 36.9 million families to build sustainable food and farming businesses that strengthen rural economies and put people on the pathway to a living income.

heifer.org

HUNGER PROJECT ●

The Hunger Project is committed to the sustainable end of world hunger. It has ongoing programs in Africa, Asia, and Latin America aimed at mobilizing rural communities, with a particular focus on women, to achieve sustainable progress in food security, health, education, nutrition, and family income.

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thp.org

INTERNATIONAL RESCUE COMMITTEE ●

The International Rescue Committee (IRC) helps people in 40+ countries whose lives and livelihoods are shattered by conflict and disaster to survive, recover, and gain control of their future. Since 1976, the IRC in Seattle has helped thousands of refugees, immigrants, and survivors of human trafficking to rebuild their lives in Washington State. Seattle@Rescue.org

rescue.org/seattle



Children in Afghanistan.

Photo: Amber Clay, Pixabay

KATI COLLECTIVE

Kati Collective provides experienced, strategic, and pragmatic action focused on three of the most important drivers of change: gender, digital, and partnerships. Using data as a tool to unlock solutions at every step of the development lifecycle, Kati Collective aligns resources across its network with global and local expertise to provide clients with targeted, cost-effective, and impactful services and outcomes.

katicollective.com

LANDESA ●

Landesa advances pro-poor, gender-sensitive land rights reforms through law and policy tools. These reforms have helped alleviate poverty, reduce hunger, and ease conflict over land for more than 180 million families. Secure rights to land boost agricultural productivity, improve health, fight climate change, and have placed billions of dollars in new land wealth in the hands of rural people.

landesa.org

LIFE SCIENCE WASHINGTON ●

Life Science Washington is an independent, non-profit, trade association serving the life sciences industry in WA. As the center of influence for WA life sciences, it advocates for positive public policy and private investment, brings together research institutions, investors, and entrepreneurs to grow its economic sector, and create healthier communities.

lifesciencewa.org

LINKSBRIDGE SPC

Linksbridge's mission is to increase the capacity and capabilities of organizations seeking to create a better world. Creating connections and employing the best learning, processes, and thinking from the nonprofit, commercial, public, and private sectors, Linksbridge's creative and collaborative approach helps its partners solve their most demanding and urgent challenges, effectively communicate their plans, and implement change. contact@linksbridge.com

linksbridge.com

LYNDEN LOGISTICS

Lynden Logistics is a full-service domestic and international freight forwarder. The organization has over 30 offices throughout the world including the United States, Canada, Mexico, Belgium, Russia, and the Russian Far East. Lynden Logistics focuses on fast, responsive customer service, as well as consistent, reliable, and competitive transport.

lynden.com

MALARIA NO MORE ●

Malaria No More envisions a world where no one dies from a mosquito bite. The organization's work has contributed to historic progress toward this goal. Now, Malaria No More is mobilizing the political commitment, funding, and innovation required to achieve what would be one of the greatest humanitarian accomplishments – ending malaria within our generation.

malariafreesociety.org

● 501(c)(3) non-profit organization

THE MAX FOUNDATION ●

The Max Foundation increases global access to treatment, care and support for people living with cancer in more than 70 low- and middle-income countries. Its innovative model provides humanitarian cancer medicines to over 30,000 patients who would have no other way to access them. Every person facing cancer, no matter where they live, deserves to live with dignity and hope.

themaxfoundation.org

MEDICAL TEAMS INTERNATIONAL ●

Medical Teams International is a needs-based humanitarian organization providing life-saving health services for conflict affected, refugee, and displaced populations. Medical Teams operates in eight countries supporting communities and local health facilities to ensure access to quality health services for the most vulnerable.

medicalteams.org

MERCY CORPS ●

Mercy Corps is a leading global organization powered by the belief that a better world is possible. In disaster, in hardship, in more than 40 countries around the world, Mercy Corps partners to put bold solutions into action—helping people triumph over adversity and build stronger communities from within. Now, and for the future.

mercycorps.org

MICROSOFT

At Microsoft, the mission is to empower every person and every organization on the planet to achieve more. Delivering on this mission starts with great technology, but great technology alone is not enough. Too many of technology's benefits have yet to reach the people who need them.

microsoft.com

MIFOS INITIATIVE ●

The Mifos Initiative provides education, training, and tools to enable charitable organizations and social enterprises to make financial inclusion more affordable, available, and accessible to the 2.5 billion unbanked poor in the world.

mifos.org

MINERVA STRATEGIES

Minerva Strategies creates positive change through smart communication. Minerva Strategies is well connected in the social change sector, with strong expertise in global health and development, and it brings a keen understanding of clients' opportunities and constraints.

minervastrategies.com

MISSION AFRICA ●

Mission Africa aims to empower children and families in the South King County communities of Washington State and, in the remote villages of Africa by providing support in three core areas – education, healthcare and poverty alleviation.

missionafrica.us

MONA FOUNDATION ●

Founded in 1999, Mona Foundation supports grassroots initiatives that provide education to all children, empower women and girls, and enable them to transform their own communities. In 2020, with transition to online education, we supported the education of 2,286,575 students in 19 projects in 12 countries including US, Haiti, Panama, Brazil, India, Vietnam, China, Mongolia, Gambia and Sierra Leone.

monafoundation.org

MOVINGWORLDS

MovingWorlds engages professionals from the for-profit sector to build the capacity of social impact organizations around the world. Companies can partner with MovingWorlds to sponsor their employees on these projects as part of leadership & innovation development programs (like Microsoft's MySkills). Its signature program, the MovingWorlds Institute Global Fellowship, supports career growth through the act of creating social good.

movingworlds.org

NATIONAL MUSEUM AND CENTER FOR SERVICE ●

National Museum and Center for Service honors, celebrates and inspires the American spirit of service in all its forms. Now, more than ever, we need a place to tell the story of service. The National Museum and Center for Service will be that place, in the Nation's Capital, and recognized across the country.

[Hello@nmcfs.org](mailto>Hello@nmcfs.org)

nmcfs.org

NETHOPE ●

NetHope empowers committed organizations to change the world through the power of technology. This consortium of nearly 60 leading global nonprofits unites with technology companies and funding partners to design, fund, implement, adapt, and scale innovative approaches to solve development, humanitarian, and conservation challenges.

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nethope.org

NIA TERO ●

Indigenous peoples sustain many of the healthiest ecosystems on Earth: areas rich in biodiversity and systems essential to our global climate, fresh water, and food security. Nia Tero exists to ensure that Indigenous peoples have the economic power and cultural independence to steward, support, and protect their livelihoods and territories they call home. These places are vital to us all.

niatero.org

NORTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY - SEATTLE ●

Northeastern University–Seattle offers high-demand graduate degrees in science and technology, business, nonprofit and global leadership, healthcare, education.

seattle.northeastern.edu

Women knitting, Chivay, Peru.

Photo: Kolibri5, Pixabay



NORTHWEST IMMIGRANT RIGHTS PROJECT ●

Northwest Immigrant Rights Project promotes justice by defending and advancing the rights of immigrants through direct legal services, systemic advocacy, and community education. Northwest Immigrant Rights Project strives for justice and equity for all persons, regardless of where they were born.

nwirp.org

NORTHWEST SCHOOL ●

The Northwest School offers a faculty who engage each student in sequential, cross-disciplinary study in the Humanities, Sciences, and the Arts. The Northwest School graduates students with historical, scientific, artistic, and global perspective, enabling them to think and act with integrity, believing they have a positive impact on the world.

northwestschool.org

OPPORTUNITY INTERNATIONAL ●

Opportunity International provides financial solutions and training to empower people living in poverty to transform their lives, their children's futures and their communities.

opportunity.org

OUTRIGHT ACTION INTERNATIONAL ●

OutRight Action International is the leading US-based non-profit fighting for human rights for LGBTIQ people globally, especially in places where they face extreme violence, discrimination, and persecution. OutRight monitors and documents human rights violations, supports grassroots activists on the frontlines, and holds governments accountable at the United Nations and beyond. khultquist@outrightinternational.org

outrightinternational.org

OXFAM AMERICA ●

Oxfam is a global organization that fights inequality to end poverty and injustice. We offer lifesaving support in times of crisis and advocate for economic justice, gender equality, and climate action. We demand equal rights and equal treatment so that everyone can thrive, not just survive. The future is equal.

oxfamamerica.org

PANGEA GIVING ●

Pangea Giving is a giving circle whose purpose is to give its members and supporters direct, thoughtful, and effective ways to support grassroots organizations in the Global South to improve the quality of life in their communities. It has grant partners in East Africa (Kenya and Uganda), Southeast Asia (Cambodia and Myanmar), and Latin America (Guatemala and Mexico).

pangeagiving.org

● 501(c)(3) non-profit organization

PARTNERS ASIA ●

Partners Asia forges trust-based partnerships with local leaders who are tireless in serving “invisible” populations—refugees, migrants, ethnic minorities, LGBTQI — in Asia; providing small grants for community-led initiatives, technical support, and opportunities for coalition building so that all people can survive and thrive. 20 years of partnerships has proven that local leaders supported with global resources are unstoppable.

info@partnersasia.org

partnersasia.org

PATH ●

PATH is a global team working toward health equity so all people and communities can thrive. It advises and partners with public institutions, businesses, grassroots groups, and investors to solve the world’s most pressing health challenges.

development@path.org

path.org

PATH FROM POVERTY ●

Path From Poverty reaches across cultures to transform lives and communities by partnering with women’s groups; empowering and equipping women to break the cycle of poverty and live into their God-given potential, irrespective of their spiritual beliefs.

pathfrompoverty.org

PEACETREES VIETNAM ●

PeaceTrees Vietnam is dedicated to addressing the legacy of the U.S-Vietnam War through mine action, community assistance, and citizen diplomacy. In partnership with Vietnamese leadership and local communities, PeaceTrees safely clears land of explosive remnants of war and supports community-led education and economic development initiatives so that future generations can thrive.

peacetreesvietnam.org

PHILANTHROPY NORTHWEST ●

Philanthropy Northwest is the network for philanthropists of all types who are committed to Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Washington, and Wyoming. Philanthropy Northwest promotes, facilitates, and drives collaborative action by community investors to build resilient, equitable, and inclusive communities.

philanthropynw.org

PILGRIM AFRICA ●

Pilgrim Africa’s mission is to challenge despair, love boldly, and help African people create a future of prosperity and health. It aims to restore the hope and dignity found in Christ to those devastated by war, poverty, or disease.

pilgrimafrika.org

PLANNED PARENTHOOD GREAT NORTHWEST, HAWAII, ALASKA, INDIANA, KENTUCKY (PPGNHAIK) ●

PPGNHAIK draws upon its expertise as a leading provider of sexual and reproductive health services and comprehensive sexuality education to deliver capacity building support to partner organizations in low- and middle-income countries. Through these partnerships, PPGNHAIK’s Global Programs department supports efforts to improve sexual and reproductive health outcomes for young people.

ppgnhaik.org

PRONTO INTERNATIONAL ●

PRONTO International aims to optimize care during birth. The organization develops and implements innovative training strategies that act as a catalyst for health care providers to make individual, team, and systems changes. PRONTO envisions birth as a safe and respectful experience for all mothers, babies, and healthcare providers.

prontointernational.org

PYGMY SURVIVAL ALLIANCE ●

Pygmy Survival Alliance is a nonprofit organization that connects pygmy villages in Rwanda with information, leadership, survival and health resources to enable them to transform their health and welfare.

pygmysurvival.org

RAINMAKERSTV ●

RainmakersTV is a documentary series established to communicate stories of leadership, innovation and social responsibility that inspire global transformation.

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rainmakers.tv

REMOTE ENERGY ●

Remote Energy provides customized solar electric curriculum development, training, and educational programs. It partners with organizations looking to use renewable energy to address issues relating to jobs, health, clean water, education, gender equality, and poverty. *info@remoteenergy.org*

remoteenergy.org

RESONANCE

Solving the SDGs will require many organizations working together to drive change. Resonance is a global social impact consultancy working with companies, donors, foundations, and NGOs to solve global development and corporate sustainability challenges cross-sector collaboration. Resonance literally wrote the book on partnerships and has helped clients deliver transformative results in more than 300 partnerships in 60 countries. *jbernard@resonanceglobal.com*

resonanceglobal.com

RESULTS EDUCATIONAL FUND ●

RESULTS is a movement of passionate, committed everyday people who use their voices to influence political decisions that will bring an end to poverty. *development@results.org*

results.org

THE ROSE INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR CHILDREN (TRIFC) ●

The Rose International Fund for Children's (TRIFC) mission is to 'lift-up' Nepalese people living with disabilities and those that are disadvantaged so they can achieve their full potential. TRIFC envisions Nepal as a society that fosters dignity and hope for disadvantaged people and people living with disabilities, by providing them with the support they need to become productive, independent citizens.

trifc.org

ROTARY DISTRICT 5030 ●

Rotary D5030 has 55 Clubs with over 2200 members in the greater Seattle area who see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves. Rotary D5030 funded over \$2,264,000 in international projects in fiscal year 2020-2021.

rotarydistrict5030.org

RWANDA GIRLS INITIATIVE ●

Rwanda Girls Initiative's (RGI) mission is to educate and empower girls in Rwanda to reach their highest potential. RGI opened Gashora Girls Academy of Science and Technology as an innovative and socio-economically diverse upper-secondary school, combining college prep academics with leadership training, designed to cultivate leaders with a love of learning and a sense of economic empowerment to strengthen their communities.

rwandagirlsinitiative.org

SAHAR EDUCATION ●

By fostering interchanges between the United States and Afghanistan, Sahar builds schools and educational programs for girls in Afghanistan, empowering and inspiring children and their families to build peaceful, thriving communities.

sahareducation.org

SATTVA

Sattva is an organization driven by the mission to end global poverty in our lifetime. Since 2009, its work has spanned 27 countries across SE Asia, Africa and LATAM, with teams in India, Denmark and USA. Sattva works with corporations, impact investors, foundations, and social organizations to achieve social impact goals effectively and maximize social return on their investments. parvathy.ramanathan@sattva.co.in

sattva.co.in

SAVE THE CHILDREN ●

Save the Children believes every child deserves a future. In the US and globally in more than 100 countries, the organization gives children a healthy start in life, the opportunity to learn, and protection from harm. Save the Children does whatever it takes for children, every day and in times of crisis, transforming their lives and the future we share.

savethechildren.org

SCHOOLS FOR SALONE ●

Schools for Salone's mission is to advance quality education in Sierra Leone through local partnerships. Schools for Salone works alongside Sierra Leonean partners to build schools, train teachers, empower girls, and equip students to stay in school and achieve their dreams. Schools for Salone has built 41 school buildings and 3 libraries and served over 27,000 students since 2005. info@schoolsforalone.org

schoolsforalone.org

SE ASIA FOUNDATION ●

The SE Asia Foundation focuses on eliminating poverty by educating girls. Hands-on coaching for sustainability is provided for those schools, care facilities, and related organizations selected for support.

seafund.org

SEATTLE AQUARIUM ●

The Seattle Aquarium is a respected authority on the Salish Sea, Washington Coast, and Pacific Ocean, and serves as the largest platform for ocean conservation in the Pacific Northwest. Guided by its mission of Inspiring Conservation of Our Marine Environment, the Aquarium leads community engagement, field conservation, policy and advocacy and research programs, and reaches ~one million people each year.

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seattleaquarium.org

SEATTLE FOUNDATION ●

Seattle Foundation ignites powerful, rewarding philanthropy to make Greater Seattle a stronger, more vibrant community for all.

seattlefoundation.org

SEATTLE METROPOLITAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The Chamber is a business advocacy organization that helps our members thrive in an equitable and inclusive regional economy.

seattlechamber.com

SEATTLE PACIFIC UNIVERSITY ●

Seattle Pacific University seeks to be a premier Christian University fully committed to engaging the culture and changing the world by graduating people of competence and character, becoming people of wisdom, and modeling grace-filled community.

spu.edu

SEATTLE UNIVERSITY ●

Seattle University is a premier educational institution that offers students unique global opportunities in higher learning, including international academic and service programs that challenge students to test the theories and analytical approaches to understanding humanity in a dynamic intercultural setting.

seattleu.edu

SG FOUNDATION ●

The SG Foundation strives to serve God and the poor by giving a hand up, rather than a hand out. Our mission is to relieve suffering and improve the quality of life in communities in Mexico, Nicaragua, Guatemala, Honduras, and Haiti.

pamela@sgfoundation.org

sgfoundation.org

SIGN FRACTURE CARE ●

SIGN is a humanitarian organization that builds sustainable orthopaedic capacity in developing countries by providing relevant education to surgeons, then manufacturing and donating the instruments and implants needed to treat fractures. *info@signfracturecare.org*

signfracturecare.org

SNOW LEOPARD TRUST ●

The Snow Leopard Trust aims to better understand the endangered snow leopard, and to protect the cat in partnership with the communities that share its habitat.

snowleopard.org

SPECIAL OLYMPICS WASHINGTON ●

Special Olympics was started by Eunice Kennedy Shriver in 1968 to provide people with intellectual disabilities a place to play, and feel included. Today, her vision has become a Global movement with over 4.7 million athletes competing in 169 countries. Through programming in sports, health, education and community building, Special Olympics is changing the lives of people with intellectual disabilities.

specialolympicswashington.org

SPLASH ●

Founded in 2007, Splash delivers child-focused water, sanitation, hygiene (WASH), and menstrual health programs for governments in some of the world's largest, low-resource cities. Through Project WISE (WASH in Schools for Everyone), Splash will prove that true scale is possible, reaching 800,000 kids in India and Ethiopia through their durable, cost-effective, and sustainable intervention by 2023. *info@splash.org*

splash.org

SPREEHA FOUNDATION ●

Spreeha transforms lives by empowering people in communities to thrive through healthcare, education, skills training, and economic opportunities. Spreeha envisions people empowered to permanently break the cycle of poverty. Presently Spreeha is working to empower underprivileged communities in Bangladesh and USA.

spreeha.org

STARBUCKS

Starbucks' mission is to inspire and nurture the human spirit – one person, one cup, and one neighborhood at a time.

Starbucks.com

SUKARYA USA ●

Sukarya educates and empowers marginalized children, adolescent girls, and women by giving them access to non-formal education, primary healthcare, and economic opportunities while ensuring gender equality at the grassroots level through Sukarya's programs in more than 600 villages and 100 slums in Delhi, Haryana, and Rajasthan in India.

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Sukaryaus.org

TEARFUND ●

Tearfund is a Christian relief and development agency. With over 50 years of experience, Tearfund is recognized as an expert in development, disaster response, disaster risk reduction, and advocacy. Tearfund works through its 350 partners worldwide to enable communities to thrive in some of the least developed countries and harshest environments in the world.

tearfundusa.org

TILLER

Tiller works with mission-driven organizations to achieve their strategic objectives by developing in-person and virtual meeting, events, and conferences that actively engage and inspire participants to action. With vast experience in global health and development, Tiller manages a wide range of programs including fundraising events, intimate meetings for high-profile VIPs, and complex international conferences.

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tillerglobal.com



Indigenous woman bathing child, Amazonia.

Photo: Christina Mittermeier/Nia Tero.

TOSTAN ●

Tostan pursues its vision of “Dignity for All “ in rural African communities through sustainable development and social transformation based on human rights. Since 1991, Tostan has shared its Community Empowerment Program (CEP) with more than 3,000 communities in eight African countries. The CEP is effective at empowering women and girls, improving well-being in resource-poor communities, and changing harmful practices. shirleycoly@tostan.org

tostan.org

UNICEF USA ●

UNICEF USA works for the survival, protection and development of children worldwide by supporting UNICEF’s work, and other efforts in support of the world’s children, through fundraising, advocacy, and education in the United States.

unicefusa.org

UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON EVANS SCHOOL OF PUBLIC POLICY & GOVERNANCE ●

The Daniel J. Evans School of Public Policy & Governance at the University of Washington is committed to improving the quality of public and nonprofit service; educating leaders to meet societal challenges with compassion, vision, analytic rigor, and practicality; advancing scholarship and ideas that strengthen public policy and management; serving local and global communities; and promoting thoughtful, civil, public deliberation.

evans.uw.edu

UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON HENRY M. JACKSON SCHOOL OF INTERNATIONAL STUDIES ●

The Henry M. Jackson School of International Studies is an internationally recognized leader in advancing the understanding of and engagement in world issues. As one of the oldest and largest schools in the country to offer undergraduate and graduate degrees in international and area studies, JSIS is dedicated to teaching and research that impact nations, communities, educators, and individuals.

jsis.washington.edu

UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON MICHAEL G. FOSTER SCHOOL OF BUSINESS GLOBAL BUSINESS CENTER ●

The Global Business Center’s mission is to develop global business expertise by hosting and sponsoring outstanding international education initiatives.

foster.uw.edu/centers/gbc

UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON OFFICE OF GLOBAL AFFAIRS ●

The UW Office of Global Affairs collaborates across the University and the world in advancing the UW’s mission of discovery and public service. Annually, 2100+ Huskies participate in the UW Study Abroad programs, receiving 400+ scholarships. Other key activities include Global Innovation Fund grants for UW faculty and researchers, and the UW Rome Center, a unique facility currently under renovation.

washington.edu/global/gift

UPAYA SOCIAL VENTURES ●

Upaya Social Ventures is fighting extreme poverty by creating dignified jobs. Founded in 2011, Upaya provides investment and acceleration support to early-stage businesses aimed at creating jobs for the poorest of the poor. Upaya’s continually growing portfolio of impact investments has created over 22,000 lasting, dignified jobs. sbhat-kincaid@upayasv.org

upayasv.org

VILLAGEREACH ●

VillageReach transforms health care delivery to reach everyone, so that each person has the health care needed to thrive. VillageReach develops solutions that improve access to primary health care for 46 million people in sub-Saharan Africa, and ensure products are available for the most under-reached. Radical collaboration with governments and the private sector strengthen its ability to scale and sustain these solutions.

villagereach.org

VISTA HERMOSA FOUNDATION ●

Vista Hermosa Foundation (VHF) invests in the growth of holistic, flourishing communities. Their mission is to “Serve, Encourage, and Educate Children and the Under-Served in their Spiritual, Community, and Human Development.” VHF invests in safe families, mindful leadership, and sustainable livelihoods in the US and select countries in the global south.

vistahermosafoundation.org

VOICES OF CHILDREN’S FAITH IN NORTHERN UGANDA (VOCFINU) ●

VOCFINU is a nonprofit that focuses on strengthening and transforming the lives of the most vulnerable adolescent girls, who have been caught in poverty and human trafficking.

vocfinu.org

VULCAN

Vulcan Inc. is the engine behind philanthropist and Microsoft cofounder Paul G. Allen’s network of organizations and initiatives. Empowered by Paul’s vision to make a positive difference in the world, Vulcan works to be a catalyst for change. The organization is committed to improving our planet through catalytic philanthropy, inspirational experiences, and scientific and technological breakthroughs.

vulcan.com

WASHINGTON GLOBAL HEALTH ALLIANCE ●

WGHA connects and informs Washington’s global health community, creating a culture of collaboration at home so that its members can have more impact in the world. WGHA brings members together through events and conversations designed to advance common goals, share best practices, and foster collaboration across organizations and disciplines.

wghalliance.org

WASHINGTON NONPROFITS ●

Washington Nonprofits is the state association for all nonprofits in Washington. It makes sure nonprofits have what they need to succeed through learning, advocacy, and collaboration.

washingtonnonprofits.org

WATER MISSION ●

Water Mission is a Christian engineering nonprofit that builds safe water, sanitation, and hygiene solutions in developing countries and disaster areas.

watermission.org

WATER 1ST INTERNATIONAL ●

Water1st supports community-managed piped water systems at every home, school, and health clinic—to prevent the spread of disease and improve quality of life. When everyone has access to safe water and toilet people are healthier and children can attend school. Water1st works with local partner organizations in Ethiopia, Honduras, and Bangladesh to build a healthier & more equitable world.

info@water1st.org

water1st.org

WATERAID ●

WaterAid is an international nonprofit working to make clean water, decent toilets and good hygiene a reality for everyone, everywhere within a generation. WaterAid works in more than 30 countries and since 1981, WaterAid has reached 28 million people with clean water, 28 million people with decent toilets and 26 million people with good hygiene.

wateraid.org/us

WELCOME IDEAS ●

Welcome Ideas is a US based 501(c)(3) Non-Profit Corporation, operating in Zanzibar, Tanzania as a registered Non-Governmental Organization (NGO). Through education, support, networking, and pop-up facilities, Welcome Ideas helps members of the local Zanzibar community develop, finance, and operate their own tourism related businesses.

welcomeideas.org

WOMEN'S LINK WORLDWIDE ●

Women's Link Worldwide is a nonprofit organization that uses the power of the law to promote social change that advances the human rights of women and girls, especially those facing multiple inequalities. Its team uses legal, communications and mobilization strategies to work across three themes: sexual and reproductive rights, violence and discrimination, in Latin America, East Africa and Europe.

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WORLD AFFAIRS COUNCIL ●

The World Affairs Council advances global understanding and engagement throughout the Puget Sound region.

world-affairs.org

WORLD CONCERN ●

World Concern partners to transform the lives of poor and marginalized people through disaster response and sustainable community development. The love of Christ compels us to pursue reconciliation and equip those we serve, so that they may in turn share with others.

worldconcern.org

WORLD JUSTICE PROJECT ●

The World Justice Project is an independent, multidisciplinary organization working to advance the rule of law around the world. Effective rule of law reduces corruption, combats poverty and disease, and protects people from injustices large and small. The World Justice Project conducts survey research and engagement activities in 125 countries and maintains a global network of strategic partners.

worldjusticeproject.org

WORLD VISION ●

World Vision is a Christian humanitarian organization dedicated to working with children, families, and their communities worldwide to reach their full potential by tackling the root causes of poverty and injustice.

worldvision.org

YEMEN RELIEF AND RECONSTRUCTION FOUNDATION ●

The Yemen Relief and Reconstruction Foundation's aims to increase awareness of the US public and policymakers vis-a-vis the humanitarian crises underway in Yemen, and support relief and reconstruction, while facilitating peace campaigns.

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A photograph of two Indigenous Pacific Island women smiling warmly. The woman on the left has dark, curly hair and is wearing a light-colored sleeveless top with a lace collar. The woman on the right has dark hair pulled back and is wearing an orange t-shirt. They are standing in front of a background of lush green trees. A large green leaf is visible in the foreground at the bottom.

Indigenous Pacific Island women.

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