

A review of the Climate Justice Resilience Fund's Phase I portfolio Key Findings and Recommendations

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Agenda

- Opening
- Presentation by evaluation team
- Plenary – Questions for clarification, identifying important themes
- Participant discussion in small groups
- Plenary discussion & conclusions





Overview

Background: Climate Justice Approach

- CJRF 2016-2022 – Phase I
- Oak, Kendeda Fund, Bosch Foundation
- ~40 grantees; USD 25 million
- Global, Bay of Bengal, Arctic & E.Africa

Portfolio Review strategic questions:

- Transformation and Systems Change
- Movement-building
- Capacity-bridging
- Focal Geographies
- Types of Organizations in the Portfolio
- CJRF's Learning Program





Headlines

- CJRF has made notable progress on transformation and systems change, movement building, and capacity bridging around climate justice.
- CJRF is recognized in the philanthropy world as a thought leader and example of how to do climate justice funding.



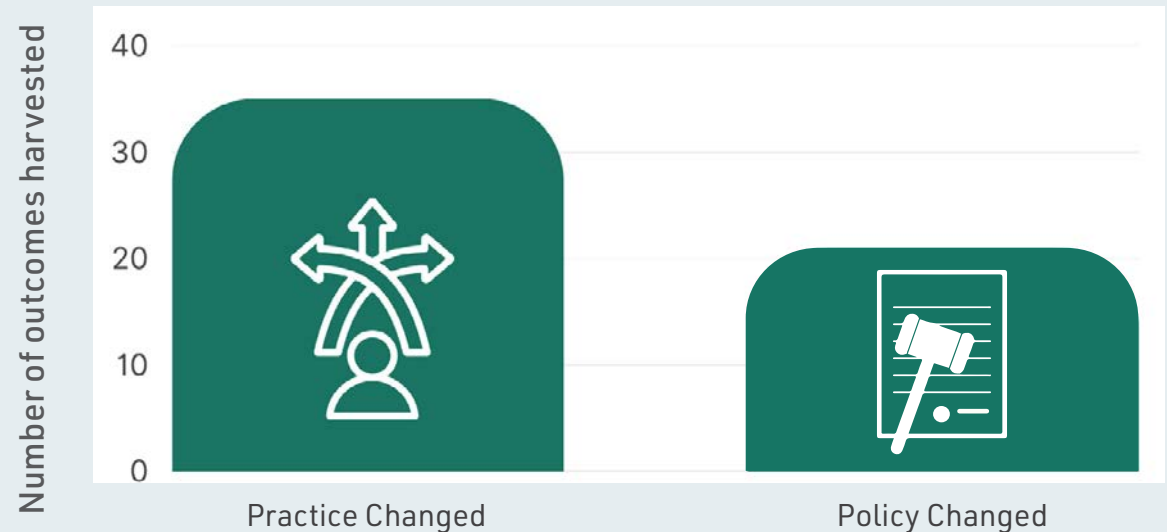


FINDINGS

Transformation and Systems Change

- Significant policy and practice changes, at local, regional, national, and international levels.
- Opportunities to carry systems change even farther – especially scaling up or leveraging local level outcomes for broader impact.

FIGURE 1. The number of outcomes harvested that represent policy and practice changes





FINDINGS

Transformation and Systems Change

Provided marginalized communities with:

- access to decision-making;
- access to financial resources;
- access to critical infrastructural services;
- access to ecosystem services; and
- guaranteed their rights

FIGURE 2. The number of outcomes that have supported marginalized communities to access decision-making, resources, critical infrastructural services, and ecosystem services. These outcomes have been achieved through policy and practice changes.





CJRF PARTNERS IN ACTION

Tebtebba, Both ENDS and CIEL

The Green Climate Fund adopted an Indigenous Peoples Policy, in part due to Both ENDS, CIEL, and Tebtebba's combined efforts

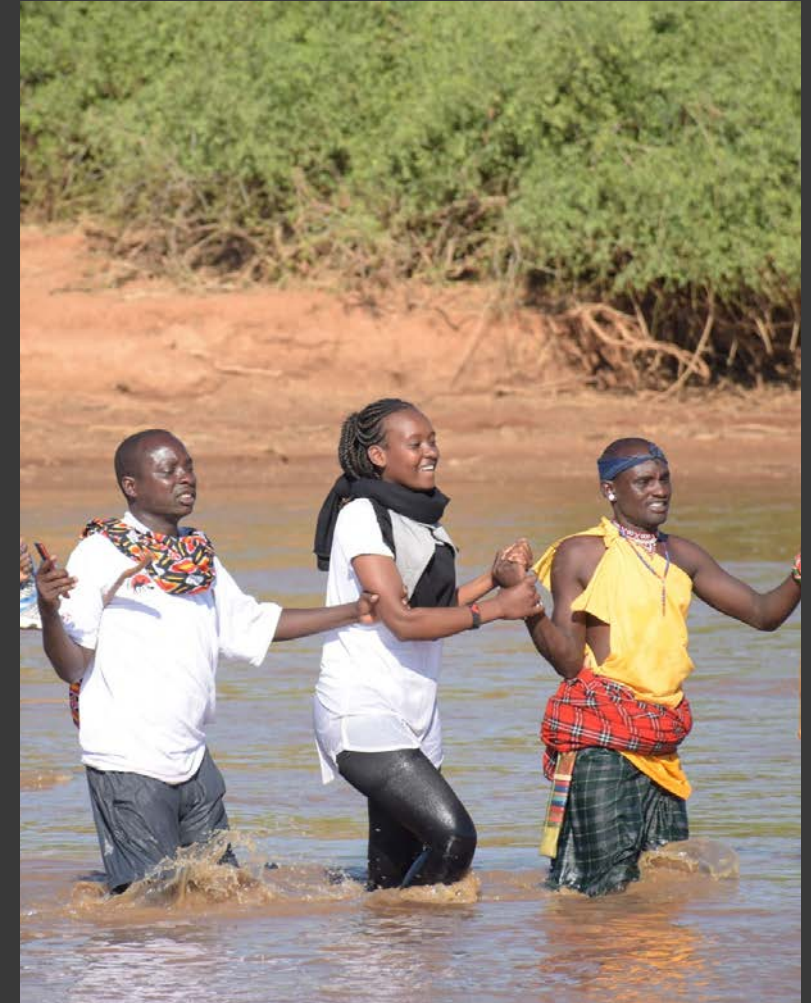




CJRF PARTNERS IN ACTION

IMPACT (Kenya)

- Equipped local communities to understand – and defend – their rights under the Community Land Act.
- Enabled local communities to secure full land title.
- Partners with local communities for participatory, culturally-appropriate environmental protection and management.





FINDINGS

Movement Building

Grant partners and CJRF achieved important outcomes in building climate justice movements:

- Mobilized financial resources;
- Developed movement infrastructure: building leadership among youth and Indigenous Peoples in the Arctic, land rights organizations and networks in Kenya; and
- Changed narratives around climate justice by amplifying local stories on climate change work.

FIGURE 4. The percentage of movement building outcomes harvested that reflect resource mobilization, development of movement infrastructure, changing narratives/discourses, and leveraging of political opportunities.





CJRF PARTNERS IN ACTION

MakeWay and Dehcho First Nations (Canada)

- The Indigenous Guardian Program monitors water and land management across Canada.
- Indigenous guardian programs are now networked and learning from each other and have built Indigenous leadership.
- Strengthens Indigenous Peoples' natural resource management and land claims.
- Land stewardship and guardian programs have equipped First Nations to address climate resilience and pursue climate justice.





RECOMMENDATIONS

Transformation and Systems Change and Movement Building

- Fund a more cohesive portfolio centered around a specific set of systems issues.
- Focus on systems change across regional, local, national, and global scales.
- Fund local-to-national and even global organizations to work collaboratively.





FINDINGS

Capacity Bridging

Major areas of progress include:

- Facilitating entry of grant partners into new spaces of funding and decision making
- Generating opportunities to have real influence over important decisions
- Adapting spaces to make them more accessible to Southern organizations
- CJRF simplifying its own systems and creating a new governance board





RECOMMENDATIONS

Capacity Bridging

- Create ways to work with CJRF staff in languages other than English.
- Continue to open up CJRF to majority governance.



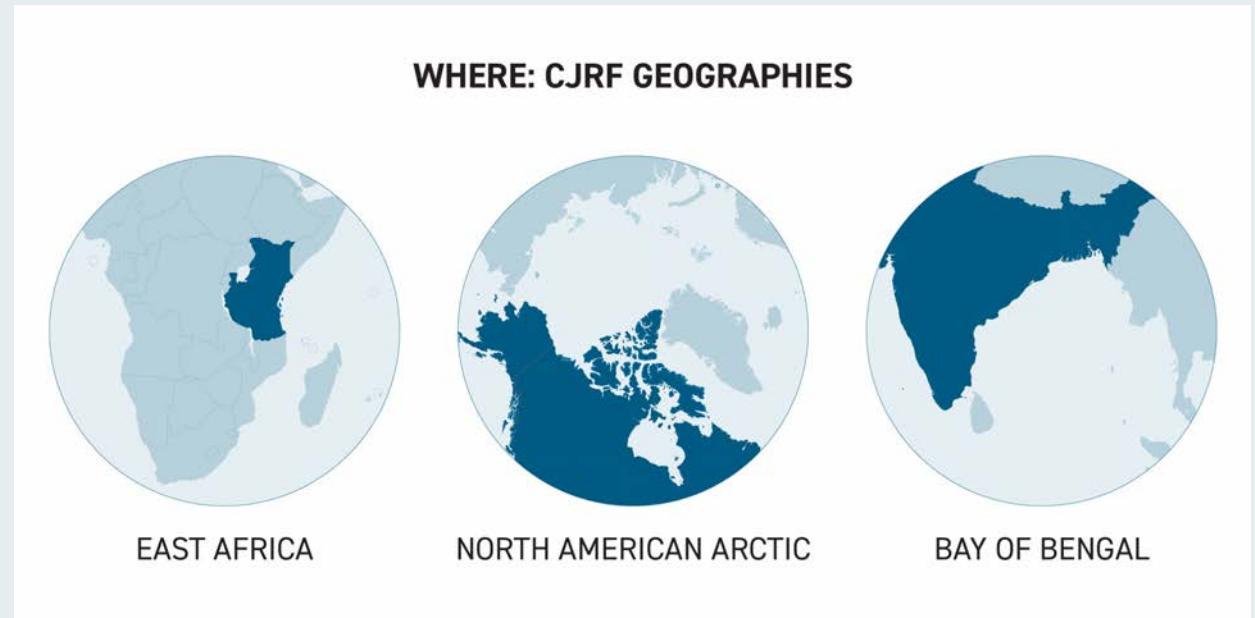


FINDINGS

Focal geographies

The current regions are excellent choices to promote climate justice.

- Focus helped in understanding of the local context, and the relative ease of creating a strategic portfolio of grants
- Focus made it difficult to fund movements and promote systems change that span national borders.





CJRF PARTNERS IN ACTION

CNRS, ICCCAD, CCJ-B (Bangladesh)

- Extended irrigation channels so that poor subsistence farmers had freshwater.
- Hard-hitting – and dangerous – local level advocacy when elites captured and diverted water to their businesses.
- Access to water is meaningless without rights to water use.





RECOMMENDATIONS

Focal geographies

There is the opportunity to open up to new regions if overhead costs can be controlled:

- Highest priority for expansion would first be the Pacific, then Caribbean if possible.
- “Global” can be a focus if it is constrained by clear themes aligned with the issues regional grant partners are focused on





FINDINGS

Types of organizations in the portfolio

- All organizational types have been effective in different ways.
- The most effective grantmaking was to organizations or combinations of organizations that worked from the grassroots to national or international level.





RECOMMENDATIONS

Types of organizations in the portfolio

- More intentionally fund youth, women, or Indigenous-led organizations.
- Continue to fund partners able to connect between the grassroots and national and global levels.





FINDINGS

CJRF's Learning Program

- 87% of survey respondents said that learning events increased their understanding of climate justice and how to promote it





RECOMMENDATIONS

CJRF's Learning Program

- Focus on specific topics rather than one organization's approach.
- Promote more widely for bigger audiences and involving others outside the CJRF grant portfolio.





Questions for Clarification





Feedback

Which recommendation do you think is the most important?

Vote on the Miro board.





Small Group Discussions

- Which finding struck you as most important? (20 mins)
- What would be your top 2 recommendations for CJRF in the future? (20 mins)



Thank you!

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