

FUNDING TRANSFORMATION

Alternative Funding Models for Gender-Transformative Climate Action

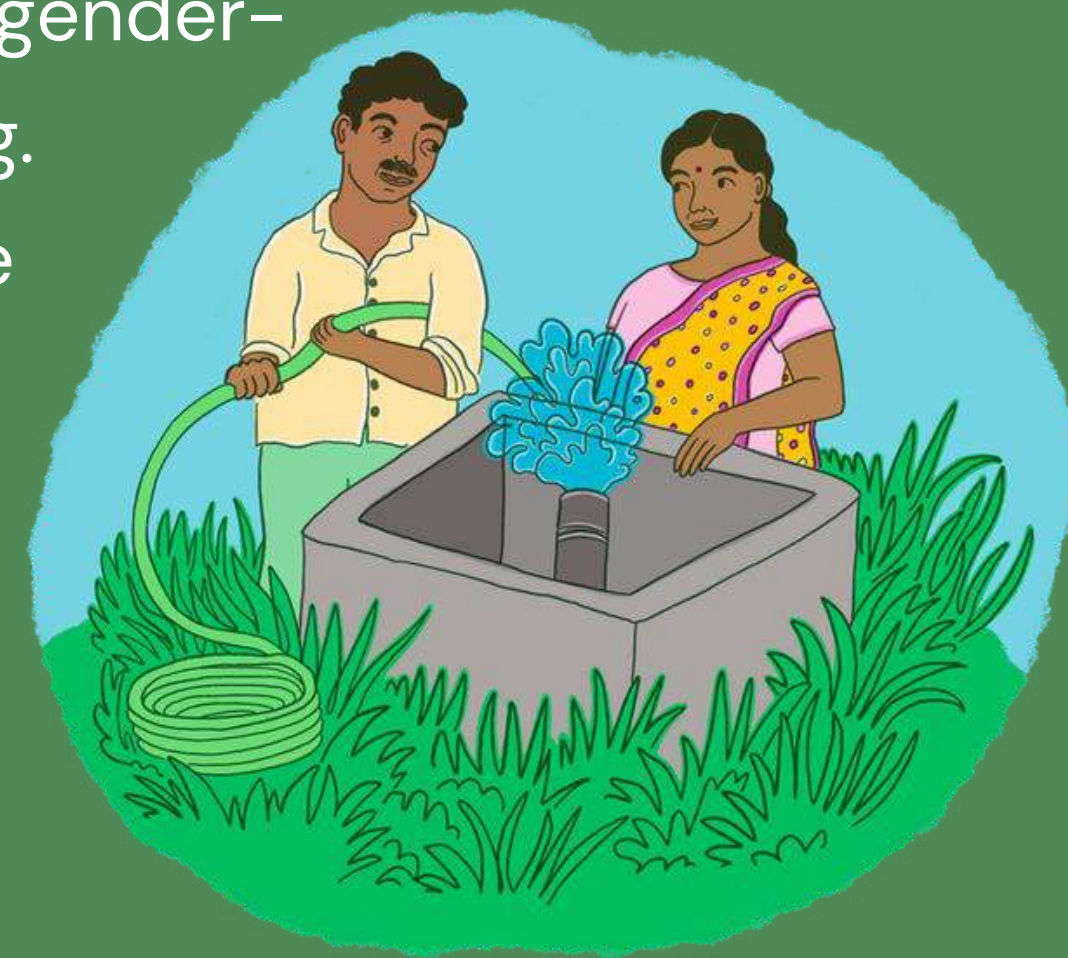


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Alternative Funding Models as Part of the Ecosystem of Gender-Responsive Climate Action

- Grassroots organizations and movements advancing feminist and gender-just climate solutions receive less than 1% of global climate funding.
- Participatory, inclusive, intersectional approaches to funding these organizations and movements are vital to delivering gender-transformative climate action.
- The Feminist Climate Futures Initiative is one effort to uplift the power and reach of a feminist funding ecosystem that is ready to move billions at speed and scale, bringing together core partners (WEDO, Global Greengrants Fund, Black Feminist Fund, Prospera, GAGGA, regional feminist and movement partners and youth and next-generation partners).



Lack of Interest in Regranting Among NGCCFPs, but Awareness is Important

- Six potential priorities offered to NGCCFPs for funding on a ranked scale in 2024 survey
 - regranting to civil society & Indigenous groups
 - capacity-building on gender for govt officials
 - participating in national climate planning
 - specific gender & climate project
 - participating in the UNFCCC & other global processes
 - collecting, analyzing, and sharing gender-disaggregated data
- Regranting ranked lowest, also with the most “not applicable” selections



Why Alternative Funding Models Are Relevant for NGCCFPs & the GAP

- **Align** with the Belém Gender Action Plan
- **Provide access** to the grassroots groups and community-led solutions who are pursuing integrated, cross-cutting approaches
- Address the need for **diversity of scale** in climate action
- **Support and sustain** work that should be scaled up and integrated into climate finance pipelines in line with country needs & priorities
- Reflect **gender ambition** in ways that are intersectional and transformative



Alignment with the Belém Gender Action Plan

An understanding of the support available is important not only for awareness, but also so lessons can be learned from direct access to advance gender-responsiveness writ large:

D.3 Raise awareness of the financial and technical support available for mainstreaming gender in climate policies, plans, strategies and actions appropriate, including lessons learned for facilitating access to climate finance for grass-roots women's organizations, Indigenous Peoples and local communities, including through direct access modalities, and for implementing the enhanced Lima work programme and its gender action plan

D.4 Advance methods for improving the gender-responsiveness of climate finance

Alignment with the Belém Gender Action Plan

Knowledge of grassroots actors delivering gender–just climate solutions will be integral in identifying partners for **A.5** deliverables:

A.5.2 Organization of workshops on communication to explore and test strategies, tools, narrative framing and storytelling that also addresses misinformation and disinformation and promotes media literacy on gender and climate matters, and inclusion of grass–roots actors in the design and delivery of those workshops

A.5.3 Capacity–building programmes and communication tools tailored to the needs of Indigenous Peoples, and local communities, grassroots women, rural women, and community–based organizations

Alignment with the Belém Gender Action Plan

Knowledge of grassroots and Indigenous actors delivering gender-just climate solutions can also contribute to the deliverable under C.6 that has subnational elements.

C.6: Strengthen national- and local-level coherence on gender and climate change across the policy life cycle, as applicable:

C.6.1 Establishment and fostering of national and subnational gender and climate change coordination and coherence mechanisms, including identifying key decision makers

Providing Access

Decision 20/CP.26

13. Encourages Parties to be more explicit about the gender-responsiveness of climate finance with a view to strengthening the capacity of women and furthering work under the gender action plan in order to facilitate access to climate finance for grass-roots women's organizations as well as for indigenous peoples and local communities;

Decision 24/CP.27

12. Also encourages Parties and relevant public and private entities to strengthen the gender responsiveness of climate finance with a view to further building the capacity of women and for implementation work under the gender action plan, and in order to facilitate simplified access to climate finance for grass-roots women's organizations as well as for indigenous peoples, especially women, and local communities;

Diversity of Scale Example: GJCS Scale Fund

- Funding varies from \$10,000 to \$15,000 USD
- Original GJCS Awardees received \$2,000 to \$5000 EUR, while honorees received recognition in the GJCS publication
- Solutions opt for \$10,000 over \$15,000 depending on their plans and absorptive capacity
- This flexible funding was designed to bridge the gaps between small grants and capacity to access larger funds
- The GJCS Support Facility also offers institutional strengthening and communications support



\$810,000 USD
regranted since 2021

Support and Sustain Work to be Scaled

The GJCS Scale Fund in particular supports and resources community-led, feminist approaches identified through the WGC's Gender Just Climate Solutions, GAGGA, the WORTH Initiative, Disability Rights Fund, and the Tebtebba Foundation.

This support is part of a larger vision of replicating and scaling climate solutions that center human rights, and providing feminist climate finance that challenges top-down, market-based approaches.

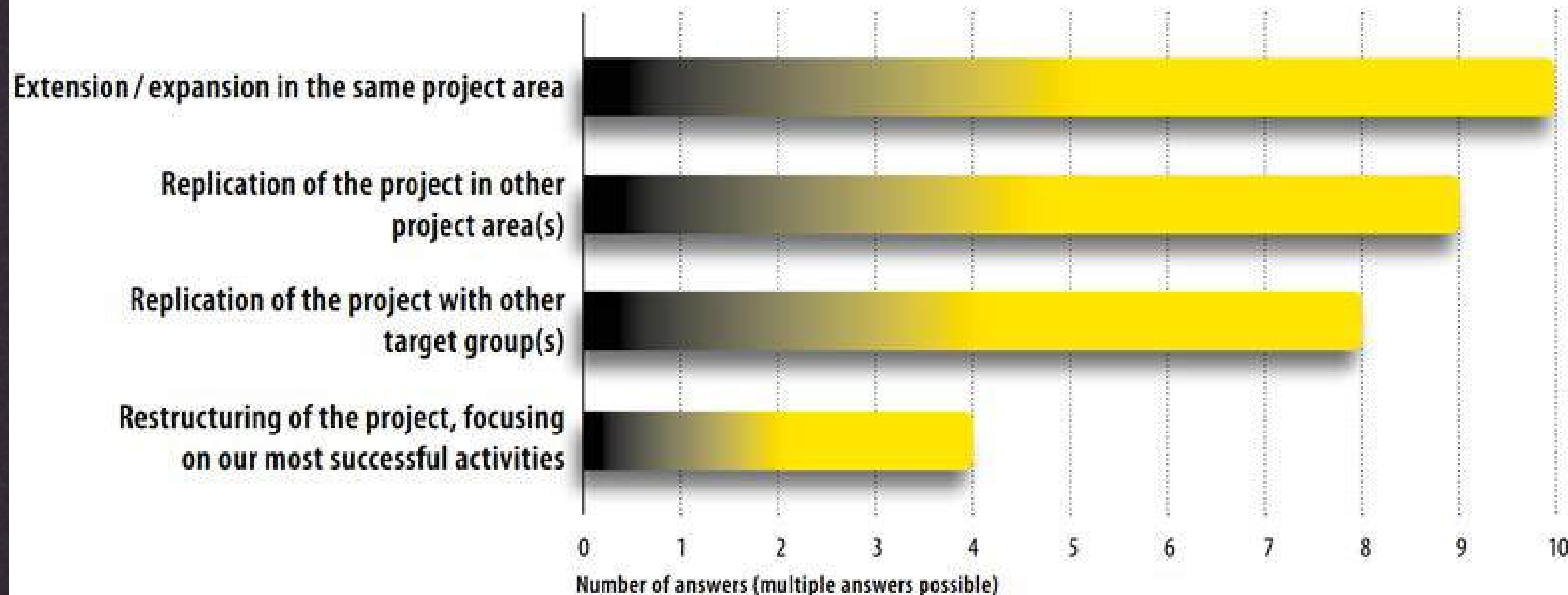


**54 recipients across
33 countries**

including: Bolivia, Cameroon, Ecuador, Ethiopia, Guatemala, India, Kenya, Mexico, Pakistan, Philippines, and Türkiye

Data from the first 15 GJCS Awardees

How was your project up-scaled or replicated?



Gender Equality in Alternative Models

For example, Gender-Just Climate Solutions are locally-led or locally-driven solutions that:

- promote equitable access to benefits and rights-based participation in decision-making
- alleviate women's disproportionate workload or do not add labor without compensation
- provide a multiplicity of benefits for individuals and communities, such as enhanced food security, improved health, and more sustainable livelihoods
- demonstrate interlinkages to cross-cutting issues such as peace, food sovereignty, enhanced biodiversity, and/or health
- ensure self-sufficiency and a low input of resources to be safe, affordable, and sustainable
- contribute to climate change mitigation or adaptation, and/or address loss and damage
- have the capacity for replication or scaling in other communities

Espacio de Encuentro de las Culturas Originarias (Meeting Space for Original Cultures)

EECO AC is a women-led advocacy organization bringing technical knowledge and experience from Indigenous and rural women around Oaxaca to the larger community. Programs include radio advocacy programming, video storytelling, workshops, and supporting Indigenous artisans. Their Indigenous storytelling and programs lead to increased participation of Indigenous women in policy processes.

Project Highlight: Avanzando Hacia La Justicia Climática

Women are raising awareness and advancing towards climate justice through the training, construction, use, and maintenance of eco-technologies. This project has been shown to various municipalities and communities in Oaxaca to share Indigenous stories of climate resilience.



SOLUTION SPOTLIGHT:
KENYA

Community and Policy Advocacy for Sustainable Agroforestry & Land Restoration

Association of Women in Agriculture Kenya (AWAK) challenges traditional agribusinesses by moving communities towards sustainable forms of agroforestry and land restoration through capacity-building and impact-driven programs. AWAK couples programming with national policy advocacy.

Project Highlight: Health and Nutrition Through Sack Gardens

AWAK trained 700 urban women in slums to convert domestic dumping sites into vegetable gardens, using organic compost.

The project provides women with sustainable sources of livelihood and builds a holistic recovery program for women experiencing gender-based violence and impacts from the climate crisis.



SOLUTION SPOTLIGHT: Philippines

Localization of Climate Services for Community Resilience

Rice Watch Action Network works to help reduce or avoid climate related losses and damages to agriculture livelihoods through tools and government advocacy. Their programs and schools inform farmers, municipalities, and other affected groups about 'ecological agriculture methods to help them prepare for and cope with adverse short- and long-term weather patterns and climate change.

Project Highlight: Gender-informed risk management tools

Rice Watch Action Network is building a guidance tool on a gender-informed weather-climate and women's livelihoods risk matrix and specific risk management options. The tool will serve as the main training document for the local governments that are performing localization of climate services for farmers and fishers.

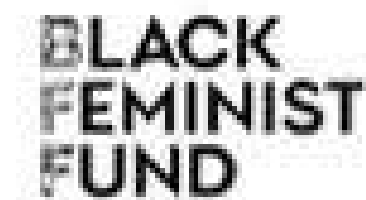


Additional Examples of Feminist Funding Mechanisms

Funding Organizations & Alliances



Women's/ Feminist Funds





Thank you!

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