



Climate Justice Resilience Fund

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Key points

- It's important, impactful, and doable to make small grants directly to local actors to address L&D.
- There are examples of local actors meaningfully addressing L&D in participatory and locally led ways.
- Listening to people, their lived experience, and their solutions is key to cutting through the conceptual complexity of L&D.





ABOUT CJRF



Mission

To empower women, youth and Indigenous Peoples on the front lines of climate change to create and share their own solutions for resilience.





Our track record – 2016 to 2022

6

years in operation

\$45

million pooled to
date

40+

multi-year
grant
partnerships

IMPACT CATEGORIES:

- Locally led solutions build tangible resilience
- Local solutions scale up to benefit more communities
- Frontline communities have voice & power
- Frontline communities have stronger orgs & networks



LOSS AND DAMAGE SPECIAL INITIATIVE





L&D grant partners

- Young Power in Social Action (YPSA), Bangladesh
- Helvetas, Bangladesh
- Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (UUSC), Pacific Islands
- Churches Action in Relief and Development (CARD), Malawi
- Loss and Damage Youth Coalition (LDYC), Global





Examples of processes to determine need

- L&D assessments
- Participatory vulnerability and capacity assessments
- ‘Community teams’ model
- Collaborative regional approach





Examples of L&D grant activities

- Reconstruction, relocation, and re-establishing livelihoods
- Migration support hubs
- Support post-relocation
- Shifting decision-making and funding power to youth





Support mechanisms

- Grants ranging from \$100,000 - \$1 million
- Directly to local NGOs and/or networks
- To global organizations or networks, who work with their own trusted partners and processes





Key takeaways

- Supporting L&D means funding a very diverse set of activities that need to be determined by the people most affected.
- Because L&D evolves over time and is inevitably linked to long-standing injustice, measures must be tailored for their specific local context.
- Communities and individuals continue to experience loss and damage, even after it has “been addressed.”



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