

The Movement Solidarity Fund



Organizers with the Global Campaign to Demand Climate Justice coalition call on governments to reject Big Polluter-backed false solutions at the U.N. climate treaty negotiations. Pictured: Aderonke Ige (left) of Corporate Accountability and Public Participation Africa and Leona Morgan (right) of Don't Nuke the Climate.

RESOURCING ORGANIZATIONS CHALLENGING CORPORATE ABUSE

Corporate Accountability's Movement Solidarity Fund (the "fund") moves financial resources to campaign organizations and liberatory social movements dismantling corporate power, reclaiming peoples' sovereignty, and building a world rooted in cooperation, care, and sacredness of all life. Through the fund, we aim to establish equitable and mutual flows of resources and wisdom-sharing that strengthen us all.

LEADING WITH ABUNDANCE

Since our inception, we have campaigned in solidarity with organizations and peoples in the Global South and the U.S. who are directly impacted by corporate abuse. Early on, we started making small grants to these organizations and leaders in order to advance our shared campaign objectives—from sponsoring allies to attend international negotiations to organizing global solidarity actions. The fund represents both an expansion and formalization of this practice.

As corporate campaign organizers, we believe the fund is a vital strategy to not only win our campaigns,

but also build movements globally to create transformational change. To this end, we envision the fund as fulfilling **the following objectives:**

- 1. Building people-power:** As a movement, we cannot realistically stop abusive and extractive practices by TNCs if our partners are not well resourced, including both our campaign partners and allies across different social movements engaged in challenging corporate abuse.
- 2. Creating a channel of accountability to grassroots/front-line struggles:** Corporate Accountability's active and ongoing redistribution of resources from the Global North to our collaborators on the front line is one critical way for us to remain accountable to their needs and vision, and be in right relationship with partners.
- 3. Fostering mutual benefit, trust, and support:** We benefit from grantmaking manifolds such as gaining wisdom, experience, legitimacy, and recognition. Our grantmaking pushes and challenges us to deepen our analysis of corporate power, abuse, and impunity, ultimately strengthening our campaigns' strategies, tactics, and demands.

BUILDING AN ALTERNATIVE TO TRADITIONAL PHILANTHROPY: MOVING FROM SCARCITY TO ABUNDANCE

In a global economic system that is increasingly exploitative and dramatically unequal, traditional philanthropy plays a complicit role in maintaining the concentration of wealth in the hands of a few individuals and organizations. The philanthropy economy itself is a direct outgrowth of extractive and exploitative economic systems that have resulted in dramatic wealth inequalities. In this respect, traditional philanthropy is inextricably linked to systems of oppression, primarily capitalism, which sees the world as being defined by the values of scarcity and competition. As a result, traditional philanthropy has perpetuated a culture of scarcity and competition among social movements and campaign organizations that has undermined progress and collaboration.

Our approach is to redistribute funds with an abundance mindset, which says: resources are plentiful and shared distribution is an essential tactical counterweight.

PARTNERING TO POWER CLIMATE JUSTICE ORGANIZING

Since the launch of our climate campaign in 2014, we have partnered with the Global Campaign to Demand Climate Justice (DCJ) on several major strategies such as kicking Big Polluters out of policymaking and making them pay for their harms. In 2019, we began distributing funds to DCJ, knowing well that our strength in settings like the U.N. Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) negotiations is fractured without allies like DCJ being well-resourced. As an alliance, DCJ brings the vision, expertise, and people-power of hundreds of organizations, the majority of which are Global South-led and based, to strengthen our collective work. By providing unrestricted general operating support, our grantmaking has allowed DCJ to fortify and grow this dynamic, bottom-up structure.

JOIN US IN CHALLENGING CORPORATE POWER

For more information on how you can get involved, including how to power this work through your financial support, email

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Leveraging our power and resources to advance change

What our grants support:

- General operating costs
- Journalist trainings
- Website creation
- Direct actions and mobilizations
- Corporate monitoring
- Shareholder advocacy
- Materials production: videos, podcasts, reports, etc
- Social media campaigns and actions

Global scope:

- Africa
- North and Central America
- South America
- Europe
- Western and Southeast Asia

Funding streams:

- Multi-year grants
- Discretionary grants
- Rapid response grants



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