

Growing urgency, growing movements

Introduction

Year after year, the climate emergency grows. People everywhere are dealing with extreme weather of all kinds – from drought, extreme heat and devastating wildfires, to heavy storms, rainfall and flooding. Women, girls and intersex, trans and non-binary people throughout Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Pacific are on the frontlines of the fight for gender and climate justice¹. They are among the most affected by climate change. And they are taking action to demand change by organising their communities and building movements to address the root causes of injustice. They are working – often at great risk – to protect and defend their communities and the environment, and to create a better world for all.

GAGGA is pleased to have made significant progress in 2024 in strengthening communities and movements of women, girls and intersex, trans and non-binary people, and in increasing visibility of their work. As our new and improved [website](#) shows, women in countless communities worldwide are developing and implementing gender-just climate solutions. GAGGA partners are at the forefront of powerful, groundbreaking collaborations between feminist, climate and environmental justice organisations around the world. Together, they are co-organising vibrant initiatives and spaces, such as the Third Annual Women’s Climate As-

sembly within the African People’s Counter COP, to build solidarity and collectively make their voices heard.

GAGGA has made significant headway in strengthening expertise and advocacy for gender-just climate finance. Women Environmental Human Rights Defenders (WEHRDs) are collectively raising their voices and sending a clear message to funders to re-direct climate finance away from false climate solutions and to women’s funds and environmental justice funds. In key spaces, including [CSW68](#) and the [UNFCCC COP29](#) in Azerbaijan, GAGGA’s advocacy has helped expand awareness among key donors about the effectiveness of gender-just, locally-led action, particularly adaptation, and the urgent need for more accessible and transparent climate finance and funding.



¹ For readability purposes, GAGGA sometimes uses the term ‘women’ to refer to women, girls, and intersex, trans and non-binary people.

Backlash against gender and climate justice

Despite huge progress, the challenges we face are substantial. Democracy is being rolled back, and disinformation, right-wing populism and authoritarianism are on the rise. Women are facing a deadly convergence of violence, environmental destruction, and extractivist land grabs. [WEHRDs](#) have developed effective strategies to protect and restore their collective and individual health, yet relentless threats, harassment and violence, both digital and physical, take a serious toll on WEHRDs and their organisations. At the same time, they remain grossly [underfunded](#) and their access to funding is increasingly restricted.

Conflict and militarisation are accelerating worldwide, with many countries massively increasing defence spending at the expense of other crucial areas, including climate action and development cooperation. The outcome of UNFCCC COP29 has been described as a 'travesty' due to its lack of clear commitments and ambition, especially in terms of climate finance. Many donor countries have implemented or announced massive cuts in foreign aid, an indispensable source of funding for many women's rights and environmental justice organisations worldwide. The difficult context makes GAGGA's work to collectively build power, knowledge and collaboration across movements, and back the bold women who are leading climate action – particularly young, rural, Indigenous, Black and Afro-descendent women in Africa, Asia, Europe, Latin America, and the Pacific – more crucial than ever.

GAGGA at Glance



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In 2024, GAGGA supported:

432

Community-based organisations (CBOs)

42

NGOs

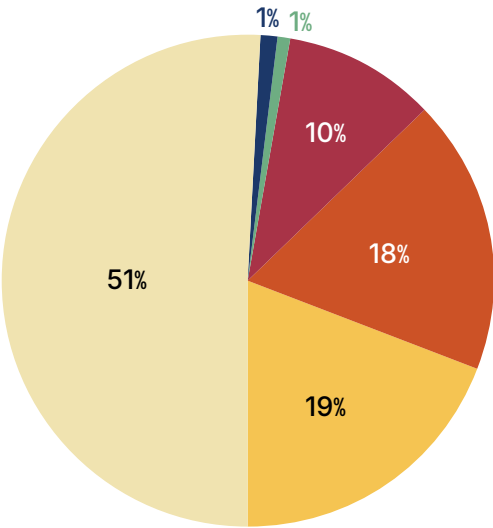
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funds

(16 environmental justice funds and 14 women's funds)

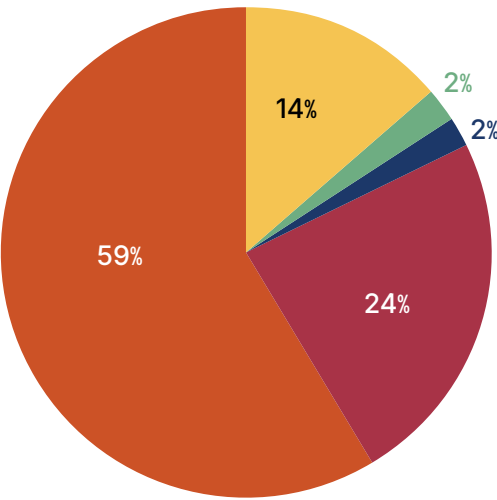
GAGGA partner NGOs/funds and NGOs supported CBOs in 33 countries: Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Burkina Faso, Cambodia, Cameroon, Colombia, Democratic Republic of Congo, Ecuador, El Salvador, Fiji, Georgia, Ghana, Guatemala, Guinea, Honduras, India, Indonesia, Kenya, Malawi, Mexico, Mongolia, Nepal, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Paraguay, Philippines, Senegal, South Africa, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia and Zimbabwe. In addition, GAGGA partner funds and NGOs reported that they were active in more than 74 countries.

Regional Distribution Funds and NGOs



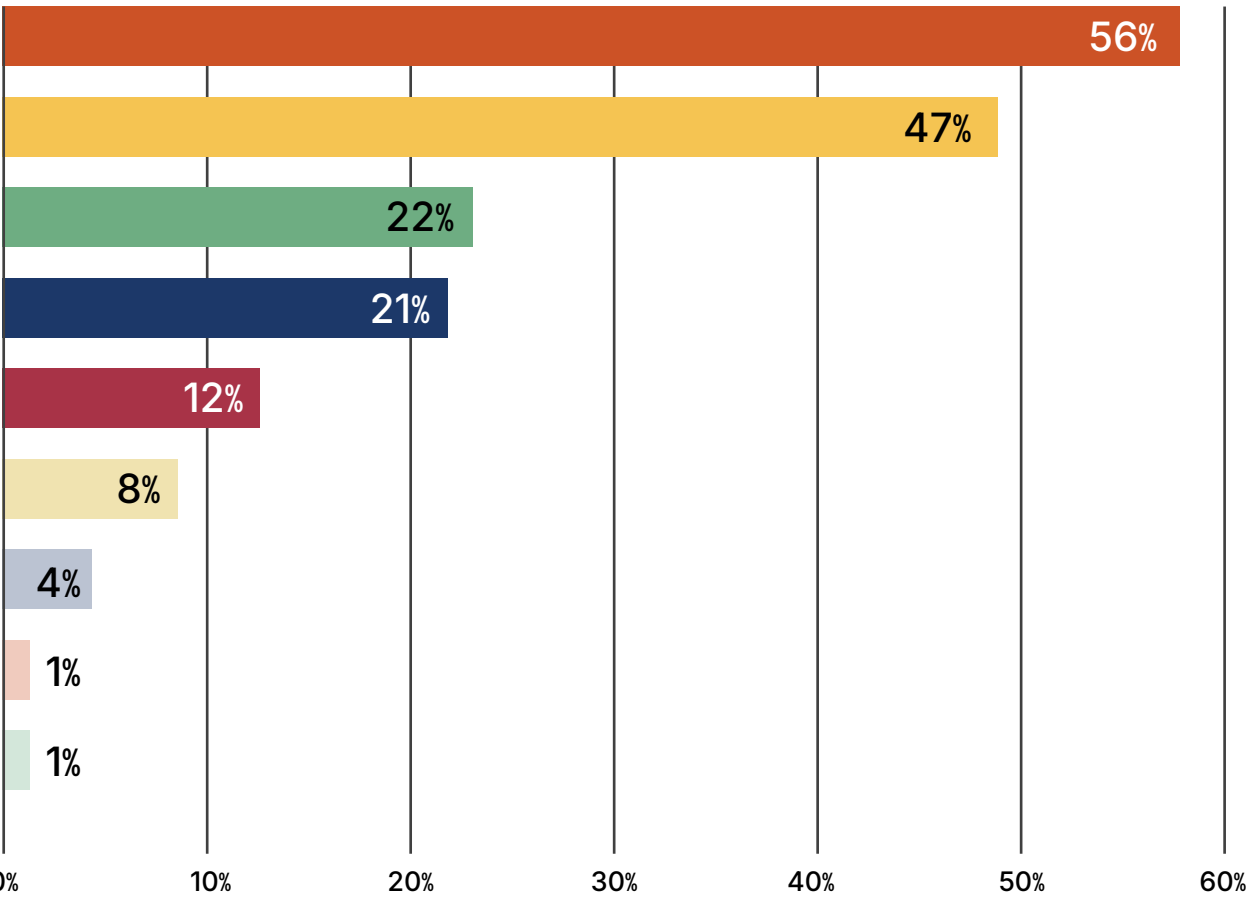
- GLOBAL
- AFRICA
- LATIN AMERICA
- ASIA
- PACIFIC
- EUROPE

Regional Distribution CBOs



- AFRICA
- LATIN AMERICA
- ASIA
- PACIFIC
- EUROPE

Identity Markers of CBO's



- PEASANT/RURAL
- INDIGENOUS
- YOUTH
- OTHER
- URBAN-SUBURB
- AFRO-DESCENDANT
- LBTQI
- PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES
- MIGRANT

2024 Progress and Achievements



Strategy 1 — Strengthening local women’s leadership, resilience and capacities

GAGGA provides support to women-led CBOs to engage in and develop their gender-just climate solutions and actions. Financial resources and accompaniment are provided to women-led CBOs by GAGGA alliance members, as well as by GAGGA partners – women’s and environmental justice funds and NGOs with close relationships, resources, capacities and expertise to support women-led CBOs. In 2024, GAGGA supported partners to engage in, lead, document and promote a wide variety of contextualised, viable, gender-just climate solutions and actions that prioritise people and planet. These solutions are now highlighted in a mapping on GAGGA’s revamped [website](#), which we launched at the end of the year. The interactive map features over 50 solutions and can be filtered by theme (e.g., water, land, biodiversity) and partner organisations. The map, like this report, describes just a small selection of the powerful, pioneering work of GAGGA partners across Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Pacific.

Among hundreds of examples is the work of **Grupo Artemisa**, a collective in Honduras, which is addressing the intersection of sexual and reproductive rights, environmental justice, and access to justice. The collective leads community-building initiatives to change perceptions on how climate change and natural resources access affect women’s health. In 2024, the group formed partnerships with local schools and mothers to discuss the impacts of climate change on sexual and reproductive rights. In Mexico, **Fondo Acción Solidaria (FASOL)** organised three regional workshops for members of the FASOL Mentoring Network to exchange experiences, challenges and strategies they use for the care and defence of the territory, their organisations and their own bodies. The group also organised workshops and exchanges that strengthened groups in carrying out their socio-environmental justice work with a gender and intersectional perspective, such as the exchange meeting ‘Women, care and defence of native seeds in Mexico’, which involved 43 women from different states of the country.

Healthy communities and ecosystems

Women are leading many initiatives to restore local ecosystems while strengthening food sovereignty. In collaboration with its partner organisations in Uganda, Peru, and Nepal, the **International Analog Forestry Network (IAFN)** developed three case studies showcasing the implementation and impact of Analog Forestry in different socio-ecological

contexts. The [case studies](#) highlight how community-led restoration efforts contribute to biodiversity conservation, food sovereignty, and gender justice. In Uganda, with support of [Kikandwa Environmental Association \(KEA\)](#), farmers in Sironko have integrated Analog Forestry (AF) principles into their banana and Arabica coffee farms, improving soil fertility and increasing crop yields. The initiative, led by local community groups, has helped restore degraded land, enhance biodiversity, and strengthen women's leadership in sustainable agriculture. In Peru, the [Colectivo Ecológico Amazonía Regenerativa \(CEARE\)](#) has supported Indigenous women and smallholder farmers in adopting Analog Forestry techniques to regenerate degraded forest areas. Through the planting of native timber and fruit trees, the initiative has restored soil health while promoting food sovereignty and economic resilience for rural families. In Nepal, Analog Forestry has played a key role in the transformation of a former mining site into a thriving community-led restoration project. With support from [Women Empowerment Centre \(WEC\)](#) and the [Jalbinayak Community Forest](#), a once-degraded landscape has been revitalised into Manjushree Park, an area promoting ecotourism, biodiversity restoration, and climate resilience. To amplify these experiences, IAFN launched the 'Gender Justice is Essential to Ecosystem Regeneration' campaign, featuring stories about the role of women, non-binary, and trans people in ecological restoration.

Many women-led CBOs are addressing issues around water. In Nepal, [Sahayatra Nepal](#) (a CSO) and [Tewa, Women's Fund of Nepal](#) are supporting local women's groups in Ilam District to lead gender-just climate solutions. In 2024, Sahayatra Nepal initiated conservation of drinking water resources in five places where water resources are drying up and are increasingly vulnerable to landslides. Women's opportunities for leadership were enhanced through their role in the water user's committee groups. Tewa and Sahayatra Nepal also conducted capacity strengthening workshops with women's groups on sustainable agriculture, climate change and adaptation. In Mexico, [Agua y Vida](#) mobilised women through workshops on community water management and participatory action research involving 18 WEHRDs. Agua y Vida's Ecofeminist School for Community Water Management, which involved 20 WEHRDs from San Cristóbal de Las Casas – an area adversely affected by water extraction – strengthened their ecofeminist political knowledge, and the recovery and recognition of women's knowledge and strategies for water management.

Many GAGGA partners are forced to implement unplanned actions in

response to natural disasters that affect their communities. In response to this challenge, [FCAM](#) developed a capacity-building training which focused on the development of community risk management plans with a gender and intersectional approach. During the training, the participating organisations, 19 GAGGA partner organisations and communities from Central America, identified common challenges related to the lack of inter-institutional coordination and effective participation in comprehensive risk management, especially with a focus on the needs of women, trans and non-binary people. The training provided participants with advocacy tools to enable them to demand that decision-makers design, provide and implement disaster risk reduction policies, plans and programmes with a gender perspective.

Women's climate action

With GAGGA's support, Indigenous women are strengthening their leadership and participation in gender- and climate-just actions and solutions. [Articulación Nacional de Mujeres Tejiendo Fuerzas para el Buen Vivir \(ASOMTEVI\)](#), a network of more than 70 Indigenous, peasant and rural women's organisations in Guatemala, strengthened ancestral food sovereignty practices by carrying out four workshops with more than 200 women. During the workshops, women were encouraged to plant and cultivate their own native seeds to strengthen food security and access to nutritious food and medicine. ASOMTEVI provided native seeds and technical assistance for women to develop their own family gardens. In Indonesia, [Perempuan Aman Lou Bawe](#) (Women Safe, the Indigenous Women's Communion of the Archipelago) is supporting Indigenous women in a variety of ways, including to revive Indigenous handicrafts and to secure official land certificates to protect Indigenous women's land from corporate exploitation. The group organises courses on topics such as forest caretaking, agroecology, protection of Indigenous territories through legal mechanisms. In India, [Keystone Foundation](#) organised two trainings with 50 Indigenous women in Jharkhand and Kerala on global perspectives of climate change, and strengthened documentation and storytelling skills of field staff working in Adivasi (Indigenous) communities. In Fiji, [Soqosoqo Vakamarama iTaukei Ba \(SVTB, Women in Action\)](#) have ensured that Indigenous women play a central role in climate adaptation efforts, including supporting their decision-making and involvement in technical projects such as riverbank stabilization, foreshore reclamation, and reforestation and coastal erosion mitigation projects. SVTB has also led capacity strengthening initiatives for women's groups, such as establishment of nurseries for fruit

and forestry plants, which provide income while promoting reforestation, biodiversity conservation and resilience against climate change.

A collaboration of GAGGA partners **Lumière Synergie pour le Développement** (LSD), **WoMin** and strategic partner 350.org brought together women from the Saloum Delta, Saint-Louis and Dakar, Senegal, all communities affected by new oil and gas developments. Together, the women strengthened skills and capacities for influencing the country's energy and climate policies. The women then presented their concerns and expectations to the mayor of the city of Bargny and sent the 'Bargny Joint Declaration on the Sendou Coal Power Plant' to the local press. LSD also collaborated with **Green Development Advocates** (GDA) Cameroon. GDA participated in an exchange visit to the Saloum Delta to benefit from the Senegalese women's knowledge on mangrove restoration, an action which GDA plans to replicate in Cameroon. **Women Action Towards Economic Development** (WATED), in Tanzania, conducted six capacity-building trainings and three technical workshops focused on climate justice, feminist advocacy, and sustainable solutions. The sessions strengthened 80 women, including 45 Indigenous women and 35 rural women, with practical knowledge on climate governance, financial access, and policy engagement. Through its Feminist School of Leadership, WATED also created spaces for knowledge-sharing, leadership development, and financial access for grassroots women.

As part of the Feminist School for Climate Action, **Fundacion Plurales** (Argentina) organised training workshops on regional and global mechanisms for advocacy. In addition to the workshops, two manuals were developed with accessible information on the Escazú Agreement (the Regional Agreement on Access to Information, Public Participation and Justice in Environmental Matters in Latin America and the Caribbean) and United Nations mechanisms, such as the UNFCCC. In addition, Fundacion Plurales supported face-to-face participation of six CBO representatives in different events, such as COP3 on Escazú in Chile, COP16 on Biodiversity in Colombia, as well as the virtual preparatory events

In the face of ongoing repression, harassment and violence against WEHRDs, spaces for healing and to strengthen security remain an important part of GAGGA's work. In Central America, the workshop 'Stop to Heal', organised by **FCAM**, focused on the importance of taking time to heal in the context of defending the territory. Through a dynamic methodology that combined body and verbal work, healing justice tools were offered that strengthened the personal and collective sustainability of

women defenders and their organisations. The space generated a horizontal exchange between organisations from different backgrounds, promoting mutual learning and connection between experienced and emerging groups. At the global level, GAGGA, in cooperation with the Ford Foundation, was pleased to bring together WEHRDs from different regions in a [meeting](#) to build collective strategies for the unique challenges faced by WEHRDs across different contexts, and to address the critical need for a more inclusive, flexible and safe funding landscape for their work and security.



Strategy 2 - Linking climate, environmental and women's rights movements for L&A on gender-just climate solutions

GAGGA facilitated increased linking between environmental and climate justice and women's rights movements within and across local, regional, and global levels. By linking climate, environmental justice and women's rights groups and movements with different expertise, skills, thematic focus, constituents, advocacy targets and strategies, we grow our collective knowledge and power.

At the Alliance level, GAGGA organised virtual sessions for GAGGA partners in 2024 to share their experiences in working on initiatives at the local, national, and regional levels. In four sessions, GAGGA partners presented their work on collectively chosen topics– just energy transition, influencing decision-makers, extractives and access to climate finance. Following the presentations, partners connected with one another, shared their own experiences and discussed ways to collaborate across countries and regions.

Virtual linking and learning sessions were also organised at the member level in 2024. For example, **Mama Cash** organised three online skillshare sessions in which partners presented a specific tool, methodology or best practice and then discussed possible collaborations. Topics included community-building using agroecology, strategies for securing women's access to land, best practices of girls leading climate education, support for youth dealing with climate anxiety, and a rural women-led campaign against gender-based violence. At the request of its partners, **FCAM** supported peer-to-peer exchanges adapted to the needs and methodologies of the organisations involved. The exchanges provided contextualised learning that reinforced the impact of the groups' work in their territories.

Linking and learning initiatives

Linking and learning also takes place via GAGGA 'Linking and Learning Initiatives' which are developed, proposed and implemented by GAGGA partners. In 2024, 14 new initiatives were launched in May with the aim of strengthening connections, and fostering solidarity and cross-movement building. For example, as part of a linking and learning initiative led by **Prakriti Resources Centre** (Nepal), with **Dhaatri Trust** (India), **Non-Timber Forest Product-Exchange Programme** (Asia), GAGGA partners in Asia, together with **Both ENDS**, participated in a three-day workshop on climate finance and Green Climate Fund in Nepal. The

workshop, which included a field visit to a GAGGA-supported local gender-just climate solution, increased participant's understanding of climate finance and preparation. Initial steps were taken toward a GAGGA policy paper and advocacy strategy on climate finance. An initiative of **Mama Odari**, together with **Aube Nouvelle pour les Femmes Association**, both based in the Democratic Republic of Congo, and **FADESCO**, from Burundi aims to strengthen and revitalise (young) women's activism. In September, Mama Odari hosted the groups in a meeting to create an advocacy framework that will strengthen the voices of women and marginalised communities in discussions on climate justice. An initiative of **Just Finance International**, **Both ENDS**, **Dhaatri Trust** (India), **Lombok Legal Aid** (LSBH) and **Walhi South Sulawesi** focuses on strengthening understanding of international financial institutions/development banks, community-level assessment of bank violations and effects on communities, as well as holistic security management. The initiative will generate shared strategies for follow-up action on specific cases. **Instituto Cordilheira** and **Suape Forum**, from Pernambuco, Brazil together with the **Jeunes Volontaires pour Environnement**, from Ivory Coast, are creating a link of solidarity and sharing between them the Indigenous knowledge of Latin America and West Africa. As part of the initiative, women and young people from rural, peri-urban or peripheral areas are developing actions in support of agroecological family farming as a strategy to defend their ways of life and food security and the defence of climate justice in the two countries. They are also exchanging experiences of impacts of mega projects and strategies to defend territories.

Cross-movement collaboration and learning

Beyond 'Linking and Learning Initiatives', with GAGGA's support, partners participated in hundreds of cross-movement collaborations in 2024. In July, **Mongolian Women's Fund** (MONES) hosted the Annual Women in Action on Mining in Asia (WAMA) Regional Skillshare. A total of 40 participants from seven countries participated, including GAGGA partners and women environmental and human rights defenders, MONES's Mongolian partners and the herder women with whom they work. The women shared insights on mining trends and impacts, and experiences of women advocating against mining, and learned about gender-impact assessment methodology. Together, they strategised about campaigns and actions and created a strategic plan for WAMA. In Africa, the third Women's Climate Assembly (WCA) – 'African women defend their lands, forests and waters' – drew over 150 women from 17 African countries. Held in Senegal in October as part of the African Peoples' Counter COP, the WCA is led by a steering group of NGOs, community organisations

and their allies, including GAGGA partners **Lumière Synergie pour le Développement**, **Green Development Advocates**, **Kebetkache Women and Development Resource Centre** and **WoMin African Alliance**. The WCA has played a critical role in supporting African women's climate justice leadership. The WCA and Counter COP resulted in two statements on climate justice and COP29, which were shared at the international level.

In Latin America, GAGGA facilitated participation of Indigenous women and leaders in the Pan-Amazonian Social Forum (FOSPA) 2024, which brought together peoples across the Amazon to strengthen alliances, exchange experiences and build strategies for action in defence of the Amazon. The Forum resulted in a manifesto and an international call and intervention for effective participation of Indigenous peoples in discussions on the climate crisis and biodiversity, rejection of false solutions, and respect for their organic independence and our own justice systems. With the support of **Fondo de Mujeres Bolivia Apthapi Jopueti** (women's fund in Bolivia), the Guarani women of the **Association of Guarani Peoples APG Yaku-Igua** presented their struggle to the Women's Tribunal of the FOSPA. The Indigenous women leaders presented the case of defence of the Aguaragüe nature reserve, which is currently under threat. The Women's Tribunal was a strategic opportunity to bring the case before the international community, as well as before national and international authorities.



Strategy 3 - Influencing governments, investors, and donors for gender-just climate solutions

GAGGA alliance members, partner funds and NGOs support women leaders, activists, WEHRDs and their movements to pursue their agendas at local, national and regional levels towards governments and investors. Among many examples is the work of **Prakriti Resource Center (PRC)** and **TEWA – Nepal's Women's Fund in Nepal**. Together with allies in the Climate and Development Dialogue, PRC and TEWA campaigned for mainstreaming the climate change agenda in Nepal's 16th National Plan for Development, including by organising a National Conference on Climate and Development Climate Justice and Resilient Development; a roundtable meeting with Members of Parliament; and extensive media outreach. As a result of their efforts, the National Planning Commission announced the inclusion of a dedicated chapter on 'Climate Change' in the 16th National Plan document and sought inputs from civil society on the chapter.

In Uganda, GAGGA partner **AFIEGO** hosted a conference together with **Both ENDS** and GAGGA partners **Kebetkache** (Nigeria), **WoMin** (Southern Africa) and local community women to discuss common issues around clean energy and share learnings from oil affected communities in Nigeria, Uganda, DRC and Tanzania. The conference increased awareness among government decision-makers of local women's demands regarding energy transition and policies, and compensation around oil exploitation. GAGGA partner Environmental Defenders, based in the Congo Basin, engaged at the international level, including at COP16 Biodiversity Conference, where they presented case studies on the harmful impacts of the East African Crude Oil Pipeline project, and at the UN Decade of Ecosystem Restoration event and sessions of the Indigenous Funders Network, where they called for international financing to be directed to local and Indigenous communities. The group engaged with the UN Special Rapporteur on Environmental Defenders to discuss the threats faced by WEHRDs in the Albertine region, leading to a commitment from the rapporteur to investigate further.

In the Philippines, Kalikasan People's Network for the Environment (KPNE) defended WEHRDs who were under attack for their fight against involuntary displacement of communities and destruction of key biodiversity sites in Manila Bay in relation to land reclamation for a new airport. Following the abduction of two young WEHRDs, KPNE achieved significant outcomes in advancing environmental justice and protection

for the WEHRDs through strategic advocacy tours, involving international allies, including **Both ENDS** and Dutch organisations, universities, and parliamentarians.

The **AYNI Indigenous Women's Fund/FIMI International Indigenous Women's Forum** facilitated participation of 237 Indigenous women in diverse advocacy processes, workshops and global meetings. Among these, AYNI/FIMI supported participation of 170 Indigenous women in seminars prior to CSW69, 7 representatives at COP29 in Azerbaijan and individual sponsorships for the session of the Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (EMRIP) in Geneva and the 88th session of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW). AYNI/FIMI actively contribute to international advocacy and lobbying by organising 60 major meetings, processes and consultations. Notable achievements include the development of the Action Plan for CEDAW General Recommendation 39 on the rights of Indigenous women and girls (2025-2030), based on 372 survey responses and 42 interviews with Indigenous women from around the world. FIMI also co-organised important events, such as the side event at the EMRIP, focused on restoring Indigenous Women's leadership, and contributed to Climate Change COP 29 and CBD COP 16, highlighting Indigenous Women's resilience to climate-related loss and damage. Evidence-based advocacy materials were a cornerstone of their efforts, including the GR39 Action Plan, a Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) Handbook for Indigenous Women's Advocacy, and a webinar report offering key recommendations for CSW participation.

Alongside independent advocacy processes, GAGGA alliance members, strategic allies and partners collectively engage in advocacy aimed at influencing specific international targets to divest from fossil fuel industries, protect critical ecosystems and support gender-just climate solutions. Examples include:

Investors

GAGGA partners such as **AFIEGO** and **Both ENDS** successfully raised awareness among Dutch investors in TotalEnergies about environmental and human rights abuses in Uganda related to the East Africa Crude Oil Pipeline (EACOP). The relationship-building with investors resulted in their request for GAGGA to facilitate a meeting with CSOs and EACOP-affected people during investors' visit to Uganda. The visit was the first of its kind since the start of the EACOP project. Both ENDS also communicated with investors

on the fifth anniversary of the Brumadinho disaster, highlighting Vale's lack of accountability for the tragedy-crime and, the limited remediation in the affected area with visible water contamination of the main waterways and three tailing dams under emergency levels due yet unresolved safety issues. The webinar 'Environmental Litigation: an underestimated risk for investors' raised awareness among investors about the litigation and reputational risk of not keeping a close attention to their investees' corporate due diligence and accountability.

Green Climate Fund

Improving women's access to climate finance remains a top priority for GAGGA. At the 38th Board Meeting of the Green Climate Fund (GCF), held in Rwanda. **Both ENDS** and partners **Kebetkache** (Nigeria), **Tindzila** (Mozambique), **Women Environmental Programme** (Burkina Faso), and **LSD** (Senegal) called for better access to climate finance for local groups, including the role of small grants funds in the GCF. Following the meeting, we published an [article](#) underscoring the importance of integrating local perspectives into global climate finance decisions.

Governments and donors

Throughout the year, we held bilateral meetings with donors and governments, including the governments of UK, Scotland, Chile, Canada, Denmark, Switzerland, Sweden, Ireland, and Germany, as well as the Dutch government, Dutch Parliamentarians and civil servants, to make the case for increased support of gender-just climate solutions. We also used important international policy spaces as platforms, such as COP29, for this work. Our engagement in government and philanthropic spaces was extremely valuable for further strengthening relationships with key governments and creating space for GAGGA partners to advocate for their agendas. Highlights in 2024 include:

- **CSW68:** GAGGA was pleased to host a side event addressing the intersection of climate and gender justice, in co-sponsorship with Global Affairs Canada and the Chroma Collective, a donor community of practice on gender mainstreaming. The event focused on financing mechanisms for gender-just climate solutions and was held at the Ford Foundation Center for Social Justice. During the panel, WEHRDs shared their experiences facing false climate

solutions and extractive activities and highlighted the need for increased investment in locally-led gender-just climate actions. The event brought together funders, including bilateral donors, philanthropic donors and women's funds, who discussed their experiences of funding gender-just climate action. They addressed the ambitions and limitations of current climate finance mechanisms and shared best practices for effectively supporting grassroots movements. The dialogue provided a comprehensive understanding of the funding landscape and identified opportunities for enhancing the effectiveness of climate finance. The event also marked the launch of GAGGA's 2024 [#We-WomenAreWater campaign](#), which highlighted the stories and voices of women, girls, non-binary, intersex, and trans people from local and Indigenous communities who are leading innovative solutions to address the root causes of climate injustice. The campaign demonstrated the transformative power of gender-just climate solutions in addressing the climate crisis, and promoting sustainable and inclusive development. During the event, we screened three short [videos](#) showcasing women-led solutions and struggles for change narrated by women from affected communities in India, Zambia, and Brazil.

- **UNFCCC COP29:** GAGGA coordinated multiple meetings between GAGGA partners and donors, as well as policy-makers, fostering crucial connections. GAGGA also co-organised and participated in several important side events focused on the interlinkages between locally-led adaptation and gender-just climate action, and the need for more climate finance to be directed to community-based organisations working on this area. GAGGA created space for dialogue and sharing of policy and other recommendations to decision-makers and other actors in attendance. The side events included:
 - Locally-Led Adaptation as a Means to Achieve Gender-Just Climate Finance and Policy, organised in partnership with the UK Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO), focused on how grassroots solutions can inform global policy, particularly in redirecting climate finance toward community-led initiatives. The event featured several panellists from the GAGGA network ([Green Girls Platform](#)

(Malawi), [Climate Watch Thailand](#) and [Fondo Casa](#) (Brazil)) and representatives of the UK government. The [event](#) resulted in increased dialogue and strengthened collaboration between GAGGA and UK FCDO on funding gender-just climate action.

- [Prakriti Resources Centre](#) (Nepal) and [Indigenous Information Network](#) (Kenya), which highlighted Indigenous women and grassroots leaders shaping climate finance to ensure it truly serves the most vulnerable communities in conversation with policy makers. The event showcased how women-led local climate action – or gender-just climate solutions – exist and are successful, by highlighting the stories of grassroots women and indigenous leaders. The event featured several panellists from the GAGGA network ([Women Environs Zambia](#), [AIDA](#) (South America), [Tik Na'oj Collective](#) (Guatemala) as well as representatives of climate departments from the Irish, Dutch and Canadian governments. The event resulted in positive recognition of these governments, who directly interacted with speakers from GAGGA partner organisations from Nepal, Guatemala and Zambia.

Our input into COP29 spaces was reinforced with communications and documentation about gender-just climate solutions, including women-led ecological restoration initiatives. Prior to the COP, we published detailed [case studies](#) from Cameroon, Nepal, Honduras and India showcasing local solutions. Our new interactive [map](#) of gender-just climate solutions was also used at COP29 as a lobbying and storytelling tool to shift the narrative around climate finance, and as an educational and advocacy resource for policymakers and civil society. Following the COP, we published '[COP29 Reflections: Gender Justice as a Key Element of Climate Justice](#)' on Alliance Magazine's online platform, reaching a global audience interested in philanthropy and social impact. The article featured GAGGA partners and analysed the outcomes of the COP29 negotiations, particularly regarding commitments to climate finance and the inclusion (or exclusion) of gender and human rights language. We highlighted the critical need for integrating gender justice within climate finance and policy discussions, emphasising the disproportionate impact of climate change on women and marginalised communities.

Together with [Global Greengrants Fund](#) (GGF), in 2024 GAGGA further

advanced the [Roots Rising campaign](#), a collective effort with allies working on feminist climate justice to mobilise at least \$100 million of new funding for grassroots gender-just climate action by 2026, and significantly more by 2030². GAGGA co-hosted an event at COP29 focused on the campaign, which aimed to ensure that funding flows directly to feminist grassroots movements, eliminating unnecessary hurdles and guaranteeing alignment with gender-just principles.

At the 2024 AWID Forum in Bangkok in December, GAGGA organised the side event, 'Raising ambition on feminist climate action: From challenges to actionable strategies'. A panel discussion, moderated by Mama Cash's Director of Programmes, involved representatives from philanthropic and bilateral donors, as well as **FCAM**, **National Indigenous Disabled Women Association Nepal** (NIDWAN), and GAGGA partner **WATED**, from Tanzania. GAGGA also participated in the Moving Money Forum, which took place prior to the AWID Forum. In cooperation with **GGF** and **Prospera**, GAGGA curated the Gender + Climate sessions. At the AWID Forum, we launched the report [Seeds for Harvest](#), an initiative of GGF, Prospera, the Human Rights Funders Network, and GAGGA, which spotlights the funding trends of human rights-focused private and public funders and gaps and gaps in funding for gender, climate, and environmental justice work.

GAGGA continued to successfully influence the discourse and practice of funders, networks and think tanks on the issue of funding women-led climate action through participation in meetings of the OECD netFWD, Philea Forum, EDGE funders meeting and other key donor dialogues and spaces, where we shared our experience and policy recommendations. At a workshop led by the UK Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, we provided input into the cross-departmental UK International Climate Finance (ICF) policy, as part of a Civil Society Workshop on ICF beyond 2025/26, stressing the crucial role of environmental justice and women's rights movements in addressing the climate crisis and ways to ensure finance reaches them, and sharing insights from GAGGA. **Mama Cash** amplified the reach of its policy brief, '[Funding our Future: Resourcing the feminist movements driving climate action](#),' jointly published with Equality Fund,' through a digital launch and participation in various global events and donor-led discussions. For example, Mama Cash was invited to a session on 'How Philanthropy can make climate finance more accessible for women?' at the Hamburg Sustainability Conference, hosted by German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development and others. The conference report subsequent-

ly highlighted that flexible funding models are essential for meeting the diverse needs of different groups. Mama Cash's analysis, language and recommendations in the 'Funding our Future' policy brief have been cited in multiple publications, and taken up in shared frameworks and agendas. For example, the Women and Gender Constituency (WGC) of the UNFCCC, of which Mama Cash is a member, included these recommendations within the constituency's submission to the Standing Committee on Finance.



² <https://www.alliancemagazine.org/analysis/the-transformative-power-of-gender-just-climate-action-and-the-urgent-need-for-funding/>

Leveraging additional resources for GAGGA partners



GAGGA's work in 2024 has contributed to an increase in awareness and action among diverse donors in support of women-led climate action and gender-just climate solutions. In 2024, GAGGA CBO partners received €1,404,511 and GAGGA funds and NGOs received €2,882,743 in funding from new sources for work on the intersection of gender, environmental and climate justice³.

Over the years, GAGGA has built a strong track record and solid relationships with key donors. In 2024, we continued our partnerships with the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Global Affairs Canada, and the Chanel Foundation, and developed new partnerships with Irish Aid and ReArc, enabling us to further our mission of supporting gender just climate solutions. New funding from the UK Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO), secured at the end of the year, builds on our efforts to support WEHRDs. We will delve deeper into the nexus of conflict, gender injustice, and climate change. Preparations for a participatory, collaborative case study involving partners in Brazil, Burkina Faso, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Mozambique, Nigeria, and the Philippines began in November. To match the needs of the Alliance, in 2024 we strengthened the GAGGA Coordination Unit with the successful recruitment of a full-time PMEL Officer, a Donor Engagement Officer, and an Operations and Finance Officer, as well as a Linking and Learning consultant.

We are deeply grateful for the generous support of our donors and their commitment to supporting women-led organisations to bring about a more gender and climate just world.

³ Figures are based on the reports of funds and NGOs, as part of the annual GAGGA PMEL survey.

