



2022/23

Annual Report

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Welcome to our annual report for 2022-23. We're excited to share the impact in disaster risk reduction, through locally-led action, with you.

This last year our network has grown to 1,734 civil society organisations in 130 countries.

In 2007 GNDR was launched with a powerful belief that by working together, civil society might strengthen the resilience of communities. As we celebrate our 15th year, we can't ignore the challenges that rocked the world in 2022. From record droughts and heatwaves to devastating forest fires, floods, and even a record low level of Antarctic sea ice. The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change Sixth Assessment Report left no doubt about the urgent need for disaster risk reduction and resilience building efforts worldwide. We, as a global network of civil society organisations recognise the gravity of the situation and have redoubled our engagement with communities most at-risk.

Throughout this financial year, we passionately engaged with global platforms and advocated for disaster risk reduction, with a strong focus on including communities at the front line of risk. And our extensive network of civil society organisations has provided valuable insights into the progress and challenges faced in implementing the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction.

But we didn't stop there. We took it a step further by synthesising and amplifying reflections from our vast network. By doing so, we shaped policy messages that truly resonate with the needs and aspirations of those most at risk of disasters. We firmly believe in the power of local voices to drive meaningful change, making our projects, like *Making Displacement Safer* locally-led and impactful on a global scale.

And why do we do all this? Because we recognise the urgency. Climate extremes are testing us like never before, and we know that empowering communities is the key to building resilience. We've witnessed first hand how local solutions can have a global impact.

In our mission to advance resilience through locally-led action, our recent annual membership survey provided insights into the impact we have made and the areas where we can excel further. This survey affirms the significance of our collective achievements, highlighting key positive findings that demonstrate the power of collective action and the value of our network.

Our members' dedication and commitment were evident around the world. Our Local Leadership Academy emerged as a catalyst for positive transformation, empowering our members with the knowledge and skills needed to effect change in their communities. For instance, one member from Central Asia, Bir Duino-Kyrgyzstan,

shared how training on community-based risk reduction strategies helped implement effective resilience initiatives in their region.

The survey also highlighted connection and collaboration opportunities as the primary reasons for organisations to join our network. This emphasises the immense value our members place on partnerships and collective action. Furthermore, our webinars, workshops and online learning sessions received high regard for equipping members with the necessary tools and knowledge to strengthen their resilience efforts.

Based on recommendations from the membership survey, we will have to improve our communication channels, increase our regional focus, and provide more collaboration and partnership opportunities. These steps should strengthen member engagement and maximise the collective impact of our network.

As you read through this report, we hope you'll join us in celebrating these collective

achievements. From the front line to the future, we're dedicated to promoting risk-informed development and localised resilience building efforts – that put communities at the heart of the action.

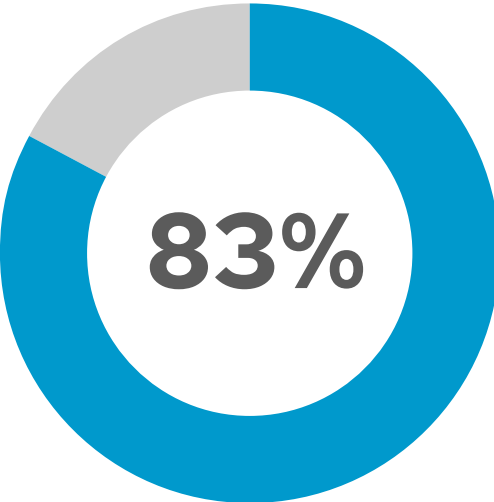
There is no other way of moving forward except together, inspired by the determination to create a safer and more resilient world for everyone. Only with your support will locally-led action pave the way to a brighter future.

Graciela Salaberri
Chair of the Global Board

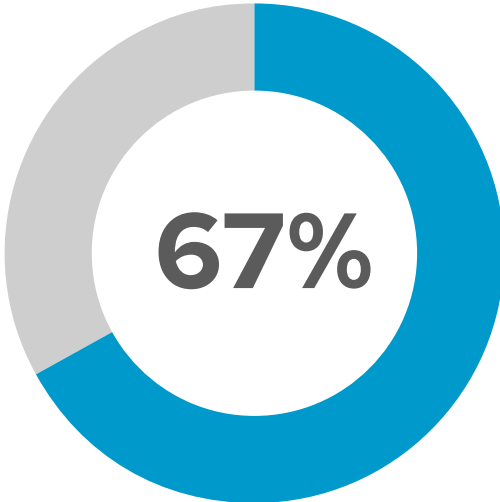
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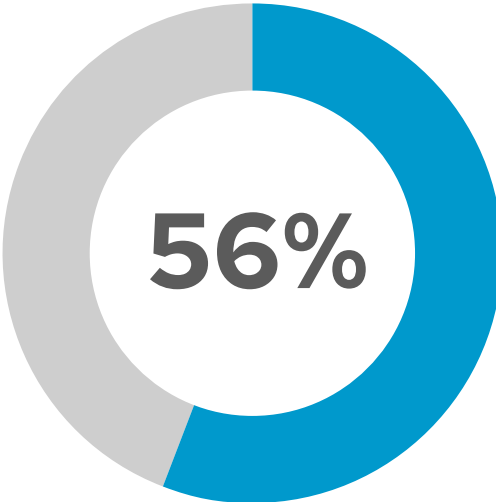
Highlights from the year



Members found the GNDR communication platforms effective and accessible.



Members agree that capacity strengthening opportunities have increased their organisation's capacity to lead.



Members reported that GNDR has increased their understanding of how to contribute to localisation.

228

Individuals contributed to national campaigns on localising climate projections in order to enhance local knowledge and preparedness

9,705

Displaced individuals shared their perspectives on risk and resilience as part of our *Making Displacement Safer* project

2,133

Civil society organisations engaged with 25,675 community members during our *Local Leadership for Global Impact* project

1,459

Representatives from member organisations participated in advocacy initiatives and events during COP27 and the Global Platform for DRR

495

Member organisations took part in national coordination meetings to share knowledge and collaborate on joint activities

531

People took part in our exchange projects to promote awareness and take action on climate-related challenges



OUR VISION

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A world in which everyone works together to strengthen the resilience of people most at risk and prevent hazards from becoming disasters.

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Our principles

At the heart of the growing local, national and international influence of our members are seven guiding principles.

1

Include all groups

Ensure the inclusion of all groups, particularly those most at risk

2

Promote gender equality

Implement gender-transformative approaches

3

Partner and collaborate

Work with and across all groups and levels to pursue the interests of people at risk

4

Start at the local level

Recognise the local context and understand community perspectives of risk

5

Mobilise different resources

Share resources, build on existing capacities, knowledge and other sources of resilience

6

Align policies with practices

Ensure coherence across disaster risk reduction, climate change and other development frameworks and activities

7

Be accountable to local communities most at risk

Ensure that we are accountable and challenge others to do the same

Our roles

A core strength of our network is the diversity of experience and expertise that members bring.



Amplifier

We mobilise, we harness local voices and we use our collective influence to lobby and campaign for the needs and priorities of people most at risk.



Capacity strengthener

We strengthen capacities and capabilities through member-to-member and member-to-partner support.



Catalyst

We spark action and energy across and beyond this movement of civil society organisations to speed up an all-society approach for resilience; we facilitate and support local action by working in solidarity with people most at risk.



Convenor

We develop and strengthen relationships and partnerships by connecting local, national and international actors, working across different levels, agendas and frameworks.



Reporter

We strive to ensure greater accountability and transparency through monitoring, reporting and evaluating local-level progress.



Thought leader

We research, gather, generate and share knowledge, including indigenous expertise and innovations.



GOAL 1

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Strengthen the collaboration, solidarity and mobilisation of civil society organisations

Credit: Avijit Ghosh / Climate Visuals

Policy and advocacy for disaster risk reduction

Throughout 2022-23, our network played a crucial role in shaping policy messages in support of the targets of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction.

This was accomplished by synthesising and amplifying reflections from our extensive network of civil society organisations. GNDR actively participated in various key global platforms, fostering meaningful dialogue and advocacy with 1,459 participants. Events included the Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction (GPDRR), COP27, and the High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development.

GNDR members also fed into the UNDRR Midterm Review of the Sendai Framework consultation process. We actively listened to the experiences and challenges faced by our network of 1,734 civil society organisations across 130 countries. These insights provided us with a comprehensive understanding of the progress and shortcomings of the Sendai Framework implementation. We then fed these reflections and perspectives into the review of the framework, focusing on three critical regions: Africa, the Americas and the Caribbean, and Asia and Pacific.



Credit: Ryan Brown / UN Women

This process culminated in the crafting of eight call-to-action policy messages for GPDRR:

- Listen to communities
- Invest at the local level
- Improve coordination and coherence
- Empower women leaders
- Strengthen DRR governance in conflict-affected states
- Involve children and youth in disaster risk reduction
- Learn from Covid-19
- Integrate inclusion across all levels

Our active engagement at GPDRR provided us with a unique opportunity to co-organise the official Stakeholder Engagement Mechanism (SEM) preparatory days, during which we showcased the collective strength and expertise of our network.

In 2022 GNDR was also re-elected as co-chair of the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction Stakeholder Engagement Mechanism (UNDRR SEM)

and co-chair of the NGO constituency within the mechanism. Holding these leadership positions provides us with a powerful platform to advocate for disaster risk reduction policies and practices that truly represent and prioritise the voices of a diverse range of stakeholders. In this role we will continue to connect frontline civil society organisations with national and international policymaking institutions and governments.

Looking ahead to 2023-24, we stand united as civil society to transform the targets of the Sendai Framework into concrete actions that benefit the most vulnerable and promote disaster resilience at all levels.



Civil society ready to lead risk-informed development

This year our network worked together to strengthen the capacity of 849 individuals from 802 civil society organisations in 50 countries to deliver risk-informed development.

The global training initiative follows the publication of our *Risk-Informed Development Guide* in 2021, a resource that provides practical advice on the nine stages of the risk-informed development planning process. As a result of the learning, civil society organisations are now better equipped to engage in transformative risk-informed development planning with communities most at risk.

The training focused on an approach to risk-informed development that is localised, community-led and participatory, and highlights ways in which risks created by hazards and risk drivers (e.g. climate change, urbanisation, food and water insecurity, forced displacement, gender inequality and conflict) can be mitigated.

Samuel Barrios, the GNDR national focal point for Paraguay and a representative of Tesăi Reka, a local NGO, shared his knowledge of risk-informed development with 105 civil society organisations in Latin America, through an online webinar hosted by GNDR.

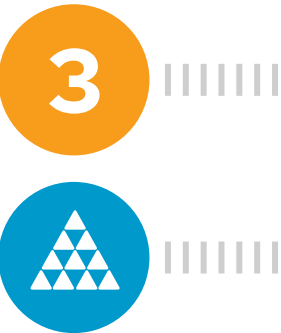
In Paraguay, communities are grappling with various hazards, including storms, hailstorms, droughts, forest fires, and agro-toxin releases due to land management practices. During the webinar, Barrios explained how his organisation worked with representatives from 40 indigenous communities to identify and prioritise the risks they faced, recognising that risk varies across geographical areas and within communities. This exercise then informed decision-making processes and interventions aimed at building resilience.

Working closely with Tesăi Reka, community members conducted disaster risk reduction activities, developed community disaster risk management plans, and ensured coordination with local institutions. Practical measures included adjusting tree pruning and planting practices, constructing windbreak walls for homes, establishing seed banks, and improving access to bridges.



In Paraguay members are working with indigenous communities to identify risks.

These actions, guided by our risk-informed approach, demonstrate the tangible impact of our capacity strengthening initiative. Indeed, in our recent annual GNDR survey, member organisations report a 4% increase in their leadership abilities compared to last year. Furthermore, 67% reported significant progress in delivering more inclusive risk management planning processes.



Members speak out on loss and damage

In the Asia & Pacific region GNDR member organisations are collaborating and making their voices heard on the pressing issue of climate change loss and damage.

In a joint webinar hosted by GNDR and the Climate Action Network (CAN) in April, members from across the Asia & Pacific region collaborated to give a voice to frontline communities facing loss and damage due to climate change.

Attended by 89 participants, the event provided a crucial space for dialogue, reflection, and collective action, and underscored the urgent need to support communities most at risk on their path towards resilience and justice.

Led by Harjeet Singh, Senior Advisor at CAN International, the webinar began with an overview of the latest Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change report and a global update on loss and damage discourse. Presentations were given by civil society organisations including SAVE Rivers, Tapas Monda, and FRIENDS Fiji, who shared their firsthand experience of working with climate-affected communities. Collectively they stressed that migration should not be the only solution for these communities as it would lead to the loss of their homes and cultural heritage.

Lavetanalagi Seru, representing CAN in the Pacific Islands, shed light on Vanuatu’s campaign for an advisory opinion from the International Court of Justice, and advocated for a rights-based approach to address loss and damage effectively.

The webinar concluded with a unified call to action, urging policymakers in developing countries to stand in solidarity and pressure their counterparts in developed countries to prioritise loss and damage on the global agenda. The operationalisation of the Loss and Damage Finance Facility, as a crucial means of mobilising finance and resources, was also highlighted.

Civil society organisations were called upon to amplify the voices of vulnerable communities, identify policy and practice gaps, and share scalable good practice. Academics and researchers were encouraged to engage in knowledge exchange and collaborative innovation with communities.



Credit: Benoit Almeras, Handicap International

Inclusion reduces vulnerability to floods

Training on disaster management and the provision of canoes is enabling four communities to build their resilience to seasonal flooding in Rathnapura District, Sri Lanka.

According to the Sri Lankan Disaster Management Centre over two million people were affected by floods between 1978 and 2017 – including 72 deaths. Unsurprisingly, floods were reported to be the most common threat faced by Sri Lankans we surveyed during our *Views from the Frontline* project.

Effective flood mitigation, preparedness, relief efforts, and response and recovery measures were reported as essential to enhancing the resilience of communities. As part of our project, Janathakshan, a local NGO, has supported four communities by purchasing and repairing canoes – providing a lifeline during floods.

The canoes have already been used to deliver essential items, such as food and cooking utensils, to flood-affected areas during recent disasters. So far 975 families have benefited. “Our division is frequently affected by floods,” says P.K. Lakmali, President of the Village Disaster Management Committee in Dellabada.

“The only canoe we had was damaged and is not in a proper condition. Provision of a new canoe is of great assistance to the community during floods.”

In addition, Janathakshan has provided training for each village disaster management committee in Dellabada, Kotamulla, Godigmuwa and Batugedara. Along with divisional level government representatives, each committee is primarily responsible for supporting communities to respond to hazards.

“*Views from the Frontline* not only empowers the local communities and institutions by bridging capacity and resource gaps, but also advocates for its significance,” says Chandrika Kularathna, Project Manager at Janathakshan.

In total 100 individuals – mostly community members – were trained. Knowledge was strengthened in terms of technical capacity, resources, first aid and networking platforms – skills that will help build the

resilience of each vulnerable location. As a result, effectiveness in service delivery for disaster preparedness, relief and response operations is expected to increase.

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GOAL 2

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Champion a localisation movement

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Localised climate projections increase resilience

This year we published our *Localising Climate Projections Guide & Toolkit*, a new resource that aims to build partnerships between civil society organisations (CSOs) and national meteorological agencies, in order to tackle the challenges of climate change.

The publication provides practical advice on how to ensure local actors are part of climate change projection processes. It aims to support civil society organisations and communities most at risk to access, use and analyse key climate risk information and knowledge to plan for future development, prevention, adaptation or contingency planning actions.

Since publishing the toolkit we have delivered training on the six key stages of localising climate projection processes to 700 individuals from GNDR member organisations and other local actors.

Training was delivered through our network of regional and national representatives in each country. Participants gained knowledge in understanding climate change, weather prediction processes, collaboration between community-based and scientific practices, and early warning systems.

In Lao, the training session brought together both CSOs and government representatives. The training not only familiarised participants with climate projection tools but has also facilitated the ongoing sharing of climate and weather-related information and digital coordination between participants.

By participating in this initiative GNDR members are actively translating the principles of localisation into tangible actions. By harnessing the collective strength of civil society and collaborating with meteorological services, we are paving the way for safer, more resilient communities.



Credit: Asian Development Bank

New localisation toolkit empowers at-risk communities

Our practical and user-friendly resource is designed to measure the progress of localisation and analyse disaster risk reduction policy gaps.

In 2020, our *Views from the Frontline Global Report* revealed that nearly 84% of communities most at risk of disasters lack access to essential information and resources to enhance their resilience. In response, we have produced a new toolkit to bridge the information gap faced by communities and pave the way for a more resilient future.

Our *Localisation Toolkit* is specifically designed to be easily understood and utilised by civil society organisations (CSOs). It serves as a valuable resource to measure the progress of local disaster risk reduction (DRR) efforts and address policy and practice gaps. The resource is the result of extensive discussions with key government and non-government stakeholders from nine countries: Sri Lanka, Philippines, India, Indonesia, Cambodia, Togo, Madagascar, Burkina Faso and Benin.

Why is this tool important? The recent Midterm Review of the Sendai Framework by UNDRR revealed a significant gap in achieving Target E on localisation, despite progress in the development of national and local strategies for DRR. Our resource empowers local actors – including GNDR member organisations and other CSOs – to map progress towards Target E in their country and conduct comprehensive analyses of policy and practice.

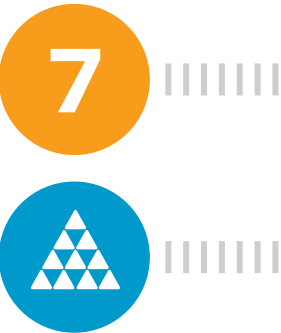
This tool serves as a diagnostic, strategic, advocacy, monitoring, and cross-country comparative analysis instrument. It fosters resilience through informed decision making and the creation of an enabling environment for local solutions. Additionally, the tool contributes to quality standards, training, and research, ensuring comprehensive support for localisation efforts in DRR. The aim is to foster resilience by advocating for, and creating, an enabling environment that supports local actors and communities to make informed decisions and deliver local solutions.

Credit: Joe Saade / UN Women



Going forward, we plan to implement the toolkit in 11 fragile countries as part of our new USAID-funded project, *Locally-led Humanitarian Solutions: Building Resilience in Fragile Contexts Affected by Climate Change*. In turn this will contribute to the development of national advocacy plans in each of these countries.

Using our new toolkit, GNDR members and communities are delivering transformative impact through localisation and building a resilient future for all.



Displaced people increase incomes after localisation initiative

In South Sudan, people displaced by disasters have set up their own small businesses after participating in a pioneering new approach to localisation.

The six initiatives in Juba, the capital, include tailoring and repairs, food and drinks shops, clothmaking, and stalls selling fresh produce and agricultural seeds. The businesses are run by small groups of people displaced by recent floods, drought and conflict.

The activities have been implemented by Root of Generations, a local NGO and GNDR member organisation based in the East African country, as part of our global *Making Displacement Safer* project. In response to the urgent need for locally-led disaster risk reduction efforts, our USAID-funded project develops innovative community solutions to improve lives and livelihoods in 11 countries.

The small businesses that have been developed in South Sudan were the result of a new approach to localisation. Using our *Views from the Frontline* methodology, Root of Generations surveyed displaced people and communities to identify and understand the different types of hazards, vulnerabilities, and threats that they face.

“The results showed that many displaced people have sought refuge in Juba, but face dire conditions, including inadequate shelter, limited access to food, water, medical supplies, and education,” says Grace Dorong, Executive Director at Root of Generations. “Women and girls bear the brunt of these challenges.”

The next step was to bring all stakeholders together to discuss what sustainable local action could be taken to foster community participation and build resilience in urban areas. Following our pioneering Urban Living Labs process, Root of Generations brought together displaced populations and leaders from the host community, government representatives, and civil society organisations. The assembled group consisted of an equal gender balance among community leaders and took a gender equity approach to decision making. Through a collaborative effort, they formulated a project to create sustainable business opportunities for people living in Gumbo, a settlement for internally displaced people.

25 individuals were selected, including men and women, and inclusive of persons with disabilities. A five-day training session was then delivered inside the camp, giving them new skills on how to run a small business and manage personal savings.

Following the success of the project, Dorong’s organisation is now urging national authorities and decision-makers to institutionalise localised approaches to disaster risk reduction in national policies and planning. The NGO has also run campaigns and appeared on local television. Women and men leaders actively participate in the advocacy work, providing real-time evidence and articulating community concerns. The initiatives aim to empower community members, foster resilience, and develop inclusive policies that prioritise the specific needs and risks faced by over two million displaced persons in South Sudan.



Credit: Abir Abdulah / Climate Visuals Countdown



New project to advance localisation during crises

GNDR has been awarded a five-year grant to deliver a transformative new global project to develop locally-led humanitarian solutions.

58% of disaster-related deaths occur in the top 30 most fragile states, according to the Overseas Development Institute, signalling a critical need to address conflict and fragility in disaster risk reduction efforts. Funded by the USAID Bureau for Humanitarian Assistance, our project will build resilience in 10 fragile states affected by climate change.

Over the next five years, we will collaborate with civil society organisations and communities in Bangladesh, Benin, Côte d’Ivoire, Colombia, DRC, Guatemala, Honduras, Iraq, Pakistan and Yemen. Through comprehensive training and capacity building, we aim to strengthen local actors knowledge and expertise in designing interventions that directly respond to the unique vulnerabilities of each community.

Our commitment to localisation and risk-informed development will feature throughout the project as we empower a total of 176 communities, amplifying their voices and fostering active participation in risk reduction, climate adaptation, and peace-building efforts. The outcomes derived from this initiative will not only shape global policies but also drive broader advocacy on the humanitarian-development-peacebuilding nexus.

“We are deeply committed to building a safer and more resilient world, and this prestigious grant is a testament to the dedication of our global network,” say Shivangi Chavda, Senior Regional Lead at GNDR.

As the project unfolds, stay tuned for updates on how it will make a lasting impact on communities most at risk in each country.

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Disability-inclusive disaster management

As a person with disability, Felix Maliki has often been excluded from community discussions about disaster management. But since attending a workshop on climate change, opportunities have opened up for him to be involved in local planning processes.

Felix is a widower with three children who earns his living by repairing shoes. He has restricted mobility, meaning that in the event of flash floods escaping to a safe place is often a challenge. He openly admits that before the workshop he lacked knowledge or awareness about how to respond in an emergency - because people with disabilities are regularly excluded from participating in disaster preparedness and risk reduction initiatives.

In order to address these issues of exclusion, Badilika Foundation, a local NGO, organised a training course on disaster mitigation and management in 2022. Held at Masenjere Primary School, the aim of the event was to increase the participation of persons with disabilities in DRR processes. During the workshop 32 people were trained on disaster preparedness, gender inclusion, and the inclusion of persons with disabilities in planning processes.

The activity enhanced Felix's individual knowledge and skills - in particular on ways to mitigate the impact of floods for

disabled people. "We disabled people also have wisdom which can be used to bring about solutions," says Felix. He is now willing to be part of future interventions, he says, to improve local disaster management practices. And also aims to involve and share his learning with other people with disabilities.

"The majority of people with disabilities in this community are excluded from DRR processes, and lack access to resources and information," says Forbes Msiska, Project Manager at Badilika Foundation. "This activity will ensure that all citizens have access to equal opportunities and face no discrimination."

The campaign has also helped raise awareness amongst the residents of Mesenjere of the need to include people with disabilities in community planning processes. Going forward this opportunity will provide people with disabilities with a platform to share their ideas and raise the challenges they face.

Credit: Badilika Foundation



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GOAL 3

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Strive for risk-informed development

Credit: Karen Toro / Climate Visuals Countdown



New report highlights solutions to frontline risks

Our latest *Views from the Frontline* report sets out seven major recommendations for how we can reduce disaster risk in communities around the world.

Our global recommendations have been informed by interviews with over 100,000 people living and working in 750 communities at risk of disasters. Collectively they provide a clear strategy for how we can overcome the biggest barriers to resilience building – by strengthening inclusion, government accountability, information sharing, nature-based solutions and local level finance mechanisms.

Published in October 2022, the report is the culmination of our flagship, three-year project to elevate the voices of communities most at risk of disasters in 50 countries. The project actively engaged communities to share the threats they face, the barriers to change they perceive, and the actions that are needed to reduce disaster risk. The project was led by civil society organisations (CSOs) and supported them to engage in meaningful conversations with local stakeholders, strengthen their capacities, and promote localisation.

The report’s objective is to raise awareness and provide evidence to governments, donors and development practitioners on how risk-informed development can be achieved by listening to communities and adopting a localisation approach. The report serves as a powerful call to action, urging stakeholders to prioritise disaster risk reduction and resilience building efforts at both local and national levels.

For example, in Chappan, a community in Nepal, a local action plan – that was developed by communities and CSOs during the project – identified the construction of an underground well as a priority action to reduce disaster risk. With support from the local authorities, the community united to implement the project, leading to tangible benefits in disaster resilience. Similar success stories were observed in other regions, highlighting the project’s collaborative and community-led approach.

In Cambodia, Yein Kreal, a council member from Tamaeun commune in Battambang province, experienced firsthand the positive outcomes of our project. Previously affected by floods and droughts, his community successfully restored a 750-metre canal with support from GNDR and Church World Service, an NGO. This reduced the impact of floods, improved access to water, and enhanced climate resilience for the community.

As governments and development actors implement the global recommendations of our report, we hope that community-led resilience building will continue to shape national and international disaster risk reduction efforts.



Credit: USAID



Data and local knowledge key to climate resilience

A new GNDR project is empowering farmers in Indonesia by bridging the gap between native know-how and climate science.

As part of our *Local Leadership for Global Impact* project, we facilitated a two-week learning exchange between a climate scientist and two farming communities in Gunungkidul, Indonesia.

In the two sub-villages of Ngoro Oro and Watu Gajah, farmers engage in diverse agricultural activities, including growing cash crops, rearing livestock, and cultivating timber trees on hilly and rocky terrain. Their livelihoods heavily depend on successful agricultural practices, making it essential to incorporate climate change considerations into their decision making processes.

The project has shed light on the value of collaboration in addressing the effects of climate change on agriculture. “Analysing rainfall data together and engaging in group discussions highlighted the significance of local knowledge in guiding farmers’ planting decisions,” says climate researcher Dr. Thomas Wijaya. “Traditional indicators like pranoto mongso, a Javanese seasonal calendar, and natural signs such as thunder

and specific plant growth patterns, proved instrumental in determining the appropriate time for planting.”

However, through the course of the exchange, Wijaya recognised the impact of rainfall variability on crop productivity. Farmers lack access to crucial climate information from agencies like the Badan Meteorologi, Klimatologi dan Geofisika (BMKG), the government meteorological agency.

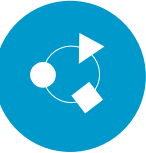
The outcome of our project has been a proposal for civil society organisations (CSOs) to bridge the gap between meteorological agencies and farmers. Acting as intermediaries, CSO could rewrite scientific information from meteorological agencies like BMKG in simple and accessible language for agricultural communities. By translating complex scientific data into practical terms – such as forecasts for earlier rainy seasons or the severity of droughts due to La Nina or El Nino – CSOs can empower communities

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at risk of climate change to adapt their practices to incorporate scientific data. This knowledge can then enable farmers to make informed decisions about planting times, crop diversification, and the cultivation of more hardy crops to enhance their resilience.

The result of this research project has emboldened us to further champion the localisation of climate projections. We believe everyone should have access to the information they need to make decisions to reduce their risk.

In total our climate knowledge exchange programme has brought together more than 500 people in 18 countries, and involved 10 hosts and eight international experts from diverse backgrounds.



Stakeholder engagement tackles displacement risk

GNDR members have convened displaced people, legislators, policymakers and other government officials in 11 countries in order to develop locally-led disaster risk reduction solutions for communities residing in urban areas.

The events form part of our three-year *Making Displacement Safer* project that aims to reduce the risks faced by displaced communities.

In Nepal, the National Society for Earthquake Technology, a GNDR member organisation, arranged a workshop that brought together displaced people, local authorities and NGOs. The meeting centred around the Namuna Tole, a community of 85 households within the Kathmandu Valley. These individuals face numerous challenges, including inadequate infrastructure, repeated displacement due to flash floods, epidemics, and eviction threats.

The workshop focused on analysing existing policy provisions and practices, and exploring innovative and incremental solutions to the problems faced by the community members. Three key recommendations were agreed: firstly, the establishment of a system for continuous

direct dialogue between displaced persons and the government, involving relevant civil society organisations; secondly, the facilitation of multi-stakeholder meetings to explore innovative and long-term, durable solutions to disaster risk; and thirdly, collective advocacy for the provision of identity cards for displaced people until they obtain national citizenship certificates.

This multi-stakeholder engagement marks a crucial step towards creating a more resilient future for displaced populations in Nepal. GNDR remains committed to addressing the challenges faced by displaced communities, both in Nepal and across the globe, by prioritising collective action, inclusive policies, and community empowerment.



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Capacity strengthening engages community in DRR

Our Views from the Frontline project has increased community-level knowledge of threats and improved understanding around recurring disaster risk in Guatemala.

The community of Matazano, Jocotán in Guatemala has been hit by various disasters, including droughts and storms, often because risks and threats are not fully understood.

The impact of interventions to reduce risk often depend on the type and quality of data collected and documented at the local level. To build the capacities of community representatives, Food for the Hungry, a GNDR member, conducted training on identifying risks and threats. In particular, participants were informed about the role of early warning systems for preventing casualties during sudden-onset disasters, as well as emergency response activities, and mitigation and prevention techniques.

The training programme has empowered Matazano residents to work together to identify the risks and threats that affect their neighbourhoods. The inclusion and participation of vulnerable groups in these activities has been central.

As a result of the capacity building session, new partnerships were established between the Municipal Office of Integral Risk Management and the National Coordinator for Disaster Reduction.

“We now have the facility to communicate and keep the community informed,” says Humberta Súchite, President CONRED, Matazano. He has since taken the lead to clean up garbage in the Matazano community with support from willing resident.



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The partnership has facilitated the creation of a local action plan to build resilience. The first actions taken forward have been the formation and training of nine members of an emergency commission led by women in the Matazano community.

The people of Matazano report being inspired to promote similar resilience building practices in other nearby communities. There is now strong local leadership for the establishment of an early warning system to streamline the dissemination of information, guidance and evacuation in case of emergency.

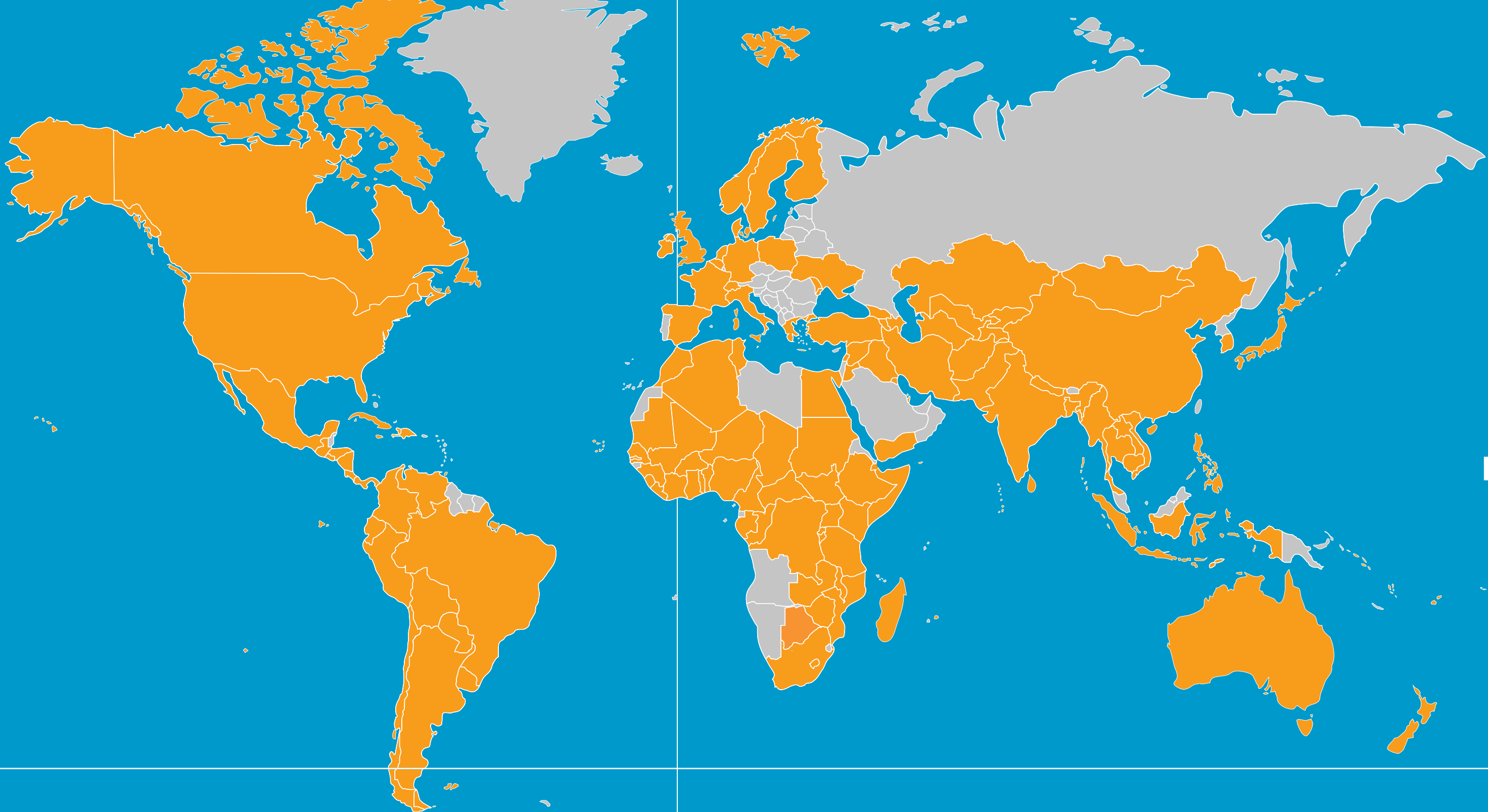


OUR NETWORK

We are the largest international network of civil society organisations working together to strengthen the resilience of communities most at risk of disasters.

Many of our member organisations work directly with communities most at risk. Our website has an up-to-date list of all members.

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1,754
Organisations

164
Representatives

132
Countries

Members' achievements in disaster risk reduction



These are just a few of the achievements and impactful initiatives of GNDR members in their pursuit of disaster risk reduction and community resilience.

Latin America Leaders Award 2022

For their leadership in driving sustainable development, Adios del Viento (AdelV) was honoured with the Latin American Leaders Award 2022 by The Global School for Social Leaders. Sponsored by the Ban Ki-Moon Center for Global Citizens, the award highlights their contribution to the region's progress. In addition, Graciela Salaberri, Executive Director of Amigos del Viento and GNDR Global Chair, was recognised as one of the Authentic Women for 2023.

Human Rights & Business Award 2022

The Oil Workers' Rights Protection Organisation (OWRPO), an NGO in Azerbaijan, was honoured with this year's Human Rights & Business Award. The organisation ensures civil society oversight of oil and gas companies, and strives for transparent and fair spending of industry revenues for societal benefit. The award was received by Mirvari Gahranmali.

National Environment Award 2022

Bangladesh Environment and Development Society (BEDS) was honoured with the National Environment Award 2022, in the category for environmental education and publicity at the institutional level. The award was presented during the World Environment Fair in Dhaka by Muhammad Hasan Mahmud, the Minister of Information and Broadcasting.

Comprehensive School Safety Framework 2022-2030

A new *Comprehensive School Safety Framework 2022-2030* has been published by the Global Alliance for Disaster Risk Reduction and Resilience in the Education Sector (GADRRRES), a GNDR member organisation. Marking 10 years since its first edition, the revised framework empowers education sector policymakers and administrators to promote child rights, sustainability and resilience. It has been endorsed by more than 70 countries and translated into 10 languages.

Disability-Inclusive Get Ready Guidebook

A new guidebook designed to address gaps in disability-inclusive disaster risk reduction has been published by Atullya Foundation. Printed in Nepali, English and Braille, the book provides best practice for before, during, and after disasters. The guide was endorsed by the Nepal Government's Ministry of Home Affairs during the Multi-Stakeholder Conference on Disability Inclusive Disaster Risk Reduction in September 2022.

Integrating Human Rights and Equality

In 2022, the Asian Disaster Preparedness Center (ADPC) unveiled their groundbreaking *Framework for Integrating Human Rights and Equality (FIRE)*. The framework systematically integrates gender equality principles and international human rights standards into disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation. The framework has been jointly implemented by ADPC, Swedish Civil Contingencies Agency, Stockholm Environment Institute, and Raoul Wallenberg Institute of Human Rights and Humanitarian Law, with support from the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency.

Global board

Our global board sets our overall policy and defines the strategic direction and objectives of the network.

The board ensures we operate in accordance with our charitable objectives, our principles and in support of the membership.

The board is made up of 20 members: 13 regional representatives elected by members, two independent representatives, and five trustees.

Regional representatives



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Stichting GNDR

Stichting GNDR is an independent organisation created by GNDR and registered in The Netherlands.

It was established to ensure that our global network can still access vital European funding now the UK has left the European Union.

Supervisory board



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FUNDING



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Our charitable income

- £8,798**
EU Horizons
- £403,099**
Sida (Swedish Government)
- £319,488**
BMZ (German Government)



Total income
£1,514,741

- £28,254**
Other
- £450,675**
BHA (US Government)
- £304,427**
SDC (Swiss Agency for Development and Co-operation)

Total expenditure
£1,812,541

How we spent our funds

GOAL 1

Strengthen the collaboration, solidarity and mobilisation of civil society organisations

This included funds for members to hold national coordination meetings, regional advisory group meetings and global board meetings. We also provided capacity strengthening to members in risk-informed development.

£344,383

GOAL 2

Champion a localisation movement

This included funds for the delivery of our *Local Leadership for Global Impact* project and various capacity training workshops and webinars. We also produced a new *Localising Climate Projections* toolkit and localistion capacity strengthening.

£725,016

GOAL 3

Strive for risk-informed development

This included funds for advocating for risk-informed development at global events including COP27 and GPDRR 2022, as well as delivering our *Making Displacement Safer* project, and producing our new *Forced Displacement Global Report*.

£743,142

Virtual project visits connect donors with members

In 2022, we introduced virtual donor visits to projects delivered by GNDR member organisations. The new approach gives funders a unique opportunity to see and understand the work of local civil society organisations (CSOs), without the large carbon footprint of an in-person visit.

Through captivating videos, presentations and direct conversations with local development workers, donors get an unfiltered insight into the lives of communities and the work of our membership.

In response to travel challenges and concerns about carbon emissions, we launched virtual donor visits in 2022. These visits offer a distinctive opportunity for donors to see our members’ work. Utilising captivating videos, donors are virtually transported to project sites or villages, simulating an on-site visit.

The videos feature interviews with project staff and community leaders, providing insights and allowing donors to ask questions as if they were physically present. Following the video presentation, donors have the opportunity to engage directly with our members and local community leaders. This interaction not only allows

donors to connect with local CSOs, a rare opportunity in traditional donor engagements, but also opens avenues for potential future funding.

The virtual visits have received positive feedback from both donors and members, with funders appreciating the opportunity to engage with local communities. We plan to continue these virtual visits, exploring different regions around the world. Upcoming virtual visits to Latin America and the Caribbean and other regions are planned for 2023.

Through these engaging initiatives, we can showcase the vital work of our members and deepen the understanding of donors about the realities faced by communities on the ground. By providing platforms for direct engagement and amplifying local voices, we continue to strengthen collaboration and support efforts to reduce disaster risks.

Jose Cendon / EU Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid





SECRETARIAT

Our global team

The secretariat is responsible for delivering the strategy and annual work plans, as agreed by the global board and trustees.

The secretariat supports the development, coordination and implementation of the GNDR strategy. Our team is responsible to the board of trustees and the global board, via the executive director.

Staff are based in regional hubs in six countries around the world: Guatemala, India, Indonesia, Kenya, Senegal and the UK.



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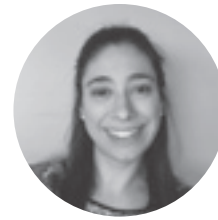
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