

THE
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FOUNDATION



A YEAR AT A GLANCE 2021



A WORD

FROM THE SECRETARIAT



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Throughout its history, the Karibu Foundation has seen the importance of supporting courageous and creative voices that challenge power concentration, historic and colonial dominance, elitism and exclusivism, racial division, and deprivation of rights for the most vulnerable and oppressed. Such global injustices are sustained systemically through power concentration primarily in the global North, and is instrumentalised through capital control, the corporate sector, militarisation, and a North-dominated influence on all global governance processes.



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In 2021, amidst the second year of a shared global exposure to a pandemic — a health crisis that also has impacted, sustained and increased so many other global crises — we have seen power show itself in many ways.

From the start of this health crisis, we have seen the extreme power of pharmaceutical companies (protected by Northern governments), where access to vaccines is a privilege of the global North and those with financial capacity. Many in privileged parts of the world are not willing to challenge the monopolised power of the big companies, since this power guarantees our privileged status.

We see that more power is gained and held by loan providers (both international financial institutions and corporate sector) with the global South as their customers. International debt is once again growing in many developing countries, as many countries are forced to take on more debt to deal with and respond to the pandemic.



We see increased amounts of security measures and militarisation in many countries, using the excuse of public health concerns as a means to centralize power in the hands of a privileged elite. Democracy and open space for political discourse, and critique of government priorities, is weakened and reduced. And in some cases, it is even criminalised.

We could continue from sector to sector. Migrants, who already are denied many rights, have been more severely side-lined during the pandemic and multiple lockdowns. 100 million more people have come into the group of extreme poverty and severe hunger due to unemployment and reduced access to food. The struggle to acquire income for mere survival weakens the chance to demand legal, fair and just working conditions. Power is not moving to the people; but it is kept with the few and the elite.

To confront, challenge, and move power is becoming even more needed in our world.

Karibu wants to stay firm and steadfast with our vision and objectives. We want to continue to support initiatives aimed at 'stopping the bad' and 'building the new'. Central in this is the issue of power, and the fundamental right of people to govern their own

future. We must continue to work for the collective good, the sharing of resources, and the protection of the most vulnerable. We must work to build strong peoples' movements that can voice the alternatives and just demands of people deprived of power and influence under the present system. This vision will continue to guide our search for involvement with old and new global South partners in the years to come.

Karibu has also taken steps to move power in our own grantmaking. In 2021, we initiated a participatory grant making pilot aimed at moving power and identifying the most relevant and transformation-oriented social movements as grantees in sub-Saharan Africa (see page 11). While this is exciting and quite progressive in the grantmakers' community, it remains only a very small contribution to the shifting of power which is so desperately needed in our world today.

Karibu needs to also play our role, together with all transformation-oriented communities of the global South and global North, in continuing to build alternatives to dominance and power concentration with the few.

Let us continue to hope and work for a more just world in 2022!



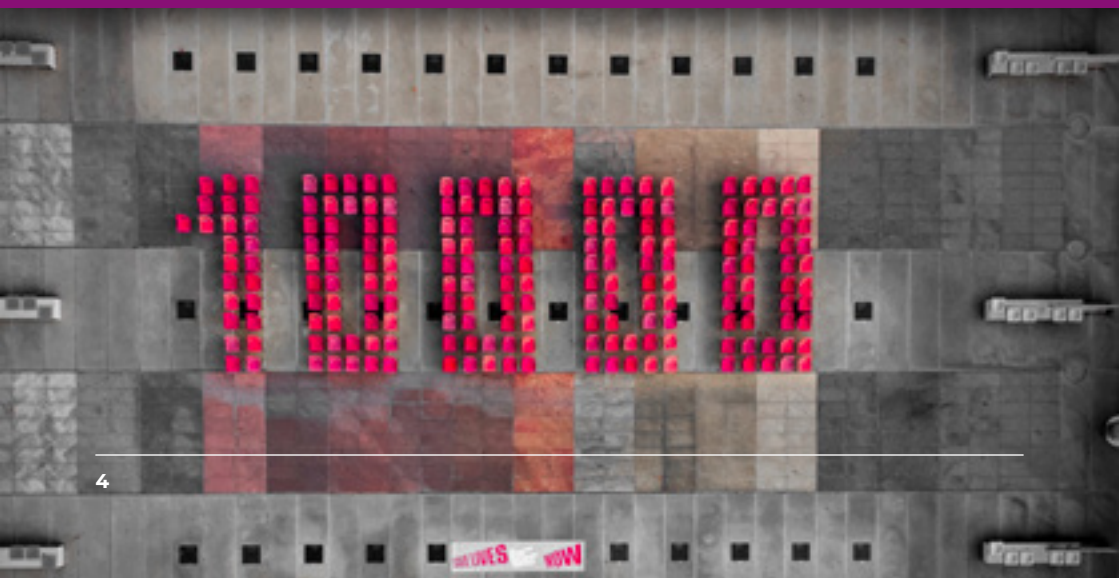


END VACCINE INEQUITY

As the COVID-19 pandemic raged on, Karibu partner “Our World Is Not For Sale” - together with a global coalition struggling for vaccine justice - organized a visual demonstration outside of the UN headquarters in Geneva on November 30th.

Empty chairs were set up to demonstrate the 10,000 lives lost on a daily basis to COVID-19 on a worldwide level.

The visual protest aimed to mobilize for the lifting of intellectual property rights on vaccines, tests and anti-Covid treatments currently being controlled by wealthier nations in the World Trade Organization. ©teamreporters / Chris Heeney



RESPONSE TO COVID-19

The COVID-19 pandemic again brought a lot of personal and collective suffering to people all over the world in 2021. The impact of the pandemic continued to especially hit civil society groups in the South, both in terms of lock down and restrictions on activities and mobility, but also towards the financial situation for many movements.

For the past two years, Karibu has worked closely with our partners and grantees to re-organize our grant-making so that we could serve as a relevant support for partner organisations and networks in this time of crisis. This has included a review of Karibu's grant making policies, changes to the requirements for approved and already initiated grants, and extraordinary financial support to assist in sustaining key organisational functions of a number of partner organisations who face significant financial pressure during and through the COVID-19 pandemic.

In 2020, Karibu endorsed the statement from FundAction, "**Call for action: Philanthropy in times of pandemic**" (<https://fundaction.eu/call-for-action/>).

In 2021, Karibu actively participated in political mobilizations in Norway and internationally related to vaccine justice.

GRANTS SHARED IN 2021

In addition to key core support to sustain a number partner organizations, the Karibu Foundation has contributed to the following partners and projects in 2021:

Asia Pacific Mission for Migrants (APMM)

<https://www.apmigrants.org/>
Hong Kong

Support towards strengthening movement of migrants in Asia Pacific through advocacy, solidarity and empowerment in the time of a global pandemic.

Badayl Alternatives

<https://www.palestineupdates.com>
Goa, India

Support towards documentation and advocacy related to "Palestine Updates".

Bilaterals.org

<https://www.bilaterals.org/>

Support to the development of bilaterals.org, focusing on the struggles of social movements against free trade and investment agreements.

BRICS Policy Center

<https://bricspolicycenter.org/en/>
Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

Support towards comparative analysis of China's investments in Brazil and South Africa, in order to strengthen local actors decisions towards the impacts of foreign investments.

Norwegian Social Forum (NSF)

<https://www.globalisering.no>
Oslo, Norway

Support to South participation at the 2021 Norwegian Social Forum on “Solidarity”.

Our World Is Not For Sale (OWINFS)

<https://ourworldisnotforsale.net/>

Support for Global South participation in strategic WTO and trade processes, with a special focus on vaccine patent rules and digital issues in trade agreements.

PAN Asia Pacific

<https://panap.net/>
Penang, Malaysia

Support for mobilizing efforts related to the “Global People’s Summit on Food Systems,” a Global South-led counter-summit to the United Nations Food Systems Summit.

Pan-African Palestine Solidarity Network (PAPSN)

Dakar, Senegal
<https://twitter.com/PalestinePapsn>

Support to Pan-African civil society efforts to develop transnational solidarity strategies.

Possible Futures

<https://www.possiblefutures.earth/>

Support to engaging museum-goers in the Global South on “Planetary Regeneration Goals” through interactive dialogue and creative expression.

Stop the Wall Campaign

<https://www.stopthewall.org>
Ramallah, Palestine

Support to digital efforts for the World without Walls initiative, aimed at dismantling walls in the post COVID-19 world.



ANOTHER IRAQ IS POSSIBLE

Activists in the Iraqi Social Forum (ISF) mobilized in Baghdad and held trainings in 6 cities across Iraq in 2021. The ISFs work was aimed to build up civil society following the tremendous impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic and the ongoing political unrest.

MARCHING FOR CLIMATE JUSTICE

Karibu partner Tetet Lauron of the Philippines (center), together with a number of activists from the Global South (including Gina Cortez from Colombia (left) and Chanchana from Bangladesh (right)), led a civil society walk-out during the UN's climate negotiations (COP26) in Glasgow. The walkout was a result of lack of action by government leaders to essential climate justice issues that were left undiscussed during the negotiations. Their facemasks read "Feminist Climate Justice" - created as part of a running civil society campaign throughout the negotiations. The facemasks changed colors daily, to represent each of civil society's demands.

The photo was featured in international news outlets around the world, including the BBC, MSN, and Yahoo News. Photo: Jane Barlow/NTB





VOICES FROM THE SOUTH

Karibu lifts our activist partners' perspectives on power, distribution and development - among other things through our monthly newsletter, "Voices from the South". Here are a few highlights from 2021:



Inequitable access to COVID-19 vaccine

K.M. Gopakumar from TWN writes about the need to advocate for the vaccine as a global public good, to scale up production and the need to support proposals of poorer countries to waive global patent rules during this crisis.



Collective protest by women victimized by Microfinance: A movement with hope for the future

Amali Wedagedara writes about the 55-day protest of women in Sri Lanka against microfinance, and the collective's shared vision for a new development model in the Global South.



The social and climate crisis (COP 26: Outside advocacy)

The "Southern People's Action on COP26" writes on the efforts of those movements who have not been able to travel to Glasgow for the UN climate talks and who are mobilizing for "outside advocacy" in the streets.

CREATIVE SOLUTIONS

Physical meetings across borders continued to be nearly impossible in 2021.

Karibu's partners found extraordinary solutions in order to meet, advocate, and continue the struggle for a more just world.

DIGITAL ACTIVISM

Maria Luiza Freire (Brazil) from "Fundación Ciudadanía Inteligente" led a hybrid workshop (physical/virtual) on digital advocacy, with participants from over 20 countries.



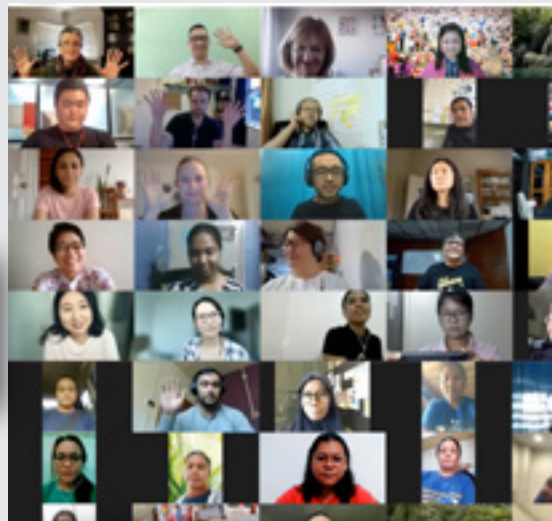
COLLABORATING FOR NON-VIOLENCE

Daniel Nteziyaremye (Rwanda) speaks during the hybrid meeting of the "TTT East Africa" nonviolence network- connecting participants in Burundi, Kenya, and Rwanda



ADVOCACY ACROSS BORDERS

Ranja Sengupta (Third World Network, India) speaks as part of a hybrid-panel during the Norwegian Social Forum.



AMPLIFYING MIGRANTS VOICES

The Asia Pacific Mission for Migrants organized a "Migrants Echo Conference on the Regional Review of the global compact on Migration and Development. Participants included migrant leaders, refugee leaders and students, migrants and refugee rights advocates, faith based groups, trade unionists and civil society organisations

HOW GRANTMAKERS CAN INNOVATE **TO SHIFT POWER**



We are living in a rare moment to build the new in this time of a global pandemic. Karibu's Senior Advisor Tyler Dale Hauger writes about Karibu's efforts to rethink grantmaking in these extraordinary times.

By Tyler Dale Hauger

Several years ago, Eni Lestari of Indonesia (Chairperson of the International Migrants Alliance) became the first migrant from a grassroots movement to address the UN General Assembly.

As a member of a migrant community herself, Eni had a clear message from migrant communities to government leaders who were on the cusp of setting global migration policy: do not talk about us without us. Those whose futures are decided upon must be in rooms of power and be part of the conversation if we are to make lasting, deep social change.

While Eni's words were directed towards government leaders and related specifically to migration policy, her vital message of 'Nothing About Without Us' (a message that was first used by disability rights groups in South Africa) could equally be directed towards our own sector of philanthropy and grantmaking. A sector that is widely built on large concentrations of power and closed-door decision making.



Eni Lestari at the UN in 2016.
Video via YouTube.

Unjust power relations in philanthropy

For grantmakers working especially to challenge long-standing economic and social injustices, it's no stretch to assume that the norm of closed-door practices of grantmaking actually preserve and reinforce unjust power relations that already inherently exist in a relationship where one party has economic resources while the other party is seeking it.

The power imbalances become even more visible when donors in the global North provide grants to move-

ments in the global South. The colonial legacies and continued unequal distribution of power and resources on a global level remain an inherent factor in the relationship.

A way forward

While there appears to be increasing attention to matters of power and philanthropy (including within the EDGE Funders Alliance and the growing #ShiftThePower movement), there is still a definitive need to act in order to respond to the voices of marginalized groups calling for their voices to be genuinely heard. We need to find ways to re-think and innovate how our field operates.

But what can we as grantmakers do to begin shifting the decision-making power that we inherently hold?

Here are three thoughts:

1. Acknowledge the power imbalance

While it may seem simple, acknowledging the power that grantmakers have is a profound and necessary first step to innovating how we do things. By acknowledging that money is indeed power, and not least that the field of Philanthropy is one that is historically (and currently) built on globally unjust concentrations of wealth, we open a necessary and honest space for introspection and listening with our grantees.

Acknowledging the power imbalances that are inherent in a grant-making relationship also provides a transparent space for building genu-

KARIBU NEW REALITIES GRANT

Over the course of 2021-2024, Karibu will instigate a pilot project related to a new grantmaking program with partners in Sub-Saharan Africa, currently known as the “Karibu New Realities Grant”.

The pilot will take participatory grant-making approach, where African activists themselves will define a majority of the criteria, reporting requirements, and not least the decisions of what initiatives receive grants within the bounds of this pilot project. Grants that eventually are provided in this pilot will support creative, strategic, agenda-setting, and network-building groups in Sub-Saharan Africa that are able to connect the local / national struggle with regional / global realities.

A “Core Group” of African activists from across the continent was brought together in 2021 to begin co-creating the project.

Learn more at:
karibu.no/karibu-new-realities-grant



ine partnerships with the movements we support, without ignoring the obvious elephant in the room. Especially in a North/South context, ignoring this obvious power dynamic makes it nearly impossible to build genuine trust or to rebalance the relationship towards complementarity (or even some form of mutuality).

2. Disrupt power by building genuinely participatory cultures

When we acknowledge the power imbalances in the relationship, we also begin to take steps towards encouraging a 'nothing about us without us' ethos into our grantmaking work. For many funders working with participatory grantmaking approaches (including Karibu's pilot working with grantees across Sub-Saharan Africa - **see previous page for more details**), this ethos is an essential basis for innovating grantmaking so that it can serve as a lever to disrupt power.

There is a risk that the term 'participation' is at the cusp of becoming a buzzword, or a word becomes yet another form of what can be seen as 'performative allyship' (performing a broad gesture that is symbolic in nature, but does nothing to actually improve the status of marginalized groups).

But we need to build cultures of deep and genuine participation in our grantmaking, that is based on the values of mutual understanding, inclusive solutions with low barriers for engagement, collaboration and shared responsibility, and equitable distribution of wealth and opportunities.

3. Deconstruct and rebuild grantmaking in new ways

Researchers in innovation generally agree that innovation requires the ability to not only build new routines but also to recognise when and how to destroy old routines and ways of thinking in order to allow new ones to emerge.

In this sense, we need to go beyond just creating a culture of participation in decision making. We need to rebuild new systems of grantmaking that invite marginalized groups to be genuine owners of grantmaking programs and financial resources as we define, design, introduce, and drive new solutions.

As Hellen Grace Akwii-Wangusa (former African Coordinator for the UN Millennium Development Goals) has recently said, we are living in a rare moment to build the new in this time of a global pandemic. 'As the flaws in the "old" system are being displayed openly, we are in a historic time where we can more clearly articulate the alternative world we have been trying to build for years.'

Grantmakers must therefore dare to test out co-creation practices and models of grantmaking that are anchored in the experiences and knowledge of marginalised groups. It is a necessary step in innovating the work we do for the purpose of shifting power in grantmaking. ■

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JUSTICE FOR PALESTINE

The struggle to end the military occupation in Palestine continued in 2021, as the human rights situation continued to deteriorate during the global pandemic. Karibu's partners played crucial roles in this struggle for justice.

Pictured (top to bottom):

1. Munther Isaac of Kairos for Global Justice / Kairos Palestine speaks to members of the Norwegian Parliament during an advocacy visit to Oslo.
2. Activists in Colombia planted a Memorial Tree in Bogotá to honor a Palestinian woman and a Colombian women who both died after being tear gassed by Combined Systems Inc.
3. A "Free Palestine" caravan moved through Buenos Aires, Argentina as part of the "World Without Walls" initiative.
4. Angela Godfrey-Goldstein of Jahalin Solidarity addresses an Israeli police officer in the West Bank during a demonstration in Hebron (photo: Eddie Gerald).





EFFORTS FOR SYSTEMIC CHANGE

1. Participants at the “Turning the Tide East Africa” meetings gather for a group photo, after developing strategies for nonviolent action in the region. Groups met in Rwanda, Burundi, and Kenya during the same period, and linked via video chat.
2. Aruna Shantha Nonis (Sri Lanka) of “Born to Win Relationships” speaks during a press conference related to justice for victims of the 2019 Easter Sunday Bomb Attack in the Sri Lankan town of Negombo. Social movements in Sri Lanka have called on their government to take necessary political steps to uphold human rights, equity and justice for all groups.
3. Bilaterals.org presents a report that takes a critical look at trade deals and their impact on African women in a series of workshops in southern Mozambique.
4. Members of RAMALC (Antimilitarist Network for Latin America and the Caribbean) create a mural against war that highlights the role of social leaders in the efforts for social justice. The mural is located in Antofagasta, Chile.



WHO WE ARE

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OUR PRIMARY OBJECTIVES:

- To provide economic support to organizations and networks in the South that work for a just world
- To strategically cooperate with these organizations and networks, support network-building processes, and convey the thoughts and experiences of our partners to various arenas in the North.

OUR PARTNERS:

Karibu partners with faith-based and secular organizations and networks of the Global South that provide alternatives to the dominant paradigms of power, distribution, and development.

Projects that Karibu supports are primarily related to the areas of information exchanges, mobilizing efforts, legislative and research efforts, bridge-building, dialogue, and capacity building.

More info: www.karibu.no/who-we-are/what-we-support/

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Cover:

Thousands of people across the globe participated in online and on-the-ground mobilizations in 2021 in support of peasant-, indigenous-, and farmer-led solutions to rising chronic hunger, the collapse of local food production, and a surge in food price volatility amid the COVID-19 pandemic. The mobilizations were part of the of the “Global People’s Summit (GPS) on Food Systems” - a counter-summit to the UN’s formal process. The goal of the GPS was to raise voices and demands of marginalized rural peoples from the Global South related to the future of their food and agriculture systems.

At a protest action in Manila, the Philippines (pictured) - peasant movements, indigenous groups, and food sovereignty and agroecology advocates called for the end and agroecology advocates called for the end of corporate control of food systems. Instead, they pushed for people-powered solutions to the food, climate, and biodiversity crises that are based in the people’s lands, seeds, and rights.

The GPS was organized by several of Karibu’s partners including PAN Asia Pacific (PANAP) and the People’s Coalition on Food Sovereignty (PCFS).

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