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A YEAR AT A GLANCE

2022



A WORD

FROM THE SECRETARIAT



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As 2022 began, it was easy to be overwhelmed by the wave of numerous and increased crises that seemed to characterise the “new normal” of the post-pandemic reality.

A dominant focus during the pandemic period had naturally been related to dealing with the pressing issues right in front of us: immediate public health issues, vaccination policies, and addressing global inequality. Yet as the fog of the hardest periods of the pandemic began to rise, we could now more clearly take in the huge challenges that had grown during the pandemic: climate change, increased militarisation, autocracy on the rise, higher sophistication in security industry when it comes to oppressing political opposition, women's and LGBTIQ+ rights, land grabs and displacement, unequal distribution of resources and economic injustice, and many other areas of global injustice. As we tried to take steps towards the “new normal” after the pandemic, a regional war in Europe then took center stage for all the directly involved parties – and it set the global agenda related to militarisation, arms trade, and alliances.

For many of us, opening up and reconnecting in this reality meant going back to ‘business as usual’. Especially in a time when we couldn't easily define what and how the post-pandemic ‘new normal’ actually was, re-opening activities within the well-known and established parameters was a very natural step. We could finally get back to the same activities, arenas of advocacy, structures and approaches for popular mobilisation that had been put on hold during COVID-19.

We know that a lot of these tested, brave, and creative approaches towards transformational activism that have been utilized by movements for generations will still be relevant and necessary in the year and years to come.

And still, we have a strong feeling that the depth of these deepening crises requires a renewed sense of urgency to build a new reality. We



are challenged to move courageously into critical analysis of our current approaches, and to make spaces for exploration and innovation of different models of transformative activism. Even if we have no guarantee that these new models will have effect, the challenges are too big not to explore new ways of working in the journey towards a more just world.

Karibu's grantee partners in the global South represent people and movements enthusiastically committed to creative action, bold thinking, and "constructive trouble-making". They are working to not just put a "bandage on the wounds" – i.e. reduce the pain and hurt of the systemic and deepening crises. They are asking new and critical questions about our joint global efforts to confront the root causes of injustice. They are struggling for alternatives to the growing concentration of power and wealth.

For Karibu, we also continually ask ourselves critical questions about how we challenge our own power as a global North donor. In a continued effort to "walk the walk" and not just "talk the talk", we have initiated our pilot on participatory grant-making, the Karibu New Realities Grant (KNRG). We also continually take strides to ensure our investment policy takes into account the power that it has. We try to address our own global North donor power, and we ask partners to join us in exploring alternative approaches to this.

As we look forward, we will continue to encourage and give space for our partners to experiment, find new avenues of advocacy, and to test out new models of activism. We need to all see ourselves as actors for identifying new approaches, testing creative prototypes, and building communities that are based on peoples' rights as we collectively and individually challenge injustice in this "new normal". Karibu will continue to contribute to movements who are boldly doing this.

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Photo: **Philippine UPR Watch** holds a vigil outside of the UN headquarters in Geneva on the deteriorating human rights situation in the Philippines.

GRANTS SHARED IN 2022

KARIBU HAS CONTRIBUTED TO THE FOLLOWING PARTNERS AND PROJECTS THROUGH OUR STANDARD GRANTS IN 2022:

Agencia Latinoamericana de Información (ALAI) Ecuador

Support towards Latin American networking for people's integration and democratization of communication and digital technologies.

All Africa Theological Education by Extension Association Zambia

Support towards AATEEA Quadrennial Conference and Workshop on Inclusive Communities.

Asia Pacific Mission for Migrants (APMM) Hong Kong

Support towards enabling a grassroots migrant response to challenges of movement building amidst and post-pandemic Asia Pacific.

BADIL Resource Center for Palestinian Residency and Refugee Rights Palestine

Support towards resisting the shrinking space for civil society in Palestine.

Bethlehem Institute of Peace and Justice Palestine

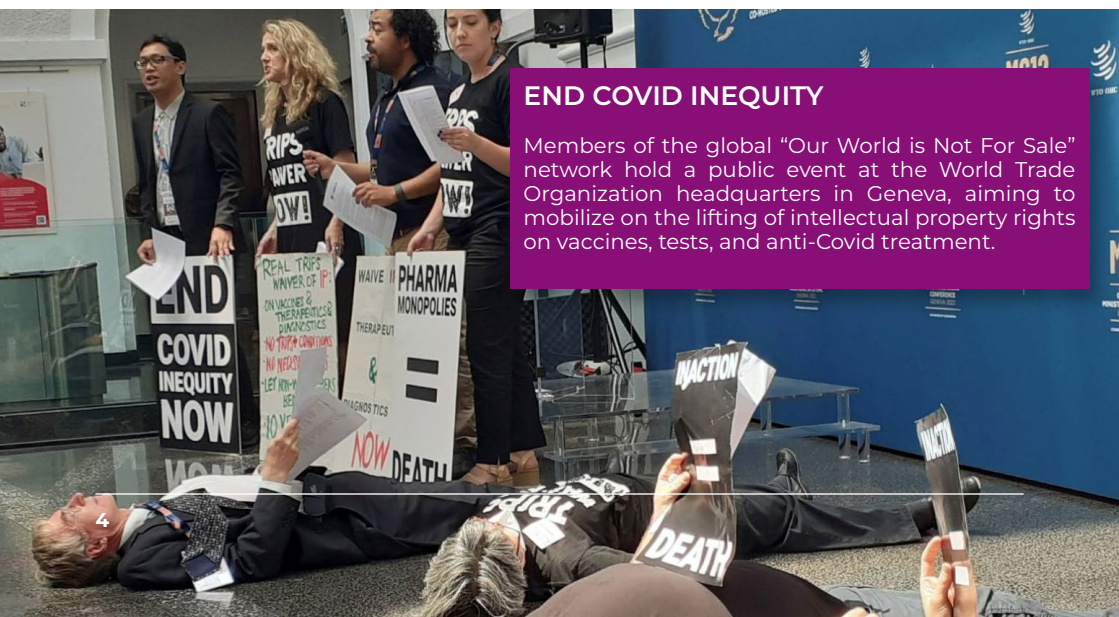
Support towards Palestinian-Indian exchange and feminist theology building.

Churches Witnessing with Migrants (CWWM) Global

Support towards the 11th "Churches Witnessing with Migrants" consultation in New York City.

Global Alliance for the Rights of Nature (GARN) Global

Support towards South-East Asia Hub in support of the rights of nature.



END COVID INEQUITY

Members of the global "Our World is Not For Sale" network hold a public event at the World Trade Organization headquarters in Geneva, aiming to mobilize on the lifting of intellectual property rights on vaccines, tests, and anti-Covid treatment.



ALTERNATIVE TOURISM

The Tourism Action and Alert Forum (TAFF) meets at the World Social Forum in Mexico.

IBON International **The Philippines**

Support to travel and mobilizations at UN Climate Summit (COP27) in Egypt.

Inclusive & Affirming Ministries (IAM) **South Africa**

Support towards regional Trainers of Trainers (TOT) workshop for the rights of the African LGBTIQ+ community.

International Peoples' Research Network (IPRN) **Global**

Support towards launching the International Peoples' Research Network.

Iraqi Social Forum **Iraq**

Support towards mobilizing Iraqi activists for a more just Iraq.

Jahalin Solidarity **East Jerusalem**

Support towards digital communication and advocacy efforts to promote political, social and cultural justice.



EMERGING GLOBAL POWERS

BRICS Policy Center in Brazil organize an event on large Chinese projects in Brazil and South Africa.

Kairos Palestine **Palestine**

Support towards the Kairos Palestine 14th Anniversary conference and travel support to WCC Assembly.

Oikotree **Global**

Support towards travel to the WCC Assembly and event on climate, war, economic injustice and strengthening collective responsibilities.

Stop the Wall Campaign **Global**

Support towards World Without Walls initiative, aimed at building alliances in Middle East, Africa, Latin America, and Asia.

Virtual Planet Africa **Zimbabwe**

Support towards youth initiative to challenge dominant Western aid discourse through an Afrocentric framework of development.

RESPONSE TO COVID-19

Karibu has also provided a select number of institutional support grants to a select number of partners who are impacted by the long-term economic effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, as well as practiced heightened flexibility.

KARIBU IN 2022:

THREE CRITICAL AREAS OF OUR WORK

In an ever-changing and more complex world, Karibu's activist partners in the global South continue to ask the hard questions in a time of unknown futures: Who and what do we and our organizations need to become in order to face our challenges effectively? What types of change (institutionally and individually) are needed at this time?

Karibu continues to ask itself similar question: **In what ways can Karibu strive to be the best possible partner for movements who are struggling for a more just world that is based on political-, social-, economic-, gender-, and environmental justice?**

Here are three areas that have been important for Karibu to focus on in 2022:

1. The “what”: providing grants to movements and activist partners in the South

Karibu is primarily a grant-making foundation. It supports organizations, networks and movements that are anchored in the global South, and who are making strong and critical contributions to the development of societies and local communities that:

- are genuinely **inclusive and participatory** (political, social, cultural, and gender justice)
- are focused on **correcting uneven balances of power**, and are filling the gap between rich and poor – within nations and between nations (economic justice)

- acknowledge **humanity's dependence on nature**, and encourage ecologically sustainable development models (ecological justice)

There is a need to support grassroots processes that confront and resist dominance and oppression, and that model alternative societies that improve life on a systemic level. There are movements all around the world that are doing this on a daily basis.

In the last decade alone, **Karibu has shared over 250 grants with movement partners in Africa, Latin America, Asia, and Middle East.** In 2022, Karibu continued this work by sharing over 35 grants to initiatives that ensure that the voices from the global South are heard.

2. The “how”: Innovative processes for moving funds to partners in the South

The process of how grants are made **matters**, especially when we know that our field is inherently built on uneven power relations where one party has economic resources and the other party is seeking it. The power imbalances become even more visible when donors in the global North provide grants to movements in the global South.

In 2022, Karibu continued to **address this power dynamic by continuing our journey into participatory grant-making** - where strategy and decisions on grants in Sub-Saharan African were moved more closely to movements on the ground.

A “Core Group” of African activists and civil society members co-created a new grantmaking program for movements in Sub-Saharan Africa.

The “Karibu New Realities Grant” program is an exciting experiment in challenging power in two ways:

First, the project addresses some of the challenges of a system of traditional, global North-driven funding. It shifts power related to grantmaking and financial resources closer to movements on the ground in Africa.

The Core Group themselves worked to define, design, introduce, and drive new solutions based on the experience of African movements.

The Core Group also made decisions on all the grants.



Second, the grants selected address power on the ground and support change agents in their struggle for deep, systemic change in Africa. The grants will support a next generation of civil society who bring forward new models of activism and alternatives that contribute to stopping the bad & building the new.

You can read more about the “Karibu New Realities Grant” on page 10.

3. The “where”: Taking steps to ensure ethical investment

The “where” of where revenue for grants comes from also matters.

In order to fulfill its mission of supporting movements in the South, Karibu has an endowment (money set aside and invested) that generates the financial basis for grant-making and administration.

Yet Karibu has critically asked itself:

How can the foundation support organizations in the South struggling against unjust systems (for example land grabs, industrial agriculture, fossil fuels, and the military occupation in Palestine) - if the money generated for grants comes from the profits of the same or similar companies and industries that are complicit to these issues?

Photo: Karibu senior advisor Tyler Dale Hauger meets with movements and activists at the “African Social Movement Baraza” in Johannesburg, South Africa.

Karibu has approached these challenges in a number of ways:

- Ensured **transparency** with its grantee partners about these issues
- Brought in **special advisors** and have received advice from other progressive grant-giving foundations
- Screened its investments against a number of well-known exclusions lists as well as lesser-known lists (related to among other things labor rights, environmental rights, investment in the military occupation in Palestine, and armed conflict/authoritarianism)
- Conferred with **relevant grantee partners** to be informed of specific companies that the activist partners are focusing on in their struggle for a more just world
- Conducted a **full audit** of all 900+ companies that Karibu is invested in, in order to identify possible investment in companies that are going against the direct work of the partner network
- Has **written directly to fund managers** when Karibu funds were invested in specific companies on screening lists - urging the managers to divest from specific companies





Photo: Karibu director Eilert Rostrup speaks on Karibu's efforts to strive for ethical investments at an online event for Ariadne - European Funders for Social Change and Human Rights in October 2022.

- Utilized a “Carbon Screening” tool that gauged what future temperature Karibu’s current portfolio may contribute to on a world basis - one of many tools that helped guide us on the way forward related to Karibu’s climate impact

Karibu needs to continue to work seriously on these issues, to see what needs to be changed when it comes to the foundation’s revenues. Karibu acknowledges that such compliance is done gradually, step-by-step – especially in ever changing markets.

Yet, Karibu is committed to pursuing ambitious goals in the ethical profile of its investments over time. This requires continuous review of existing portfolio, critical analysis of needs and desired change / improvements, as well as the need to make pragmatic decisions.

As we collectively move forward into the “new normal” of a post COVID-19 reality, these three areas will continue to be important foci in Karibu efforts. Karibu continues to take steps - learning and adapting along the way.■



STRIVING FOR HEALING SOLIDARITY WITH MEMBERS OF THE AFRICAN LGBTIQ+ COMMUNITY

Inclusive & Affirming Ministries (IAM) in South Africa holds a regional Trainers of Trainers workshop in February 2022, in order to address growing exclusion of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex and queer (LGBTIQ+) people from basic human rights in Africa. The goal was to strive for fundamental change in the attitude of religious, civil society and government leaders in Africa and empower and give a voice to oppressed LGBTIQ+ communities.



SHIFTING POWER IN GRANT-MAKING

Karibu embarked on Cycle 1 of its innovative grant-making pilot project with partners in Sub-Saharan Africa in 2022.

The project (known as the **Karibu New Realities Grant**) brought together a “Core Group” of African activists and civil society members to co-create the new grant program. The group defined a majority of the criteria, reporting requirements, and not least the decisions of what initiatives receive grants within the bounds of this pilot project.

The project’s “Core Group” aimed to support grassroots networks, formations and/or organizations in Sub-Saharan Africa who are undertaking imaginative initiatives that strengthen and add new dimensions to the collective struggle for systemic justice. This is specifically related to the economic, socio-cultural, political, and ecological crises we face. The pilot project runs from 2021-2024.

“KARIBU NEW REALITIES GRANTS” SHARED IN 2022

THE “CORE GROUP” OF KNRG DECIDED TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE FOLLOWING FORMATIONS IN CYCLE 1:

Brain Builders Youth Development Initiative (BBYDI)
Nigeria

Support towards building an eco-system of young leaders striving to attain excellence in governance, sustainable development, and political participation through their “YVoteNaija” initiative.

Centre for Media Literacy and Community Development (CEMCOD)
Uganda

Support towards training rural youth in new media tools, debating techniques, civic participation, active citizenship for social change.

Ecumenical Water Network Nigeria Nigeria

Support towards mobilization campaign on water as a human right.

Eswatini Resource Centre for Alternative Ideas and Development (ERCAIDE) Eswatini

Support towards resisting exploitation and environmental degradation by mining companies through the “right to say no”.

Street Project Foundation (SPF) Nigeria

Support towards co-creation initiative on artistic activism as a means to drive political participation in Nigeria.

Hawa Feminist Coalition Somalia

Support towards mobilizing emerging female poets who challenge patriarchal norms and gender-based violence.

OnEstEnsemble (O2E) Cameroon

Support towards building a pan-African eco-unions network, in order to join strengths, share tools, and to address climate crisis.

Namayingo forum for people living with HIV/AIDS network (NAPHAF) Uganda

Support to grassroots mobilization efforts in defence of children’s right to live free from all forms of human rights violations and abuses.

Pan-African Palestine Solidarity Network (PAPSN) South Africa

Support to Pan-African movement building in order to address Christian Zionism / solidarity with Palestine.

Rural Women’s Assembly Zambia (RWA Zambia) Zambia

Support towards women’s empowerment related to rights to land, seeds, and protection of indigenous varieties of food and trees.

Rural Women’s Assembly Zimbabwe (RWA Zim) Zimbabwe

Support towards raising political consciousness of rural women / transformative leadership training.

ULEMAVU Africa Kenya

Support towards campaign on access to justice/legal aid for people with disabilities.

Young Entrepreneurs Trust Zimbabwe (YETZ) + Environmental Buddies Zimbabwe Zimbabwe

Support toward efforts to address impact of mining and the mining sector on climate and ecology and support the “right to say no”.



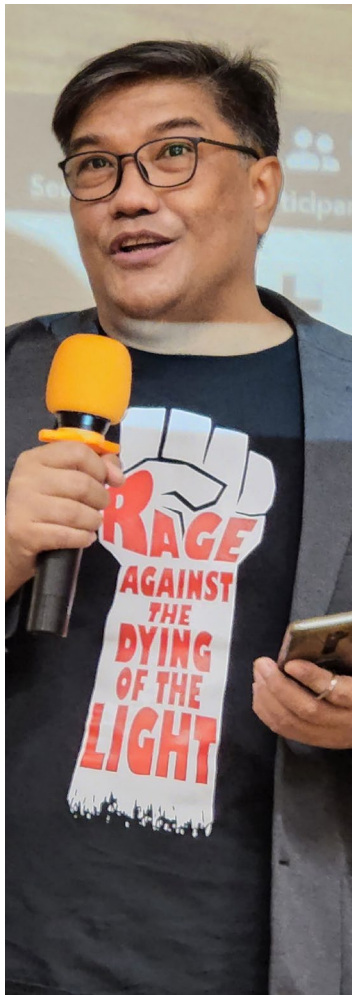
CO-CREATING THE NEW

Members of the KNRG Core Group meet in Nairobi in February to begin the efforts of co-creating the new African-led grantmaking program within Karibu.

MOVEMENT BUILDING

Karibu's grantee partners focus on building strong South-led movements to address pressing global issues.

Photo: The Iraqi Social Forum holds its annual event in Baghdad, bringing together labor, youth, women, and peace movements from across the country.



Mervin Toquero (NCCP) speaks on migrant justice issues at the "Churches Witnessing with Migrants" event in New York City.



The Civil Society Caucus for Climate Justice and IBON International advocate at the UN Climate Summit in Egypt.



The newly established Pan-African Palestine Solidarity Network meets in Dakar, Senegal for their inaugural meeting.



Bilaterals.org participates at the Food Sovereignty Convening Workshop, organized by Asia Pacific Forum on Women, Law and Development in Bangkok, in August

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 2022.



Didipio: From a people's barricade to the push for a people's green new deal

Jon Bonifacio (YLMN, the Philippines) writes about Didipio, the Philippines – where social movements and Indigenous peoples were able to halt the operations of a major mining company.



Facing the wave of change: Ways to exist differently

Anna Denardin (Possible Futures, Brazil) reflects on the way forward for progressive civil society in unstable times.



Daring to invent the future: African social movements converging for change

Briggs Bomba (Trust Africa, Zimbabwe) discusses the historic moment we are living in, and the need to be daring when we collectively build the future.



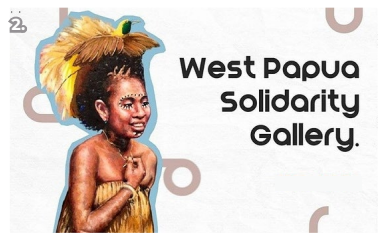
THE STATE OF GLOBAL CIVIL SOCIETY

In May 2022, Karibu assembled a small team of activists from across Latin America, from South Africa, and from Norway to attend the "**World Social Forum**" in Mexico. The group's mandate was to gather insights, information, analyses on the state of global civil society and where it may be going. They also aimed to shed light to other members of Karibu's network about whether the World Social Forum still has relevance in its current form.



SNAPSHOTS AND STORIES

1. **Kairos Palestine** holds its 13th anniversary conference, with the goal of strengthening the Kairos movement and establish strong and active Palestine solidarity groups globally (and specifically in the global South).
2. **"Possible Futures"** launches a solidarity gallery as a creative expression of solidarity and support with West Papua from all around the world.
3. Emma Lwaitama Nyerere of Tanzania speaks at the **Pan-African Anti-Apartheid Conference** held in Dakar.
4. Karibu chair Kasper Landmark and director Eilert Røstrup meet with partners from **NCCP, International Peoples' Research Network, and EBF** during a visit to Manila.
5. The **World Student Christian Federation (WSCF)** holds its general assembly in Berlin, with student representatives from across the globe.
6. The **Bethlehem Institute for Peace and Justice** coordinates a twelve-week course entitled "Occupation and Resistance: Palestinian-Indian Feminist Theologies towards justice and Peace" with Indian theologians.
7. Migrants groups relatig to the **Asia Pacific Mission for Migrants (APMM)** organize an open rally for migrant rights in Hong Kong.
8. **Jahalin Solidarity's** co-director, Fakhri abu Diab, and Adv. Ziad Qawar (representing the residents of the al-Bustan neighborhood of Jerusalem) are invited to brief U.S. Special Representative for Palestinian Affairs, Hady Amr, about the situation of Palestinian East Jerusalemites - especially in Silwan.



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 GRANTEE PARTNERS:

Karibu supports organizations, networks, and movements of the global South (both secular and faith-based) 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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The grants aimed to support groups of change-agents in Sub-Saharan Africa who have bold, innovative, forward-thinking, and “constructive troublemaking” ideas that disrupt the status quo of injustices that the continent and our world are currently facing.

In its Cycle 1, the KNRG supported among others the efforts of **Brain Builders Youth Development Initiative (BBYDI)** - a youth-led collective in Nigeria whose aim is to build an ecosystem of young leaders striving to attain excellence in governance and sustainable development. Through their “YVoteNaija” initiative, BBYDI organized “get out the vote” drives to mobilize young Nigerians to actively participate in the upcoming 2023 general elections.

During this pictured campaign in Kwara State at Oja Oba, Nigeria - they reached out to approximately 13,000 people on the need to participate in the constitutional process and the need for good governance in Nigeria.

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