WHO WE ARE AND HOW TO ENGAGE

The AgroEcology Fund is a multi-donor fund (comprised of 19 donors) that, since 2012, has provided over $3 million in grant support to 24 collaboratives, which encompass over 100 organizations on five continents. With the guidance of an informed, on-the-ground advisory board, the Fund supports effective practitioners, researchers and advocates of agroecology across the world.

Today, our resolve is deeper than ever to support collaborations that advance the science, practice and policies of agroecology, remove the social license from industrial agriculture and strengthen agroecology movements across the world. We commit ourselves not only to continued mobilization of resources to be able to extend grants to key actors, but also to playing an active advocacy role as a community of advisors and donors that will influence colleagues in the fields of development and human rights. Agroecology is a field of intensive experimentation; we are likewise committed to supporting internal and external processes of deliberate, regular feedback loops and adaptive learning.

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THEORY OF CHANGE

The AgroEcology Fund supports movements to construct new economy food systems and apply political pressure to win agroecology-friendly public policies and programs. The world’s small farmers – those that feed the majority of the planet – are central to agroecology movements. However, they cannot win change alone. Scientists and other knowledge-holders, policy makers, and of course consumers/eaters, are essential collaborators to construct equitable and sustainable food systems and resist policies, institutions and vested interests that undermine such systems.

The AgroEcology Fund applies its resources to the intersection of these movements, where farmers, consumers, scientists, policy-makers and environmentalists meet. The AgroEcology Fund supports strategies as diverse and complementary as researching soil carbon sequestration, creating agroecology schools, passing local land and water use ordinances, and resisting corporate control of seed systems.

WHY IS AGROECOLOGY IMPORTANT?

Evidence continues to mount that the industrial food system, dependent on monocrops and high levels of pesticide, irrigated water and synthetic fertilizer use, is a key driver of climate change, biodiversity loss and environmental degradation, while often producing a flood of low quality food and family farmers mired in poverty (IAASTD 2009).

- Agroecology is a key strategy to mitigate and adapt to climate change
- Conservationists support small farmers’ stable land tenure to be effective guardians of biodiversity
- Consumers/eaters demand healthier food and a closer connection to food producers
- Social movements are campaigning for sustainable food systems

The demand for agroecology is rising.

MISSION

We are a force of many and diverse voices, mobilizing resources to build power that transforms food systems & fosters the well being of people and the planet.

5-YEAR STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS

1. Shift & Leverage Significant Financial Resources Towards Agroecology
   - Double the AgroEcology Fund’s grantmaking pool
   - Leverage large scale funding from foundations, the private sector and public budgets

2. Strengthen Political & Economic Systems to Enable Agroecology to Thrive
   - Fund collaboratives that influence national policies to support new economy, sustainable food systems
   - Implement funding, communications and advocacy strategies to shift support away from industrial agriculture

3. Influence the Global Conversation about Solutions to Global Hunger by Amplifying Agroecological Solutions
   - Extend grants that support and strengthen the communications capacity of grantees to move constituencies
   - Implement a communications strategy to be a powerful voice in philanthropy and development

4. Co-Create & Share Agroecological Knowledge & Practice
   - Advance collaborative learning and knowledge sharing among farmers and allies, integrating practice, science and policy shifts
   - Analyze learnings about agroecological amplification from grantee partners and disseminate lessons