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**Partnering with
marginalized
communities
to expand
equitable solar
energy access. ☀️**





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A Letter from our Founder



The Honnold Foundation began 2022 poised for growth. On the heels of our most successful year of fundraising to date, we found ourselves prepared to double our grantmaking impact— to fund \$2 million of solar energy projects around the world.

As adoption of renewable energy has accelerated around the world, our team is continually reminded that this work is about more than just being a part of that transition. It's becoming clear that the transition is an inevitability. The big remaining question is if we'll use this moment to truly change the world for the better. After a period of strategic planning, we came up with a new guiding vision: HF is creating a world where marginalized communities lead the transition to renewable energy, with the resources they need to adapt and thrive.

Making our vision a reality will require bold, unrestricted philanthropic commitments, not just funding solar energy projects for Partners, but also supporting their growth. For years, HF has been helping Partners with workshops to help grow their communications and programming efforts, but we've known we could do more. What does it take to scale an organization from a few people to a national movement? How do we help nonprofits access the resources they need to scale? If community-led solar initiatives offer an untapped path forward to a more equitable world, how do we maximize those efforts?

We're excited to embark on a new initiative this year, launching the Levine Impact Lab to help our Partners thrive and scale over the long term. Peter Levine, General Partner at venture capital firm a16z has been a long-time HF supporter and friend. But he's wanted to do more, too - to bring his skills, expertise, and resources as a VC into the nonprofit sector. So together we've launched the Levine Impact Lab— where, in addition to best-in-class resources, mentorship opportunities, and training, grassroots nonprofits will receive a three-year, unrestricted funding commitment. We're excited to learn and grow alongside this first group of nonprofit leaders over the next three years.

Entering 2023, the Honnold Foundation's ambition, impact, and potential is more clear than ever. I'm always grateful to everyone who supports this work— from the corporate Partners who make bold investments to each and every donor who's been kind enough to give \$10. And, in the midst of a world grappling with the effects of climate change more than ever, I'll end this note with a simple invitation: join us.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Alex" followed by a stylized flourish.

Alex Honnold, Founder



Our Mission

The Honnold Foundation partners with marginalized communities to expand equitable solar energy access.

We work alongside grassroots and community-based organizations that are using solar energy solutions to improve the well-being of their communities, fostering sustainable, positive impacts for people and the planet. Our programs and approach are rooted in the knowledge that communities know best and that change only happens when we commit to supporting our Partners through long-term, holistic partnerships.



Our 2023-25 Strategic Plan

Over the last several years, the Honnold Foundation has evolved rapidly, and demand for community-based solar energy funding has grown along with it: Since 2020, HF's open calls for grant proposals have resulted in over **2,000 applications** from more than **100 countries** around the world, representing a pipeline of **\$120 million** in community-based solar energy projects.

The COVID-19 pandemic, accelerating climate change emergencies, and socio-political upheaval on a global scale have also dramatically shifted HF's ecosystem. And while resources and attention have been drawn to renewable energy, the bulk of environmental funding still goes to "big bet" technological innovation, rather than supporting community-based energy resilience. It is within this fluid and rapidly-evolving context that the HF team has mapped out our approach for the next three years, guided by the following principles.



Respond to the urgency of the present

The Honnold Foundation doesn't have an endowment, and we never will. As the climate crisis and global socio-political instability worsen, we are morally obligated to maintain lean core operations and to spend out our financial resources in service of an equitable transition to renewable energy.

Resource gaps in philanthropic support

Our 2022 funding landscape analysis identified key issues in renewable energy funding, including neglected geographic regions and an over-reliance on investment in technology. HF continues to operate at the intersection of a key resource gap: solar access in marginalized communities across the Americas and Island Nations.

Embrace calculated risks to drive innovation

Embracing measured, calculated risk through meticulous preparation is at the core of our work. HF welcomes the opportunity to support pilot projects, innovative uses of solar energy, and in general, to take risks other institutional funders may not.

Prioritize community-driven solutions

We believe that the most sustainable solutions are ones that are created for communities, by communities. All of our Partners' initiatives are developed alongside the communities where they work, in order to ensure the projects are culturally-relevant and designed for long-term success.

Catalyze change for people and the planet

Equitable access to renewable energy can do a lot more than turn on the lights. Whether it's food sovereignty, education, or healthcare, our Partners' projects always use solar energy as a catalyst for greater change in their communities.

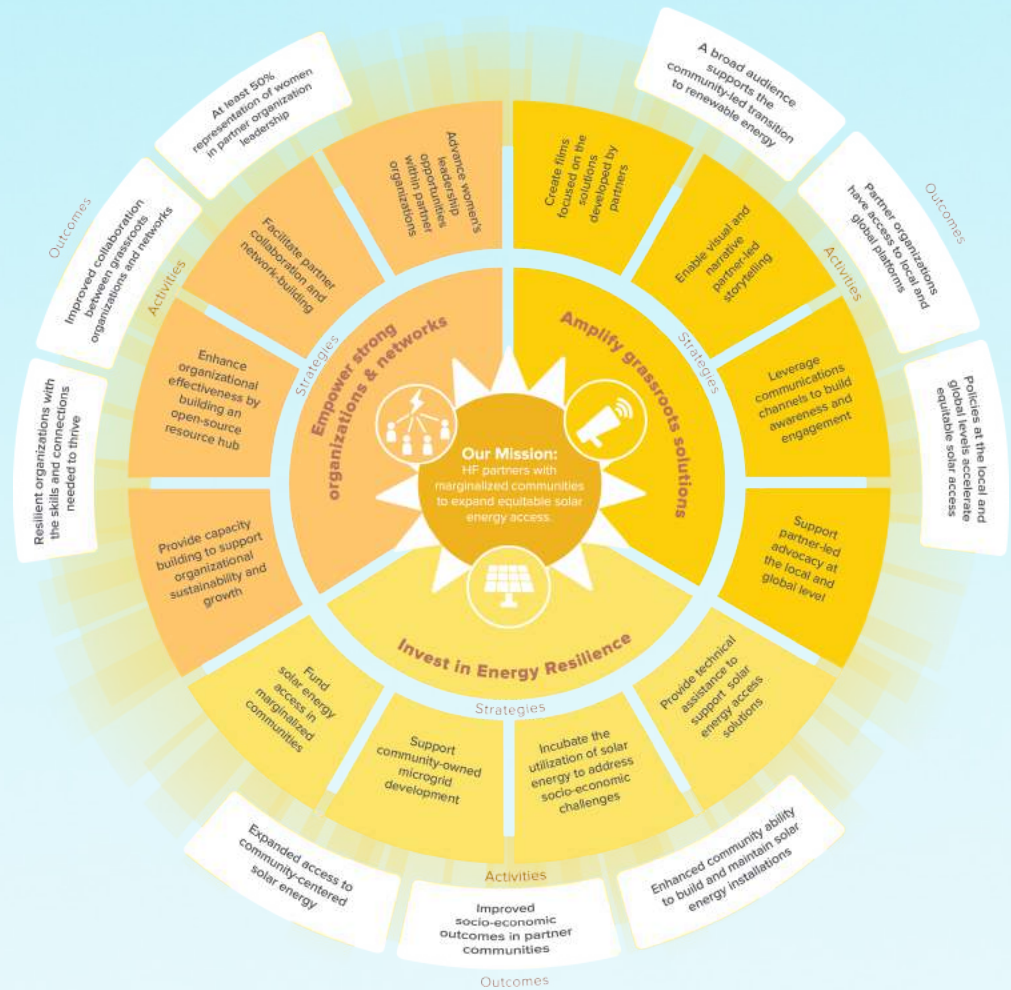
Our New Theory of Change

The Honnold Foundation’s theory of change centers on advancing renewable energy access through our partnerships with marginalized communities. Our three principal strategies include **investing in energy resilience, empowering strong organizations and networks,** and **amplifying grassroots voices.**



Vision
We envision a world where marginalized communities lead the transition to renewable energy, with the resources they need to adapt and thrive.

Achieve UN SDG 7 (clean energy) and 13 (climate action)



PROGRAM FUNDS DISBURSED IN 2022:

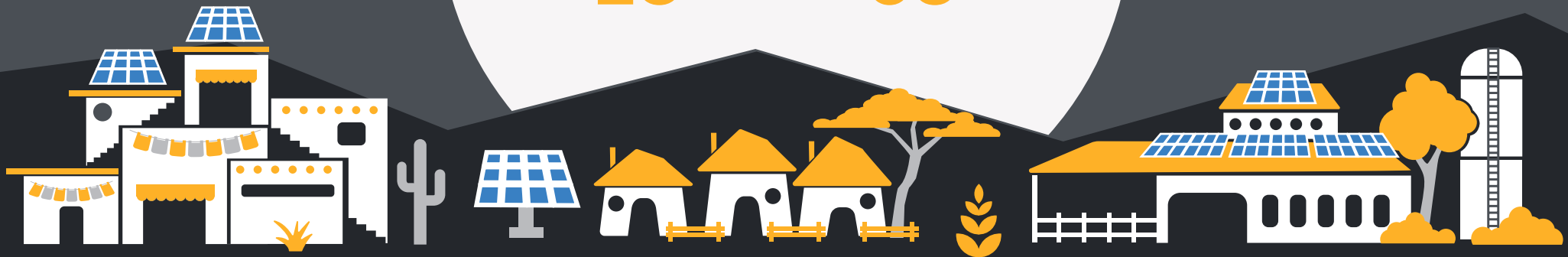
\$2,098,119

PARTNERS SUPPORTED:

28

COMMUNITIES REACHED:

58



OUR GLOBAL SOLAR IMPACT

Since 2019, we've funded and collaborated with **58 Partners** in **27 different countries and territories**. Around the world, our Partners use solar energy to build equity—**on their terms.**

- USA, Tribal Lands, 16 states, and Puerto Rico
- Mexico
- Guatemala
- Honduras
- Nicaragua
- Costa Rica
- Colombia
- Ecuador
- Peru
- Brazil
- India
- Philippines
- Cambodia
- Indonesia
- Papua New Guinea
- Myanmar
- Solomon Islands
- Vanuatu
- Fiji
- Uganda
- Kenya
- Zambia
- Liberia
- South Africa
- Madagascar
- Malawi
- Bosnia



Casa Pueblo | Puerto Rico, United States

First-of-its-kind community-owned solar microgrid offering a new form of energy independence and resilience to climate change for 14 businesses

Ceibo Alliance | Ecuadorian Amazon

Solar energy for remote Indigenous communities fighting to protect their ancestral ways of life in some of the most biodiverse rainforests on the planet

Fundación Selva Sagrada | Ecuadorian Amazon

Installing solar home systems and providing technical training and capacity building for five remote Indigenous Shuar communities in the Amazon

Education - Developpement - Environnement Naturel | Madagascar

Woman-led NGO expanding solar energy access in Madagascar, serving 300 households, powering women-led cooperatives, and training local youth in solar installation and maintenance

LOVE FOR LIFE | Costa Rica

Solar systems for 20 homes, a school, and a health center, while supporting a workforce and technical training program for Indigenous communities in Costa Rica

Kara Solar | Ecuadorian Amazon

Scaling a network of solar-powered canoes to transform transportation across the Amazon

Anambas Foundation | Indonesia

Installing solar systems to power 3 recycling centers and develop income-generating opportunities for local residents in the remote Anambas Islands

Asociacion Fenix | Nicaragua

Creating solar-powered food systems and sustainable production models for families in rural Nicaragua

Tree Kangaroo Conservation Program | Papua New Guinea

Solar home systems for 350 homes across seven villages for the first and only Indigenous-owned wildlife conservation reserve in Papua New Guinea

Asociación ProPurús | Ecuadorian Amazon

Solar-powered aguaje fruit processing center, technician workforce development, and sustainable forest management training for a rural indigenous community in the Amazon

Size of Wales | Peruvian Amazon

Empowering the regional expansion of Kara Solar's solar powered boats to Indigenous communities in the Peruvian Amazon

Sustaining the Wild Coast (SWC) | South Africa

Developing a community-owned, solar-powered internet hub, and supporting sustainable tourism practices for an Indigenous South African community

Santo Sunset Environment Network | Vanuatu Islands

Building solar-powered internet connectivity for the social and ecological resilience of Indigenous communities in Vanuatu

Revolusolar | Brazilian Amazon

Solar installation for 40 families in an Indigenous community in the Brazilian Amazon

Creamos | Guatemala

Using solar to support women and young people living in and around Guatemala City's municipal garbage dump, including a community center solar installation and support to women-led small businesses

Organización para la Educación y Protección Ambiental (OpEPA) | Colombia

Solar energy, internet access, and refrigeration for an Indigenous school and community center

Limitless Horizons Ixil | Guatemala

Rooftop solar and STEM learning opportunities for a school for Indigenous girls in Chajul, Guatemala

Asociación Red de Desarrollo Sostenible Honduras RDS-HN | Honduras

Solar for a remote Honduran community, helping 200 indigenous families access clean, reliable energy

PSYDEH A.C. | Mexico

Solar to power satellite community internet for Indigenous women leaders in rural Hidalgo, Mexico

Rural Women Empowerment Network (RUWONET) | Uganda

Multifaceted community solar system to increase access to energy, irrigation, and clean water in one of the most arid regions of Uganda

Tusobola Women Initiatives Network (TWIN) | Uganda

Solar energy for fifteen rural Ugandan hospitals that would otherwise lack electricity

Coalfield Development Corp | West Virginia, United States

A West Virginia community hub uses solar to demonstrate a future beyond coal in Appalachia

BK ROT, Inc. | Brooklyn, NYC

Solar for a regenerative, closed-loop organic waste processing operation in Brooklyn, NY that offers workforce training and employment for low-income youth in the community

Feed the Second Line | Louisiana, United States

Creating a network of solar-powered restaurants to build storm resilience in New Orleans

LEVINE IMPACT LAB PARTNERS:

BK ROT, Inc.

Feed the Second Line

Native Renewables Inc | Navajo and Hopi Nations, United States

Off-grid solar installations and workforce development on the Navajo and Hopi Nations

Southside Blooms | Chicago, IL

Solar-powered flower farms, producing jobs, revitalizing vacant land, and providing sustainable agriculture education



Introducing the Levine Impact Lab

In October 2022, we launched the Levine Impact Lab, a new capacity-building and grantmaking initiative of the Honnold Foundation.

The Levine Impact Lab powers equitable transformation by investing in grassroots leadership, building community organizations' capacities, and building their capacity to accelerate positive change.

Intersecting perspectives amplify our impact and light a new, better, and more equitable way forward. Historically, philanthropy has a history of maximizing red tape and minimizing potential impact. Grants, especially those given to small, grassroots nonprofits, are often restricted to a specific program or project. That's why, in addition to best-in-class resources, mentorship opportunities, and training, the inaugural Levine Impact Lab cohort includes a three-year, unrestricted funding commitment, totaling over \$2 million.



Levine
Impact
Lab

“In my work, I’ve seen that money plus time equals the best outcome. So, it’s not just the dollar donation, it’s the fact that our team is willing to bring the concepts of best-in-class venture capital and company-building to nonprofits, striving to get the best outcomes for the organizations we serve.”

- PETER LEVINE, CO-FOUNDER OF THE IMPACT LAB

Meet the Cohort



“I really appreciate the Honnold Foundation’s emphasis on supporting community based, grassroots work and using their platform to build a bridge between the wealthier philanthropic class and the gritty grassroots leaders. This is very unique in the fund development world and a model that I hope more foundations will replicate.”

- QUILEN BLACKWELL, PRESIDENT AND FOUNDER, SOUTHSIDE BLOOMS



NATIVE RENEWABLES

Native Renewables empowers Native American families on the Hopi and Navajo Nations to achieve energy independence by increasing access to solar energy and affordable off-grid power.

BK ROT, INC.

BK Rot, Inc., converts organic waste from local businesses in Brooklyn into high-quality compost and gives workforce trainees from low-income communities income and valuable experience.

SOUTHSIDE BLOOMS

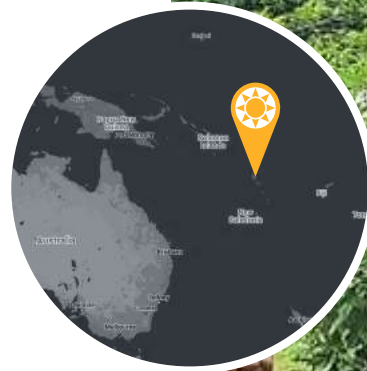
Southside Blooms fosters bottom-up economic development in the under-resourced Englewood neighborhood by transforming vacant land into flower farms and employing local youths to grow, maintain, and sell their products.

FEED THE SECOND LINE

Feed the Second Line is building community and creating safety nets for residents across New Orleans, ultimately preserving the city’s vibrant culture. Through equipping locally owned restaurants with solar energy, FTSL is building a city-wide network of microgrids to offer food, electricity, and a safe place for communities in the wake of intensifying natural disasters.



Solar Powered Climate Resilience



Partner: Santo Sunset Environment Network

Location: Vanuatu

Impact:

- Supplying 13 communities with solar powered high speed internet
- Improving conservation efforts for 80,000 hectares of forest
- Expanded education opportunities for more than 2500 people





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- ALLAN TAMAN, SANTO SUNSET CHAIRMAN



What happens if a community is hit by a hurricane and has no way to call for outside support? It can be difficult to remember, in places where high-speed internet is common, that communications infrastructure is key to disaster resiliency. On the South Pacific archipelago of Vanuatu, the Santo Sunset Environment Network, an Indigenous-led collection of village councils, works to combat the challenges of being in the most remote parts of one of the most remote nations on earth. These challenges include a lack of electricity, leaving residents to rely on diesel or fire for light and at the mercy of increasingly unpredictable storm patterns.

To address this, the Honnold Foundation is providing solar-powered high-speed internet connections to thirteen villages allied with Santo Sunset. The impacts were immediate. Women rangers dedicated to protecting the environment held a summit and now use mobile apps to report illegal logging activity. Others accessed up-to-date weather forecasts, enabling neighbors not only to better prepare for cyclones but also to optimize their farming and fishing economies. Children conducted online research for school assignments, letting them finally set aside outdated colonial-era textbooks. As Avok Taman, who lives in Nambeko, said, “Having the internet in the village is unbelievable. We are so far from the city, we never believed that it would be possible.”

The connections help even in cases where a disaster cannot be avoided, as Virannah Jimmy, of Penouru village, noted. “When I learned about the devastating landslide in the neighboring village via satellite internet message, I was able to mobilize a team of relief workers to provide support even before the government could get officials to our very remote area.” These abilities far outstrip what had been the custom: traveling by horse or boat for hours or days to access a cell-phone tower to make calls or send emails.

The solar-powered internet has accelerated Santo Sunset’s goals, which includes generating 100% of its electricity renewably by 2030. Allan Taman, the organization’s chairman, is enthusiastic: “Now we are much better able to address climate change and development challenges. This is the future of locally-led sustainability and resilience.” 🌞

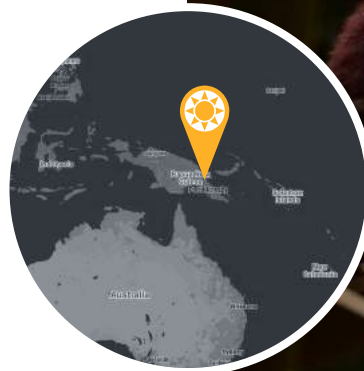
Solar Powered Conservation

Partner: Tree Kangaroo Conservation Program

Location: Papua New Guinea

Impact:

- Reducing 350 homes' dependence on using wood for fuel
- Improved healthcare outcomes and maternal mortality rates in seven villages
- Supporting the conservation of 400,000 acres of cloud rainforest





**PARTNER HIGHLIGHT: TREE KANGAROO
CONSERVATION PROGRAM**

In 1996, conservation scientist Lisa Dabek began collaborating with Indigenous landowners in northeastern Papua New Guinea to study the endangered Matschie’s tree kangaroo, a species native only to the region. The marsupial had been over-hunted and its habitat reduced by deforestation, a result of the surrounding communities’ lack of energy access and economic opportunity. Dabek’s Tree Kangaroo Conservation Program (TKCP) partnered with residents whose knowledge made possible her and her colleagues’ fieldwork. At the same time, these Indigenous peoples led the effort to make the region the first nationally recognized community-managed conservation area in the country. The Yopno-Uruwa-Som (YUS) Conservation Area, originally covering about 160,000 acres, now entails the entirety of the region, or more than 400,000 acres, and includes one of the last intact cloud rainforests on earth.

This crucial political work will help to secure a healthy and self-sufficient future for themselves, their environment, and other native species. But the population still faces the challenges of being in such a remote location, including poverty and limited access to essential services or reliable energy. In response, over the years TKCP has expanded its remit to address some of these issues by providing, for example, healthcare services through its Healthy Village, Healthy Forest initiative.

Throughout her decades in Papua New Guinea, Dabek’s stance has been clear: doing conservation work is about the communities as much as it is the endangered species. As she has said, “The best we can do as outsiders is to work in service to these communities—to provide technical advice and assistance, but then step back and let them lead.” This approach is core to the Honnold Foundation’s mission, which involves supporting the sovereignty and self-determination of marginalized communities. So we have been thrilled to support TKCP’s efforts with a grant enabling the installation of solar lighting for every home—nearly 350 in total—among seven villages in the Som Zone. The installation also includes solar street lamps to enable safer nighttime movement throughout the villages, as well as safe-birthing kits for village midwives that include solar-powered lanterns. As with all the Foundation’s projects, local residents were trained during installation and are now capable of maintaining the solar lighting on an ongoing basis.

**PARTNER HIGHLIGHT: TREE
KANGAROO CONSERVATION
PROGRAM**

One mother in Bungawat village, no longer dependent on firewood for energy, said, “This has addressed struggles we’ve faced for decades, where families that have money can afford a good light but those of us with low or no income still use traditional ways to light our homes.” The switch to renewable solar energy reduces the stress on nearby forests; improves the health of villagers, who no longer inhale wood smoke regularly; increases productivity, as families can work and children can study into the night if they wish; and, for the midwives in particular, makes difficult and stressful nighttime childbirths more safe and comfortable.

The YUS Conservation Area is Papua New Guinea’s first, and this solar installation represents another important first step. It’s part of the local community’s own solar electrification initiative and a model for the Papua New Guinea government’s Vision 2050 Development Plan, which aims to connect five times more citizens with electricity over the coming two decades. 🌞



Solar Powered Healthcare

Partner: Lake Clinic

Location: Cambodia

Impact:

- Free healthcare access for 13,000 people living on one of the most polluted lakes in the world
- Four updated solar systems for floating clinics
- Increased power generation and battery capacity for critical medical equipment





“Public healthcare is not only about providing services but also education. We don’t want to only cure a cold, we want to change a community.”

- MADELINE NJOS, FORMER LAKE CLINIC DEPUTY DIRECTOR



“Our biggest achievement comes each week when we arrive on site as promised,” says Jon Morgan, an American nurse who founded The Lake Clinic in Cambodia in 2007. It sounds simple, but when you’re providing free healthcare to thousands of people in nine remote villages on the Tonlé Sap, Southeast Asia’s largest freshwater lake, consistency builds trust, thereby enabling greater impact. The challenges of doing so are severe enough that it’s almost like Tonlé Sap is two lakes: one during dry season, with water so shallow it’s sometimes not navigable; another during rainy season, when severe and unpredictable storms alter the best-laid plans. As Morgan says, TLC’s services “happen despite the difficulties arising from changing water depths created by upstream dams and climate change, waterways being blocked by invasive water hyacinths, and monsoon storms.”

The Lake Clinic operates five floating clinics and uses six boats to provide critical healthcare services and education to people whose only other medical options are at least fifty kilometers—and therefore several hours—away. This includes preventative services like screenings, immunizations, and dentistry, but also includes caring for infected wounds (often cuts from outboard-motor propellers), respiratory infections, measles, diarrhea (often from drinking unclean water), malnutrition, and tuberculosis. The organization has established Mother’s Club education initiatives at each clinic to decrease infant and maternal mortality rates. The area’s poverty—families subsist on an average of \$2.50 per day—exacerbates these isolated communities’ health challenges.

Recognizing the environmental value and cost efficiency of solar power, the organization has always used solar panels. Honnold Foundation support enabled the Clinic to install new panels that more than double the energy generated. The Foundation’s support likewise enabled the Clinic to install components that ensure the smoother, more resilient delivery of that power. The Clinic, which keeps electronic records for its patients, no longer has to switch to pen and paper at mid-day when the laptops’ batteries give way or squeeze the use of energy-intensive equipment in the mornings.

PARTNER HIGHLIGHT: LAKE CLINIC

At the same time, these new panels provide at least two more benefits. First, they enable the Clinic to broaden its range of offerings, since it now has enough power to use ultrasound machines, electron microscopes, and other tools common in less-remote healthcare settings. Second, every kilowatt hour derived from solar power is one not derived from diesel fuel, a terrible pollutant and the most common source of energy in the region. The Clinic staff's local expertise and the dedication of our installer partner meant that this important upgrade occurred in less time than planned and without any interruption to patient care.

Madeline Njos, the Clinic's former deputy director, noted, "Public healthcare is not only about providing services but also education. We don't want to only cure a cold, we want to change a community." As the Clinic draws to the end of its second decade operating in this remote corner of Cambodia, it's better able than ever to deliver on that promise. 🌞



Solar Powered Compost

Partner: BK Rot

Location: Brooklyn, NY

Impact:

- Inaugural member of the Levine Impact Lab's first cohort
- Solar workshops for six youth leaders and three staff
- Powering the diversion of hundreds of tons of organic waste from landfills towards high quality compost





Every Sunday afternoon, at a Brooklyn community garden in the shadow of the elevated M train, teenage BK Rot employees accept and process organic waste from neighbors. During the week, these young people from Bushwick, Bed-Stuy, and other nearby neighborhoods hop on bikes and e-bikes and pedal along avenues lined with brownstones to collect food waste from dozens of restaurants, cafés, and other community partners. The organization, which is celebrating a decade of operations in 2023, has so far diverted about a million pounds of food waste from landfills and converted it into half a million pounds of high-quality, organic compost. And thanks to its partnership with the Honnold Foundation, both of BK Rot’s composting sites now run on solar energy.

BK Rot was formed in response to intersecting challenges that face Bushwick residents: a high concentration of waste infrastructure, high youth unemployment rates, lack of community composting options, and the inequalities created by rapid gentrification. This gentrification is occurring in areas historically neglected by city services; only today is New York City finally piloting a composting program. (And no, it’s not starting in Bed-Stuy.) But gentrification also has more subtly pernicious effects, such as the new businesses, catering to recent arrivals, that are replacing mom-and-pop stores that historically employed local young people. BK Rot’s closed-loop organic waste-processing operation addresses this kind of opportunity displacement while also reducing truck traffic and noise pollution, providing environmental education, remediating soil, and aiding other community gardens.

As Angie, a drop-off manager and an alumna of the organization’s Youth Leaders program, says, “BK ROT allows me to interact with my community in ways I never did before; I’ve been able to see new faces, hear new stories and learn about new species from within our compost pile. It has also given me a new perspective on the issues of waste and overconsumption in this country, so I’ve grown to maximize the use of every item in my possession!”



PARTNER HIGHLIGHT: BK ROT

These youth leaders' new perspective now includes insight into the value and mechanics of solar power, thanks to workshops that accompanied the solar-kit installations—knowledge that will be spread further through community events and tours for local students. And the organization, now that it is fully solar powered, is drafting emergency-preparedness plans that will allow it to be an energy resource when neighbors need power after storms and other natural disasters.

BK Rot programs are not only helpful on their own, but also accelerate the positive contributions other business owners and community members want to see in their neighborhoods. As the manager of the nearby Sey Coffee notes, "BK Rot is the only regenerative waste channel available to businesses like us. Without them, we would have no choice but to add otherwise useful organic material to the city's already overloaded waste system." 🌱



La Guardia of Sinangoe

“OUR CHILDREN’S RIVER”
FILM PREVIEW

The A’i Cofán have stewarded their ancestral lands in northeastern Ecuador for centuries. One of the most biodiverse areas on the planet and the home of thousands of Indigenous Peoples, this region is known for its sweeping, majestic rainforests. One of its many features, gold deposits, has drawn miners eager to exploit its financial value—and their actions threaten the rest of the ecosystem. In 2017, the presence of illegal miners prompted members of the ancestral community of the Cofán, whose lands center on the village of Sinangoe, to launch La Guardia.



PARTNER HIGHLIGHT: CEIBO ALLIANCE



“For us women, for example, the project fosters economic initiatives that promote our leadership and revitalize ancestral practices that are in danger of disappearing. This motivates us to keep up the fight.”

-GLADYZ VARGAS, CEIBO ALLIANCE DIRECTOR



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Composed of a rotating cast of twenty community members of all ages, genders, and physical abilities, La Guardia regularly launches multi-day patrols of this 150,000-acre region. They're armed with drones, GPS equipment, and cameras to dutifully record any signs of illegal encroachment by miners. Their patient work, which blends their deep knowledge of the land with cutting-edge technology, yields plentiful evidence. Not long after the group's formation, it submitted this material to Ecuador's Provincial Court, which in October 2018 nullified fifty-two mining concessions it said the government had granted illegally, without the Cofán peoples' consent. This historic legal victory helps protect the headwaters of the Aguarico River, which flows through the region and provides fresh water and food. It also set a valuable precedent, one underscored by a second ruling, in February 2022, that strengthened Indigenous communities' power in negotiations over proposals to extract oil, minerals, or other natural resources.

The protections, however, are difficult to enforce, so La Guardia continues its patrols. In 2021, the Honnold Foundation partnered with the Ceibo Alliance, which coordinates with La Guardia, to install solar and battery storage for a series of strategically placed base stations scattered throughout La Guardia's patrol territory. These small shelters give patrol members refuge on their arduous journeys, which sometimes last several weeks. Moreover, the solar power recharges batteries for drones, camera traps, and radios. The Honnold Foundation's support also enabled several community members to receive training as technical experts.

PARTNER HIGHLIGHT: CEIBO ALLIANCE

HF expanded its support in 2022, bringing the total number of solar-panel systems installed across the region to forty-four. And as Gladyz Vargas, director of the Ceibo Alliance, notes, the benefits radiate outward: “For us women, for example, the project fosters economic initiatives that promote our leadership and revitalize ancestral practices that are in danger of disappearing. This motivates us to keep up the fight.” Mireya Piaguaje, a teacher in the Siekopia community of Sewaya, adds, “I never imagined having solar energy in my community school. The systems will allow us to guarantee access to quality education in our communities.” The young people trained as technicians are able to maintain existing solar kits and install new ones, rather than rely on outside vendors.

In 2023, the Honnold Foundation will share the story of La Guardia through the lens of our team’s visit to Sinangoe. The resulting film, “Our Children’s River,” leaves audiences with a crucial message: every community, no matter where, has a right to self-determination. 🌱



A Letter from our Executive Director



In Madagascar, a group of women farmers meets to distribute income from their cooperative. A tree kangaroo climbs into the misty canopy of a protected rainforest in Papua New Guinea. A group of young people in Brazil walk home together along newly lit streets, after a day spent working in a sustainable Açaí processing plant. In the Ecuadorian Amazon, a Kofán Indigenous guard sits in a remote outpost, charging drone batteries for a land defense patrol. And in Brooklyn, New York, a fleet of e-bikes brings food waste from around the city to a community composting hub.

The common thread? Solar energy, harnessed by community ingenuity.

We're surrounded by evidence of monumental challenges in the fight against climate change, from research showing that easy fixes like carbon offsets actually add to global warming, to continued violence against environmental justice activists. And while we don't yet have all the answers, there is clear evidence of community-driven positive momentum. Around the world, Honnold Foundation grantee Partners are building innovative solutions, demonstrating the power and potential of a just transition to renewable energy.

As I look back on my first full year with the Honnold Foundation, it's impossible not to feel optimistic. In 2022, our team provided funding, capacity building, and communications support to a network of over 50 partner organizations around the world. We also launched the Levine Impact Lab, to drive new resources to grassroots environmental justice leaders. While I celebrate these milestones, it's also clear to me that HF's success lies first and foremost in our willingness to trust in the ingenuity and expertise of our grantee Partners.

At HF, we understand that marginalized communities best know their own needs; without grounding in principles of equity and trust, we can't deliver on our core mission. As we outlined in our 2022 strategic plan, HF's approach is based on our commitments to: respond to the urgency of the present, resource gaps in philanthropic support, embrace calculated risks to drive innovation, prioritize community-driven solutions, and catalyze change for people and the planet.

Every member of the Honnold Foundation community has contributed to building a global movement that puts these values into practice. And each one of us has a vital role to play in powering our commitment to the future. Thank you for your partnership!

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Emily Teitsworth, Executive Director



Financials

2022 REVENUE*

Individuals	\$1,542,450
Corporations & Foundations	\$896,089
Interest	\$12,795
In-Kind Contributions	\$36,252
TOTAL REVENUES	\$2,487,586

2022 EXPENSES

<i>Programs:</i>	
Grants	\$1,986,298
Other Grantee	\$111,821
Support Program Operations	\$522,421
<i>Supporting Services:</i>	
Fundraising	\$142,870
Administration	\$74,758
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$2,838,169

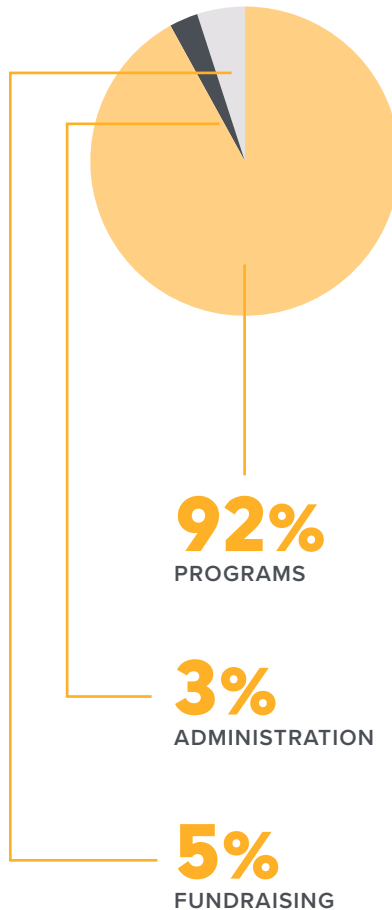
2022 CHANGE IN NET ASSETS

-\$350,583

NET ASSETS, END OF 2022

\$1,853,855

EXPENSES SUMMARY



*Revenue for the purposes of this summary is presented on a cash basis and does not include pledges committed in 2022 but receivable in future periods.



Our Team

STAFF

Brian Williams, *Operations & Finance Manager*

Cynthia Arellano, *Program Manager*

Emily Teitsworth, *Executive Director*

Kate Trujillo, *Deputy Director*

Milana Ortega, *Operations Coordinator*

Nellie Barrett, *Program Manager*

Peter Walle, *Development and Communications Manager*

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Honnold Foundation Corporate Partners are values-aligned, mission-driven organizations who share our deep commitment to people and the planet.

Like us, our Corporate Partners know that solar energy can catalyze communities' self-determination and capacity to weather climate change, and, ultimately, scalable, sustainable innovation. Together, we empower Grantee Partners' visions to create a brighter, more equitable world.

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Our impact is growing, and we couldn't do it without the support of our community. Our donors share our commitment to using solar energy to transform communities around the world, and in 2022, supporters showed up like never before. To all those around the world who believe in and support this mission: **thank you.**

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