

inroads 2021 Report

BLOOMING IN THE RAIN

Fostering a world free of
abortion stigma



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Letter from our Executive Director

DEAR COMMUNITY,

As social change activists; as reproductive justice workers; as people in community and relationship with folks contending with isolation, health complications, discrimination, and physical and emotional harm, the world is serving up metaphor after metaphor for our shared but isolating fear, risk, and incursion.

But despite moments, days, weeks of paralysis amid relentless social and political and microbial weather, we as a movement have been growing.

In some ways we have had no choice: to survive we have needed to grow toward each other, to build strength we needed to reflect and grow internally, to buffer ourselves for an unknowable future we needed to

grow down and build reserves. During a particularly rough moment these past 18 months, a breath and mindfulness facilitator encouraged me to think about the immense energy and change happening in the darkness of the earth, of soil. Soil and toil is not where I go first when I think of the amazing inroads community; for me, inroads means collage of color, calming rays of light, singing, and dancing.

But to bloom like this community has, to keep dancing and moving in the wind, every person in the network has spent time setting roots in the soil, with its potential energy and nutrients as well as its worms and direction-less dark.

If we remember to surface, to enjoy the blooms, to share the fruit, to smell the variety, then we are stronger for it.

This work may happen deep inside the earth, our people, our communities, our bodies, and our spirits. The blooms, root systems, crops that result are enough to sustain us even through the conflict and weather and scarcity that may come.

The Sun doesn't set on the inroads community, nor does the Moon relax her push and pull on our growth. And thus at any given moment an inroads member is photosynthesizing, another watering, another closing their blooms to await the morning dew.

inroads launched out as an independent organization a mere 18 months ago. Since that time, we've begun to fully build and live our new strategic plan and values, started a new Collaboration Grant and formalized our members compensation program, created a member-to-member assistance and mentorship program, carried-out over 20 member-led gatherings & learning sessions, and grown from a staff of 5 to a team of 9.

Thank you for sharing your blooms, for diagramming out how exactly you got your bumper crops in your climate, for spreading your messages and care like roots down and out, for offering pruning and fertilizing and wintering over tips.

Thank you, inroads members, for blooming and growing altogether.

Katie Gillum
inroads Executive Director



WHO WE ARE

We firmly believe in the transformational power of our diverse community leading vital work to create a world free of abortion stigma. After all, real change only manifests through our collective brilliance and power.

Our vision

We envision a world where abortion care is centered around the needs, experiences, and leadership of those who have abortions, and where stigma, fear, and misinformation about abortion can be eradicated through collective culture change to eliminate abortion stigma. We inroads members are creating a future where we, people who have, accompany, provide, research, and advocate for abortions, have the tools to transform systemic, legal, medical, and interpersonal levels of stigma so that people can be free to experience abortion on their own terms.

Our mission

We work towards freedom for past, present, and future abortion seekers by funding movements and strengthening connections within the global community of abortion advocates, artists, scholars, activists, journalists, community workers, and providers.

Who we are

The International Network for the Reduction of Abortion Discrimination and Stigma (inroads) is a global network and community of practice dedicated to learning, skill-sharing, and making sustainable and measurable changes to reduce abortion stigma and its discriminatory outcomes locally and across the globe.

INROADS VALUES

Community Care

The network values care in the abortions we want to destigmatize, in the work we do, and in the way we treat each other as fellow members in the network. We seek a world where abortions are considered normal and allowed to have the meaning and valence relevant to the person having that abortion; where people can access the abortions they need or want, with dignity and humanity. We believe support, exchange, and uplifting each other are integral to the work of ending stigma.

Equity

We come together with different needs, unequal backgrounds, and diverse contexts, and we acknowledge and consciously address these. We intentionally turn systems upside-down to see them better, remake them, or dismantle those preventing our success and progress. We hold an intersectional feminist approach, that understands our intersecting social identities and experiences, to co-create our collective liberation. We center lived experiences of abortion and abortion stigma, we shift narratives of scarcity to abundance, and we challenge the power.



Authentic Engagement

Experience is expertise at inroads, and thus there are multiple ways to “make inroads” on abortion stigma. Members share, be, learn, listen, act, make decisions, and steer the direction of the network. When we engage in a circular process of reflection and action, we connect and create the community of practice. We nurture our differences as strengths that allow us to generate spaces of honest learning, shared desires, and radical support.

Fearless Passion

We are aflame with the conviction that a conscious, committed, and multifaceted strategy will pave the way for a world without abortion stigma. We challenge any boundaries or binaries that are put on us-- they have no place in our liberation--and we vibrantly celebrate each other's successes and observe the failures. We are one and many, authentic and creative, accountable to only ourselves and our communities. We will end abortion stigma, and we will do it together.

INROADS' APPROACHES TO WORK

How do we bust abortion stigma and support the reproductive justice movement?

Community Resourcing

Through a participatory and community-centric grantmaking model, we provide flexible funding that supports local, regional, and global abortion stigma busting work and the reproductive justice movement.

Solidarity and Power Building

We co-create and support community spaces for healing, mutual learning, sharing, reflection, joy, and accompaniment across territories, topics, and fields to leverage collaboration, and build solidarity and collective power.

Amplifying

We amplify the dreams, visions, efforts, leadership, and voices of our abortion stigma busting community to raise awareness, increase accessibility, and ensure their participation in strategic spaces and processes.

Shifting Power and Narratives

We actively lead and support efforts that challenge hierarchical power and advocate for more and better resources for abortion stigma busting work and the reproductive justice movement.



OUR FLOURISHING GLOBAL COMMUNITY



Members

1751 members from
109 countries.



Grantee Partner Countries

129 projects from 101
grantee partners in 42
countries.



Donor Countries

Australia, Germany,
USA/ Canada, United
Kingdom, Poland.



Staff Countries

9 members from 6 countries.
Colombia, India, Kenya,
Malaysia, USA, Venezuela.



THE REALITIES

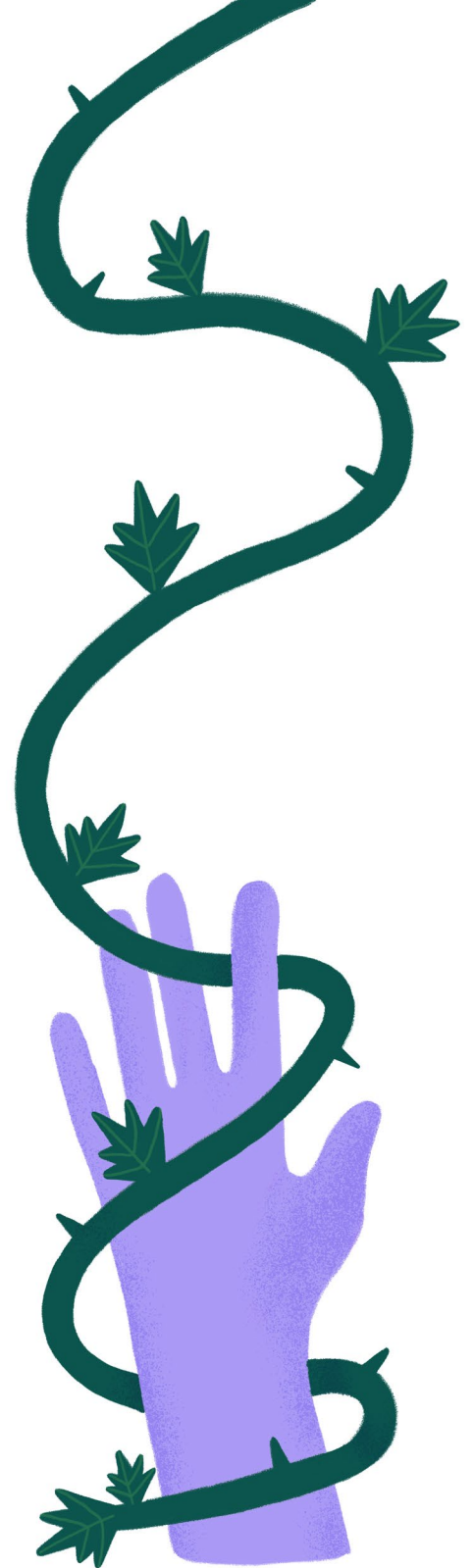
In the midst of ongoing crises, including a pandemic, climate change, and wars that are direct products of oppressive and exploitative systems, the autonomy, determination, and rights of women, girls, youth, trans and non-binary people, and persons with disabilities have been disproportionately targeted and impacted. In the past year alone, we have seen major regressions on reproductive rights.

Gender-based violence continues to increase, access to sexual and reproductive health services and education continues to be severely restricted or not even available, and anti-rights groups continue to harass, marginalize, and criminalize reproductive justice efforts, including abortion providers and seekers, through misinformation campaigns and policies. Permeating it all is abortion stigma – the poisonous root that feeds so many of the negative realities surrounding abortion care and access. With intersecting social injustices, abortion stigma isolates, separates, stereotypes, causes detrimental pain, and prevents people from accessing the care that they need.

Stigma that is internalized and shows up with fear and shame, making it difficult to talk to others about needing and wanting an abortion. Stigma that thrives with misinformation and makes abortions seem rare, even though millions of people have them each year.



Six out of 10 unintended pregnancies end in an induced abortion. Yet, due to stigma-rooted policies and barriers, only 65% of people are able to access safe abortion services.



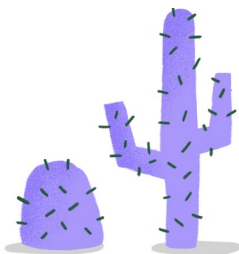
Stigma that is produced and reproduced pervasively, and in many instances, unconsciously.

ABORTION STIGMA IS THE REASON...

1. Abortion is criminalized and penalized.



2. Medical schools exclude or minimize abortion care education.



3. States where abortion is legal still underfund abortion care services, training, and equipment.

4. Policies add unnecessary constraints for people looking to access abortion care.



5. Abortion is regularly excluded from healthcare services coverage.

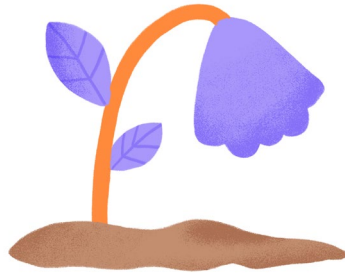


6. Abortion providers and seekers are harassed, attacked, and targeted for institutional retaliation.



7. Some healthcare workers think it is acceptable to place their personal beliefs above the healthcare needs of abortion patients.

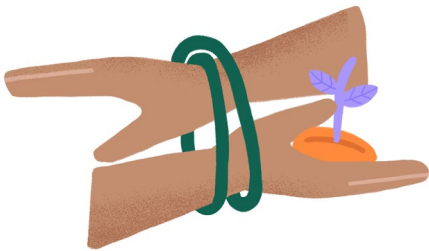
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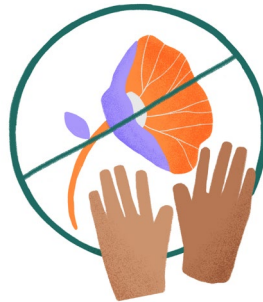
8. People who need or have abortions often feel isolated and fear in seeking help and support.



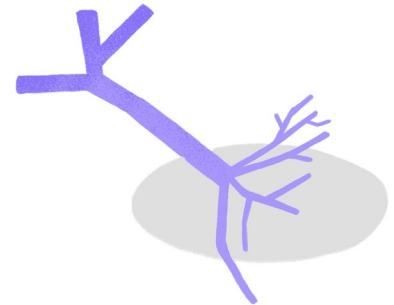
9. Talking about your abortion can affect your job opportunities.



10. Providing abortion care can be a dangerous career path, even in places where abortion is legal.



11. Abortion is often excluded from sexual education and health curriculums.



12. We see waves of regression in reproductive rights all over the world.



13. Anti-rights groups are emboldened.

As dire as the situation and our collective exhaustion may be, we continue to honor, uphold, and hope, thanks to the transformational, intergenerational, and caring work of reproductive justice movements all over the world. Movements that refuse to shut up, refuse to give up, refuse to stay down. Movements that continue to learn and evolve, by being intentional and inclusive of our rich and diverse communities. Movements that, in the past years alone, have achieved the legalization of abortion in Argentina, Benin, Colombia, Thailand, South Korea, and four Mexican states! Movements

that continue, through creative and collective efforts, to increase abortion access in the most complex contexts.

These are movements that expand borders, spread solidarity, and bust abortion stigma by sharing information, education, and lessons about abortion, creating communities of support to talk about their abortion experiences, and building wider support for abortion rights and reproductive justice across the world. They bring us closer to the reality we seek – one that blooms with liberation.

We focus our attention and efforts to bust abortion stigma worldwide because we know that when abortion stigma is reduced, more flourishing realities can bloom. We honor and are hopeful due to the transformational, intergenerational, and caring work of the reproductive justice movement; busting abortion-stigma all over the world.



WATERING THE MOVEMENTS

In 2021, inroads leveraged over \$200,000 USD to water the creative, resilient, and powerful abortion stigma-busting efforts of the inroads community and wider reproductive justice movement.

inroads Partnership Fund

\$168,028.00 USD in grants to support 13 efforts impacting the organizational, local, regional, and global levels.

Honoring the work and wisdom of our community

\$66,903.50 USD in compensated work to 80 members for diverse key roles that nurture the community and movement at large





HONORING THE WORK AND WISDOM OF OUR COMMUNITY



Just as flowers can not grow without water, movements cannot thrive without resources. inroads is dedicated to mobilizing resources and redistributing wealth in order to supply our members with funding that supports their resistance and persistence.

In line with inroads values of equity and community care, we strive to practice wealth distribution to support often under-resourced grassroots organizations and activists, as well as to correct for inequitable compensation in the traditional global development sector. As such, instead of requesting unpaid labor and/or volunteering, we honor the work and wisdom of our community by offering compensation for diverse key member roles that nurture the community

and movement at large. In 2021, we compensated 47 members for facilitating diverse online gatherings, dialogues, workshops and trainings, 12 members for interpreting at our online gatherings and trainings, 10 members for translation work, 5 members for providing member-to-member assistance and mentorship, 1 member for creating graphic records, and 17 members for serving on a review board.

OUR WISDOM, LIVED EXPERIENCES, AND EFFORTS **MATTER**

We are the movement leading change, honoring work through fair compensation. Talking about the impact of having compensation for activities they facilitated within the community, our members said...

Currently, my activism is completely voluntary and I always try to reconcile it with my professional activities. That I was compensated allowed me to make my work activities more flexible to dedicate myself with time and attention to this request. Additionally, I see it as a sign of appreciation for the different contributions that we offer.

Member from Brazil.

As someone who, for the last 5 years, has done abortion work without getting paid for it, it is incredibly affirming to be paid for that work and to have my time and my expertise recognized.

Member from Venezuela & Sweden.

With the compensation, I was able to purchase medicine for colleagues in Texas and vulnerable communities in Mexico.

Member from Mexico.

This allows you to free up time and be more available, compared to when you work elsewhere and you have to free yourself up while also losing a day's work.

Member from Congo.

The compensation helped me afford Internet fees and a secure connection.

Member from Burundi.

It makes it easier for me to talk about abortion and reproductive health freely.

Member from Congo.

We appreciate being compensated for our time, given the time constraints that we have related to workload.

Member from Mexico.



WATERING THE MOVEMENTS

inroads Partnership Fund (iPF)

Since 2016, the inroads Partnership Fund (iPF) has devoted \$770,890.15 USD to supported 101 community stigma-busting community organizations in 42 countries.

Rooted in equity and our commitment to social justice, the Fund prioritizes support for inroads members who would not ordinarily have access to mainstream sources of funding and who are deliberately centering understanding and dismantling abortion stigma in their work through an intersectional lens.

In 2021, we devoted \$168,028.00 to resource 10 groups from 9 countries through seed funding of around \$5,000 USD per grant, and 3 collective multi-year efforts from 6 groups from 4 countries through our collaboration funding of around \$40,000 USD per grant, to understand and intervene in dismantling abortion stigma on an organizational, local, regional, and global level.



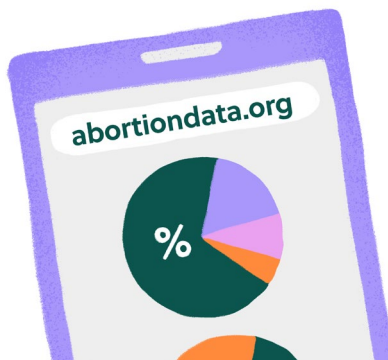


Projects we are supporting with our inroads Partnership Fund (iPF) seed grants in 2021:



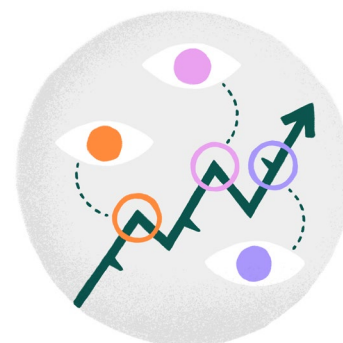
Capacity Building for Traditional Birth Attendants by Sisters Taking Charge from Zambia

Capacity-building for traditional birth attendants to mitigate abortion stigma, promote reproductive health information, and integrate their practice with referrals to health systems for safe abortions.



Abortion Stigma Data Project by AbortionData.org from Colombia

Researching, measuring, and providing easy-to-access data about abortion stigma in Colombia. Providing these findings in a user-friendly and non-academic online source, so people with different expertises can also access the results easily.



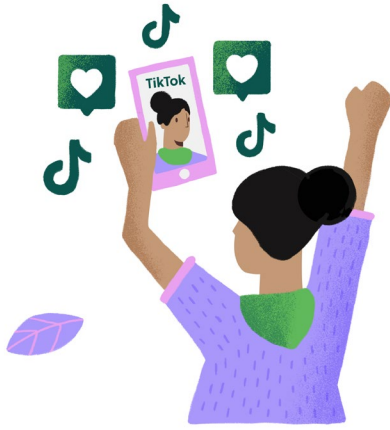
Develop and test abortion stigma scale by Vision in Action from Cameroon

Developing and applying an abortion stigma measuring tool to measure three different types of stigma in the Buea community. Lessons, findings, and processes will be shared as reports with all inroads members so that other members can easily adapt and use the new tool.



Abortion Education Lessons & Resources for teenage education by Dopo from England

Creating lessons and educational resources for different key stages (as outlined by the state education system of the UK) between the ages of 11 to 18, and trialing it in schools around the United Kingdom.



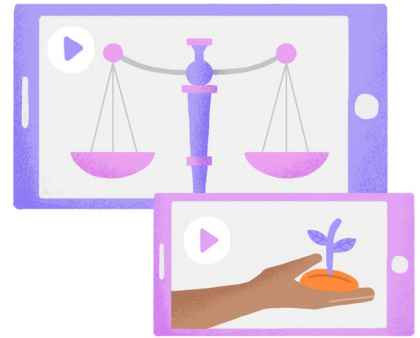
Pilot project to use Tiktok to communicate abortion with youth by Tamtang Group from Thailand

Piloting a project to use Tiktok to communicate about abortion with young people, providing positive and stigma-busting communication about abortion, abortion access, and sexual and reproductive rights.



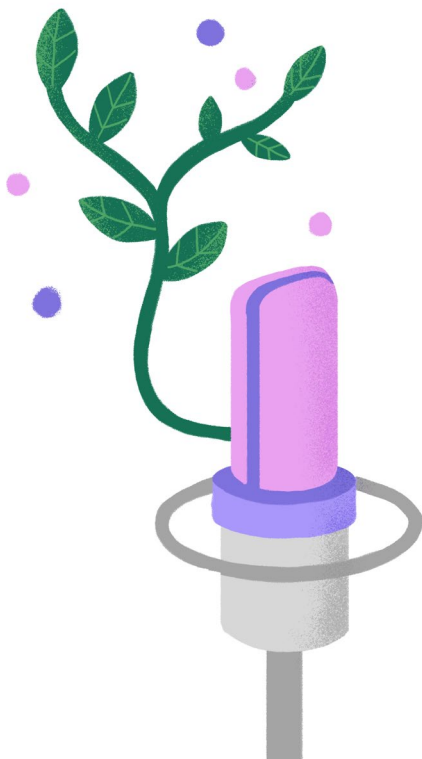
Care for Traditional Birth Attendants by Silent Thoughts Collective from Kenya

Providing psychosocial support for traditional birth attendants with the aim of developing and building their confidence, boldness, and resilience in offering abortion services, bringing out positive abortion stories in their communities, and strengthening linkages with healthcare providers.



SAVE- Safe Abortion Videos Edutainment by Flavours of Family Planning from Rwanda

Producing stigma-free safe abortion video content covering both the clinical and legal aspects in the local Rwandan context that will be used to train a cohort of 100 future physicians, as well as bringing awareness to the community through displays in popular, local beauty salons.



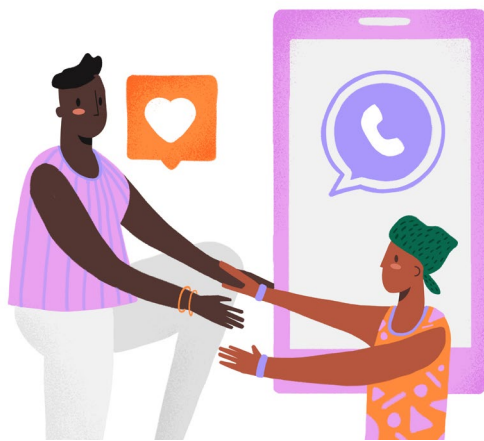
Dissenting voices by Colectiva por la Libre Información para las Mujeres from Peru

Developing a radio journalistic chronicle in collaboration with medical students on the experiences of trainee and young healthcare personnel challenging the stigma of abortion in medical institutions and in the health sector to further the movement for abortion rights in the country.



Halte à la stigmatisation de l'avortement by Association Congolaise pour les Droits et la Santé (ACDS) from Congo

Creating support groups to allow all those affected by abortion stigma to narrate their experiences through poetry, art, song, prose, and other forms of creative expression, providing stigma-busting community care, and measuring the extent of abortion stigma in Congo at all levels.



Speak-out Project by Living Equality from Rwanda

Producing and disseminating multimedia storytelling content with young people who had abortions, with particular focus on the types of stigma and their impact, organizing intergenerational community dialogues on abortion stigma, and strengthening a toll-free line providing stigma-free, post-abortion counseling.

Covid-19 response fund in 2020



In response to the Covid-19 pandemic, we created a Covid-19 Response Fund in 2020 for vital communication equipment and tool needs to support under resourced members efforts to shift, adjust, and mitigate the impact of the ongoing global pandemic, with a special focus on their communication, connections, and mutual support as essential components of stigma busting and movement building work. **Our fund distributed \$136,701 USD to support 51 individuals and groups from 21 countries across the Global South.**



FOSTERING COLLABORATION AND SOLIDARITY ACROSS BORDERS

iPF Collaboration Grants

The collaboration grants were designed to support collaborative efforts between two or more groups, collectives, or grassroots organizations. In 2021 we funded 3 collaborative projects:



Stigma-Free Diverse Abortion Project by Mano Diversa Bolivia & Católicas por el Derecho a Decidir Perú.

This project aims to reduce abortion stigma and improve access to sexual and reproductive health services and abortion within the LGBTI+ community in Peru and Bolivia.

Reproductive Justice Youth Leadership Program by Network for Adolescents & Women Inclusion in Reproductive Health Initiatives (NAWIRI) & Mamatoto CBEs.

This is a youth-led project aiming to reduce stigmatizing beliefs by informing and equipping young people in rural Kenya to challenge abortion stigma and advocate for institutional changes to improve abortion services and access in their own communities.

Community of Care for the Decriminalization of Abortion in the Philippines Project by The Philippine Safe Abortion Advocacy Network (PINSAN) & Filipino Freethinkers (FF).

This project aims to equip and strengthen abortion rights advocates working for legal and stigma-free abortion by developing safe community care practices and spaces for abortion support in the Philippines.



The inroads team co-created safe spaces and tools to communicate and connect directly with other activists, groups, communities, and networks that are part of the reproductive justice movement. In doing so, we hoped to foster collaboration and solidarity, with the confidence that our network members are vetted to create a community free of stigma and anti-choice harassment. In a recent survey about the impact of inroads in 2021, our members shared that: **74% made valuable collaborations and alliances that benefited their reproductive justice work.**

"It helped us develop strategies to work with vulnerable populations, such as indigenous, afro-descendant, and rural communities." **Member from Católicas por el Derecho a Decidir in Argentina.**

"I've been able to dream more, because I am learning from folks on a global scale." **Member from We Testify in the United States.**

"It allowed us to meet and collaborate with organizations that we might not have been able to contact so easily, especially in these difficult times." **Member from Hesperian Health Guides in United States.**

"It has helped build trust between each other to be able to work as a group." **Member from Nuestros Cuerpos in Mexico.**

"It allowed us to connect with reliable organizations that could help provide advice and abortion pills whenever young girls from our communities needed access to safe abortion. It also helped us in adopting a policy to raise awareness and mitigate the stigma around abortion." **Ligue pour les Droits de Femme Congolaise LDFC in Congo.**

"Last year, we developed a joint project with Ibis Reproductive Health with the aim of measuring stigma related to abortion within adolescents and developing pedagogical strategies for its approach and mitigation." **Member from Faldas R, Venezuela.**

NURTURING COLLABORATIVE COMMUNITY GATHERING SPACES

In partnership with the community, inroads organized the following collaborative gathering spaces to foster cross-border solidarity and mutual learning that strengthened the stigma-busting efforts of the global reproductive justice movement.

Stigma thrives in darkness and isolation. It makes us believe that we are alone, that no one else cares, that no one else understands, that there is no hope. **But we know that the reality is very different. We are many; we are thousands; we are millions. Together, we are an unstoppable movement, and we are stronger when we support and learn from each other.** That is why creating the time and space to connect with our global community is powerful and critical.

inroads has been building and holding gathering spaces to foster cross-border solidarity and mutual learning since its inception. Over the years, **we have hosted 14 in-person Global and Regional gatherings, where over 325 of our members from 68+ countries have attended.** Members have described our gatherings as “**abortion activism camps**” and valuable spaces for connecting, learning, and ideating stigma-busting strategies with familiar and new colleagues.



In the midst of an ongoing pandemic world

The Covid-19 pandemic put our in-person gatherings on temporary pause, but not the work and community building that we do. Inroads moved our gatherings to online spaces, reinforcing and rebuilding our capacity to hold safe community spaces, off and online.

To ensure our members could also undertake the challenge of pivoting part of their work to an online ecosystem, we created the Covid-19 Response Fund. It provided underfunded groups with the crucial funding required to acquire the necessary equipment and systems to navigate a new virtual reality.

In 2021 and in partnership with the community, inroads organized the following online community and member led spaces:

Spacious Solidarity Dialogues

9 sessions with **19 member panelists** and over **180 participants** from over **50 countries**.

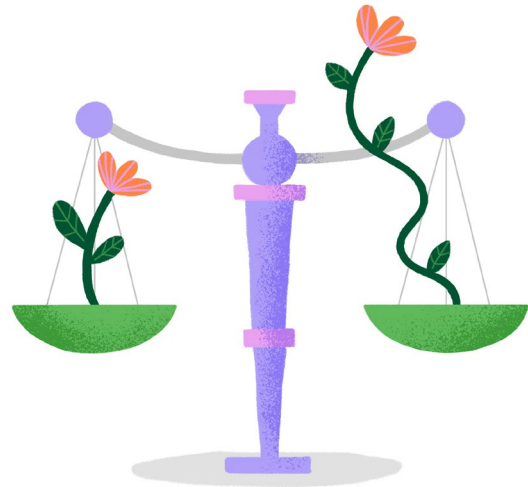


Beyond Legal Change

Reproductive Justice: Looking beyond Legal Change and Decriminalisation as community mobilizers, lawyers, and movement builders.

With inroads Member Panelists:

Jasmine George, Rose Wakikona, Na Young, Sulaiporn Chonwilai, Genesis Luigi, Regina Fonseca, and Sara Garcia Gross.



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Narrative Change

Sharing and Centering Narratives of People Who have Abortions as storytellers, listeners, podcasters, campaigners, researchers, and artists.

With inroads Members Panelists:

Camila Ochoa Mendoza, Renee Bracey Sherman, Maja Dimitrijevic, Omodele Ibitoye, Kristine Chan, and Michelle Gallo.



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Community Care

Accompanying Self-Managed Abortions as doulas, hotlines, and acompañantes.

With inroads Members Panelists:

Daniela Tellez del Valle, Natalie Broniarczyk, Isabel Pérez Witzke, Mickreen Adhiambo, Sara Walsh, and Ika Ayu.



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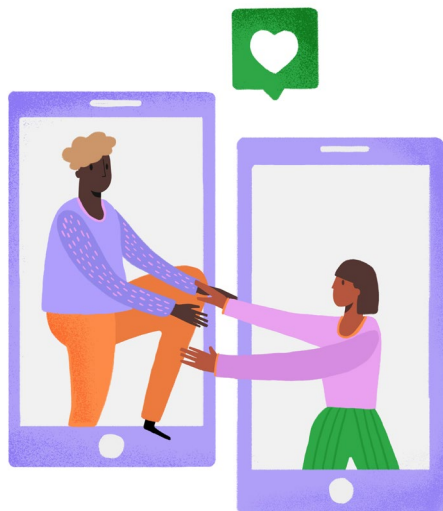


Spacious Solidarity Member-Facilitated Workshop Series



Two workshops with a total of 8 sessions, 17 member facilitators, and over 130 participants from 30+ countries around the world.

Global Abortion Accompaniment Workshop



This workshop was held on 15, 17, 18, 22, and 24 November 2021, over a total of 5 sessions. A cohort of around 15 participants joined each day. The space was created to foster mutual learning and connection between the members that do the community care work of accompanying abortions in their communities.

Member facilitators were: *Di RAMONA (Mexico), Necesito Abortar (Mexico), Samsara (Indonesia), Abortion Dream Team (Poland), Dopo (UK/Italy and USA), and NAWIRI (Kenya).*

Stigma at the Intersections: Abortion, Disability, HIV, and Access



The workshop was held on October 12, 13, and 14 2021, over a total of 3 sessions. A cohort of around 25 participants joined each day. The space was created to center the voices of people with disabilities, underline and explore how stigma related to abortion affects people with disabilities and other marginalised groups, and to generate discussion and learning activities on abortion and disability with an intersectional approach.

Members facilitators were: *Lillian Kivuti, Phylis Mbeke (Kenya), Medea Khmelidze, Esma Imerlishvili, Gvantsa Kvinikadze (Georgia), Naomi O'Connor and Jakki Hanlon (Northern Ireland).*

POWER BUILDING TO SUPPORT GROWTH AND RESILIENCE

In 2021, inroads collaborated with the following power building community spaces that focused on strengthening the capacity of fearless groups and individuals leading the reproductive justice movements across the globe.

Member-to-Member Assistance

To mitigate the impact of the pandemic and redistribute resources, we developed a Member-to-Member Assistance Program. This was a space where members could request 1-1 assistance to address specific challenges or areas of opportunity and growth related to their abortion stigma-busting work. They were matched with inroads members who offered the expertise to provide the necessary support. The members providing support were compensated and given the resources to carry out their vital support work.

In 2021, we co-organized ten member-to-member compensated assistance initiatives through this program. **What our members have to say from their experience:**

"The members supported were able to constitute a grant team and realign their proposal to fit within their country's sexual and reproductive health space." **Member Assistance Provider from Kenya.**

"I was able to learn new skills related to online engagement and collaboration, content creation, and identification of online influencers. I also built a strong alliance with my mentor." **Member supported from Uganda.**



CAPACITY BUILDING TRAININGS

In 2021, we held 3 online training sessions with 5 member facilitators that had the participation of over 80 members from 45 countries around the world. These power building spaces were inspired by and developed as a way to respond to needs shared by our members, with the support of community expertise.

Measurement Tools of Abortion Stigma

Training about how current abortion stigma definitions and measurement tools act at the intrapersonal, individual, and community level, and how to apply these tools and methodologies to explore and measure abortion stigma manifestations.

Online Facilitation

Training to support members facing the challenges of shifting to online channels due to the pandemic, with learning surrounding tools and techniques to facilitate vibrant, safe, and accessible virtual spaces to continue stigma-busting work.

Creative and Stigma-Busting Proposal Writing

Training for members who do not usually have professional support to ideate, advise, and reflect on their practices of proposal writing, to better understand what it takes to find the right donors and to create successful proposals.



AMPLIFYING VISIONS AND EFFORTS

In partnership with the community, inroads organized and financially honored the participation of community panelists and speakers at key decision-making spaces and events for the reproductive justice movement. This was done to ensure that their visions continue to be amplified and to bring awareness to their vital stigma-busting efforts.

Additionally, our inroads Community Workspace (iCW) served as a virtual platform to amplify the visions and efforts of our community to over 1751 advocates, providers, researches, donors, and community groups worldwide.

Narrative Change

6 inroads members led a session about Reframing Community-Engagement in philanthropy supporting abortion work.

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AWID-Feminist Realities

5 inroads members hosted a session titled: "Supporting the Self-Managed: Abortion Doulas, Acompañantes & Radical Networks of Support.

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inroads Collaboration Workspace

462 messages were shared with our network of over 1700 members of the global reproductive justice movement.

In an effort to correct the inequitable compensation and volunteerism trend in the traditional global development sector, we are committed to ensuring that members who contribute their wisdom and lived experiences at key convening spaces receive just compensation for their offerings and contributions.



AMPLIFYING VISIONS AND EFFORTS



"Through the resources and information shared by inroads, we are able to learn new ways, best practices, and build connections in our work to end abortion stigma. For instance, we got to know about AllyChat Bot, a product of Women First Digital which is also a member of inroads, and we reached out to them for collaboration. Today, we have deployed AllyChat into our work to help young people access secure, safe, and non-judgmental information regarding their sexual and reproductive health and rights."

Member from African Girls Empowerment Network in Nigeria

"inroads me inspira a seguir construyendo y activando en diversos espacios de la lucha pro-aborto. Yo siento inroads como un espacio seguro, dónde encuentro y intercambio energía y apoyo para llevar adelante y (trans) formar mis activismos. Mi participación en inroads desde el 2017, me ha posibilitado avanzar por caminos hasta entonces inimaginables durante mi investigación científica."

Member researcher from Brazil

"inroads has amplified awareness of my initiative's offerings by sharing it in their newsletter, mailing list, and social media. When I was searching for emotional support and care providers to be available during our storytelling workshops, much of the interest I received was due to inroads sharing with the network."

Member from So, I had an abortion in Canada

"We have benefitted from the many of the resources shared on this platform. We have also learnt from fellow inroads members on how they have been able to fight stigma in other regions."

Member from Contact Trust Youth Association in Zambia

"inroads has provided my organization with valuable insights and advocacy tools to work on abortion stigma. It has helped us improve strategies for advocating against abortion stigma."

Member from Local Development Agency on Reproductive and Maternal Health in Ghana

"inroads has allowed us to connect with other organizations doing stigma-related work, provided us with opportunities to share our work and learn from others, and provided collaborative spaces for reflection."

Member from Equidad de Género: Ciudadanía, Trabajo y Familia in, Mexico

THE MOVEMENT BLOOMS

2021 global milestones from our community.

Each of these milestones represent a step forward on the journey to dismantling abortion stigma. Behind each milestone are hundreds of days of committed, courageous work by countless advocates. Even though we know the struggle is far from over, we are honored to witness and nurture the radical efforts of local movements making inroads in building a world free of abortion stigma.



Read more about each milestone from our local members by clicking on the country name.

El Salvador

The Inter-American Court of Human Rights declares Manuela's innocence! This is a judgment of national and continental scope.

Argentina

The new Law of Voluntary Interruption of Pregnancy officially comes into effect country-wide

Benin

A new amendment brings a more liberal abortion law to Benin!

India

A new amendment to make Indian abortion laws safer and easier to access is passed.

Mexico

Abortion becomes legal in Oaxaca, Hidalgo, Veracruz, and Colima!

South Korea

Abortion is completely decriminalized in South Korea!

Peru

Grantee partner, Serena Morena, receives human rights award for their committed work in favor of abortion access.

Uganda

Case filed by inroads member CEHURD against the ban on Comprehensive Sexuality Education in Uganda is decided in their favor.

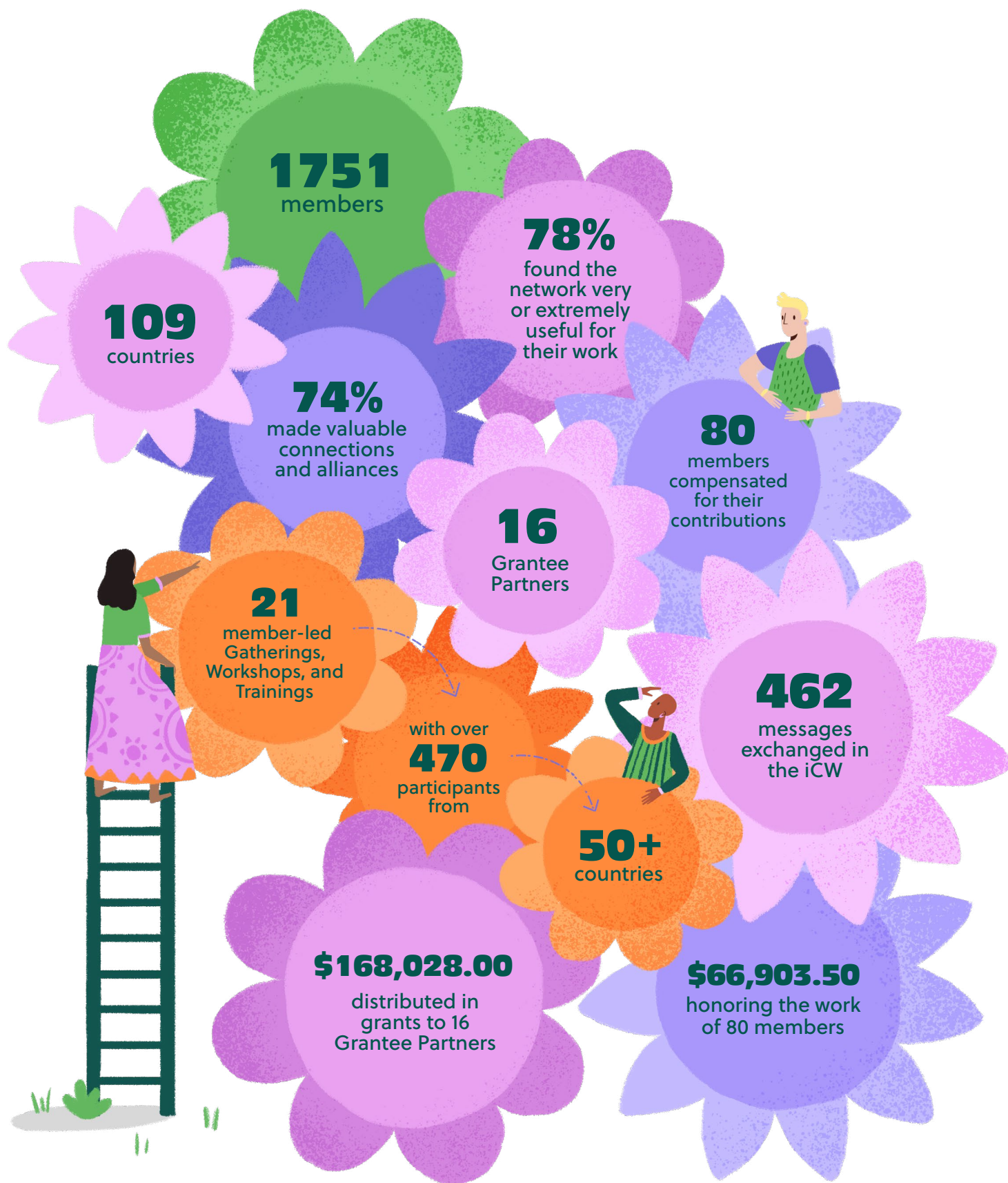
Thailand

Thailand's parliament votes, by a large majority, to pass a more liberal abortion law.

United States

Biden Administration Rescinds Global Gag Rule and the FDA removed restrictions to access abortion pills by post.

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2021 Financial overview

INCOME VS EXPENSES

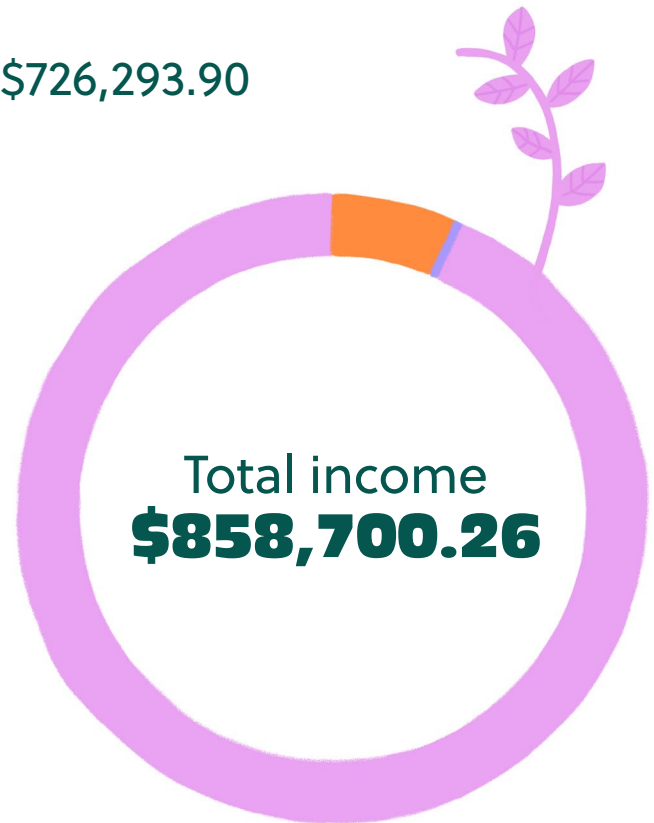
Income: \$858,700.26 / Expenses: \$726,293.90

INCOME

-  Earned Revenue: \$55,188.00
-  Institutional Grants: \$747,837.17
-  Individual Donors: \$487.09

Total income: \$858,700.26

To make the visual graphic of each investment, we used the total income as 100% reference.



EXPENSES

-  iPF Grants: \$168,421.17
-  Gathering Spaces: \$89,382.90
-  Amplify: \$57,013.02
-  Member Support: \$101,089.70
-  Research & Innovation: \$6,967.00
-  Organizational Health: \$123,969.90
-  Admin: \$126,734.31
-  Resource Mobilization: \$52,715.90

Total expenses: \$726,293.90

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ALL THE POWERFUL WAYS YOU CAN SUPPORT AND HONOR THE MOVEMENT!



Join

If you are an individual or group working on abortion access and stigma reduction, apply to be part of a free global network that provides opportunities and resources to help learn, connect, collaborate, gather, and fund stigma-busting efforts worldwide.



Donate

Each donation allows us to nurture a network of over 1700 abortion advocates and community organizations working on busting abortion stigma in 109 countries.



Stay informed

Subscribe to our mailing list to receive stigma-busting updates every month!



Gift

Celebrate the people in your life donating to further reproductive rights efforts on their behalf.



Amplify

Share with anyone who might be interested in getting involved.

PARTNERS IN CHANGE

We are forever grateful for the vital support from fearless institutional and individual donors that support our mission.

Thanks to you, we are able to continue resourcing, connecting, and amplifying vital abortion stigma-busting efforts to create a happier, healthier, and more just world free of abortion stigma and discrimination.

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