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YEARS**

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ABORTION JUSTICE
WORLDWIDE

INROADS 2023 REPORT

Weaving Collective Power Across the Abortion Justice Ecosystem



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Foreword from our Leadership

2023 marked the beginning of the 10th year of weaving the network of inroads, bringing many colourful threads together, each one strengthening the fabric of the abortion justice ecosystem



Our warp: abortion rights, justice and community care workers, community, grassroots groups, organizations, alliances and more.

Our weft: gatherings, workshops, grants, strategies, campaigns, hope and solidarity and a commitment to a stigma-free universe!

This year the green threads came together in pañuelos that were waved during our Abortion Justice Circle for Latin America and Caribbean region, alongside multicolour threads for queer and abortion freedom, while the black and white threads in keffiyehs for

Palestine with our Spacious Solidarity Dialogue for RJ in the SWANA region. Just like the cover image of this report, the threads sowed many colourful seeds that bloomed with a multi-colour garden of [Bloom Grantee partners](#) and a fertile soil of [Body and Territory Fellows](#). And underground, the pedal of the weave was kept constant by a diverse team holding the everyday organization of the patchwork together, new partnerships and alliances interconnecting us more and more as well as a deep rooted foundation- holding us committed towards dismantling abortion stigma.

How is inroads, along with other communities of practice or intermediaries, uniquely interlacing and constructing a world without systems of oppression, beginning with stigma around abortions?

As a community funder, with a flexible and trust based grant making process, inroads lifts up, holds together and supports the hidden strings within our worlds. inroads constantly resources and supports individuals and groups that routinely get left out of mainstream frames and frameworks.

As a global feminist hub, with free and open membership as well as mutual learning, experience-honoring and accompanied processes, inroads allows each fiber or voice to speak for itself, lead the way and find a comfortable space and shape to sit in the textile. Members can spin the yarn, can weave the tapestry, or can observe the patterns and learn. There is no predesign, there is openness to let the patterns emerge!

As a narrative and culture change movement, with fellowships, campaigns and collective actions, inroads allows the spark, the fire to occasionally ignite and transform some parts of the material, cutting out the burns, and stitch up new, inclusive and non-stigmatizing stories and forms.

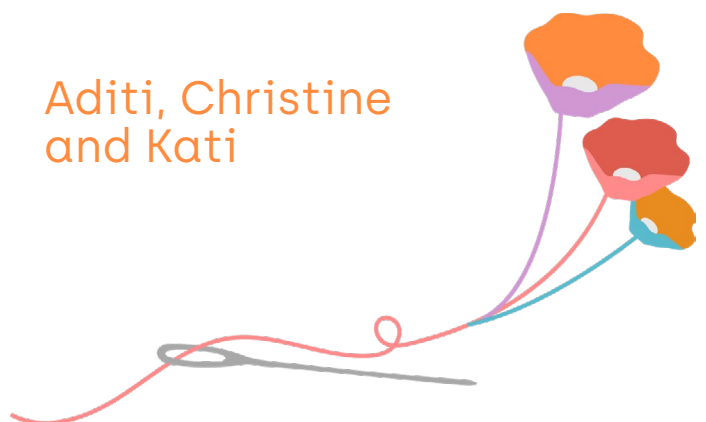
2023 came to a close with so much to be celebrated, yet so much to be

grieved and still so much more to be worked on! The work needed to transform our collective humanity and societies is compounded as seen with the genocide in Palestine, and the reproductive and social injustices in Sudan, Congo and so many more places in the world.

The close of the year also saw the beginnings of Katie Gillum transitioning out as Executive Director, and we write to you, Aditi Pinto, Christine Wambua and Kati LeTourneau as interim Co-leads taking the mission and vision of the organization forward in 2024.

Stepping into this role, we three, and the entire inroads team and Board, are committed to continue to strengthen the magical flying carpet of inroads. As weavers of the network, we will amplify and highlight the front face of the weave which has awe-inspiring designs, hues and shapes. But also we commit to revealing the back of the embroidery: the hidden and challenging, the finger prints and pin pricks, the imperfect yet rugged back and forth that this community constantly fights through- to transform simple threads into magical quilts, saris, pañuelos, rebozos, scarves and more!

Aditi, Christine
and Kati



Who We Are

inroads: the International Network for the Reduction of Abortion Discrimination and Stigma is a global network and community of practice dedicated to nurturing abortion justice movements leading transformative changes to dismantle abortion stigma and its discriminatory and harmful outcomes. We have been building collective power within the reproductive justice ecosystem for over 10 years. Our community is made up of abortion justice movement leaders, including activists, community workers, researchers, abortion providers, feminist funders, grassroots collectives, activists, feminist organizations, reproductive rights lawyers & journalists, policy-

shapers, and more. We are powering the diverse abortion justice movement needed to make long-lasting change worldwide!



[Learn more about our current strategic goals and the values that guide our work here.](#)



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. Our community is creating a future where we have the tools to transform systemic, legal, medical, and interpersonal levels of stigma so that **people can be free to access and experience abortion on their own terms.**

We ground our work in values of Community Care, Authentic Engagement, Fearless Passion, and Equity. Our community membership is free and open for people actively leading abortion justice efforts worldwide.

OUR MISSION

We build cross-movement collective power, provide flexible resources, and strengthen movements across the global abortion justice ecosystem to build a world where everyone is able to access their inherent right to stigma-free abortion care.

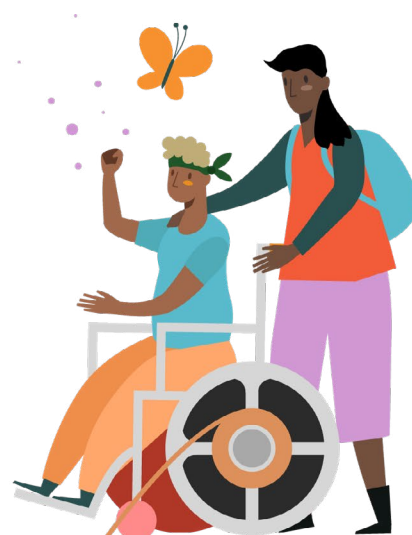


Our Approaches



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 shift narratives, challenge hierarchical power, and advocate for more and better resources for abortion stigma busting work and the reproductive justice movement.



Our Global Community

GLOBAL REACH

2612 Movement leaders from across the abortion justice ecosystem

124 Countries

CENTERING THE GLOBAL MAJORITY

Our resourcing prioritizes historically marginalized communities leading grassroots efforts that are usually excluded from traditional funding resources and are facing multiple injustices. Grantee partners listed here include 51 partners who were supported with urgent COVID response funds.

GLOBAL RESOURCING

161 Grantee Partners leading vital abortion stigma-busting efforts

47 Countries

70% of our community is from

80% of our staff is from

84% of our grantee partners are from

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We invite you to explore our groundbreaking journey of connecting, nurturing, and resourcing a global network of movement leaders driving stigma-busting change in abortion narratives, practices, and policies across the world.



2014 - 2015 | GLOBAL CHANGEMAKERS

285 members from 48 countries / 24 grantee partners

The inroads journey began when a number of organizations, academics, activists, and movement leaders centered around the need to tackle abortion stigma to achieve sustainable reproductive health and rights. During a convening at the Bellagio Center to address [abortion stigma](#), they decided on a collective plan for long-term movement collaboration.

This led to the official launch of inroads, the International Network for the Reduction of Abortion Discrimination and Stigma, in 2014, with the hiring of founding staff members and the formation of the Global Steering Committee, with the support of Ipas as host organization. Since its inception, inroads has established grants to resource stigma-busting efforts and innovative strategies in multiple countries, held in-person regional gatherings for mutual learning, and set up the inroads Collaboration Workspace (iCW), laying the foundation for a global network dedicated to dismantling abortion stigma. Membership from multidisciplinary changemakers within the reproductive health and rights ecosystem quickly grew, reflecting increasing recognition and support for this transformative mission.



BUILDING OUR COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT



[Latin America Summit on Abortion](#)

From early on, the inroads Collaboration Workspace served as a safe virtual space for movement-building and continuous solidarity and partnership across communities and movements. The first regional gathering, the Latin America Summit on Abortion Stigma, brought together transformative movement leaders from various areas of the ecosystem.



TRANSFORMATIVE PUBLICATION SPOTLIGHT



[Abortion Stigma and Quality Care Framework](#)

A powerful publication integrating a stigma lens to the WHO framework for quality abortion care was developed with inroads members from 16 countries, representing NGOs, community-based organizations, providers, activists, academics, and grassroots networks. This research was later presented at FIGO and served as a vital resource for further work on abortion stigma.

2016- 2017 | MOVEMENT BUILDERS

767 members from 77 countries / 51 grantee partners

We organized our inaugural in-person Global Member Gathering (iGMG) alongside additional regional spaces, weaving a powerful community of change-makers with collective stigma-busting strategies that strengthened abortion justice movements in every continent. We intentionally centered the experiences and leadership of the people who have abortions and

collectives at the frontline of abortion work, becoming a cornerstone of our movement-building work. Key research was published to foster a stigma-busting lens on abortion narratives and practices, our grant programs were expanded to reach collectives, and our virtual mutual learning resources and spaces were powered.



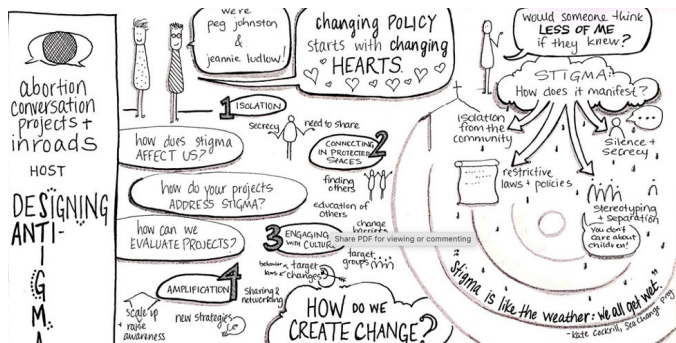
ABORTION RIGHTS CAMPAIGN SPOTLIGHT



[Abortion Rights Campaign](#)

Ireland is a key leader in the movement to dismantle barriers for abortion rights in Ireland, which led to the full decriminalization of abortion in 2018. With an inroads grant in 2015, they were able to organize activist trainings and produce vital advocacy tools to further their movement.

We are proud to have supported the vital work of these and many other abortion justice collectives from early on and to count on their wisdom as active community members and leaders in multiple community gatherings, capacity-building sessions, workshops, and more. [Learn more.](#)

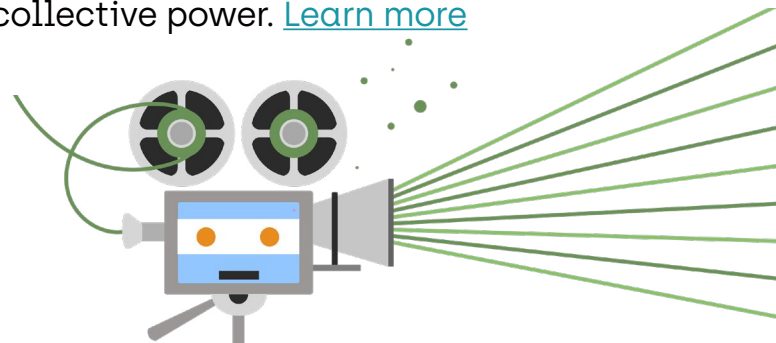


MOVEMENT LEADER & GRANTEE PARTNERS SPOTLIGHT



[Católicas por el Derecho a Decidir – Argentina](#)

Is one of the pioneering organizations within the Green Wave movement to decriminalize and destigmatize abortion in Argentina, which led to the legalization of abortion in 2020. With an inroads grant in 2016, they developed narrative change short films that reached over 60K people and strengthened their movement's collective power. [Learn more](#)



SESSION SUMMARY SPOTLIGHT

Spaces for mutual learning and strategizing are part of our vital and regular work to ensure pollination and cross-collaboration to strengthen our movements.

2018- 2019 | TRANSFORMATION DRIVERS

1330 members from 101 countries/ 83 grantee partners

In our community, change-makers found increasing transformational community support to shift abortion narratives, policies, and practices in every continent! We solidified and expanded our organizational team and developed infrastructure for long-term sustainability. We also launched new rounds of funding for movement solidarity and power, hosted in-person gatherings for regional movement-building in multiple spaces, and held multiple virtual capacity-building, narrative change, and mutual learning spaces with movement leaders worldwide.

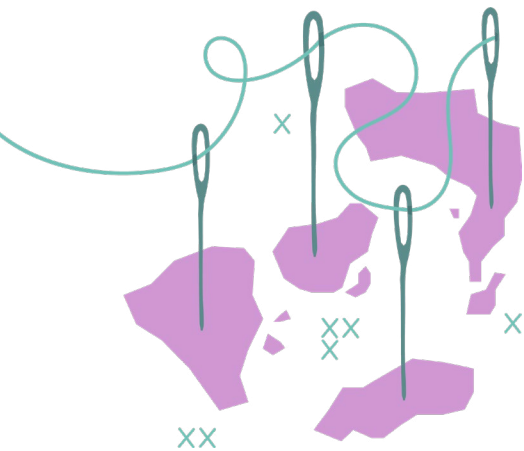
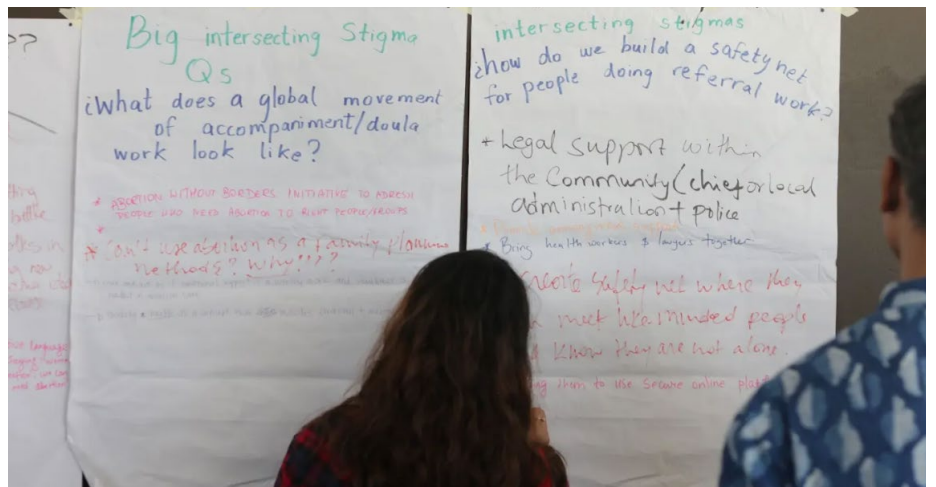


INROADS GATHERINGS: WEAVING CROSS - MOVEMENT POWER FOR OVER 10 YEARS

With 61 participants from 30 countries around the world, the first-ever [inroads Global Member Gatherings](#) took place in Bangkok in 2016. Since our creation, we have hosted 13 in-person Global Gatherings and Regional Gatherings in Latin America, Africa, and Asia, bringing together hundreds of movement leaders from 72 countries. By nearly every measure—age, race, geography, gender, technical experience, religion, sector of work—inroads gathering are bursting with complementary experiences and needs. Each space is intentionally crafted to ensure diversity, authentic accessibility for grassroots collectives and leaders, nurturing co-created agendas, and safe and brave spaces to further cross-movement learning, collaboration, strategizing, and community care.



Our gatherings were often described as incredibly powerful and caring abortion justice bootcamps. At the end of each gathering, diverse movement leaders expressed feeling better equipped, connected, emboldened, and energized to further their transformative work for abortion justice!

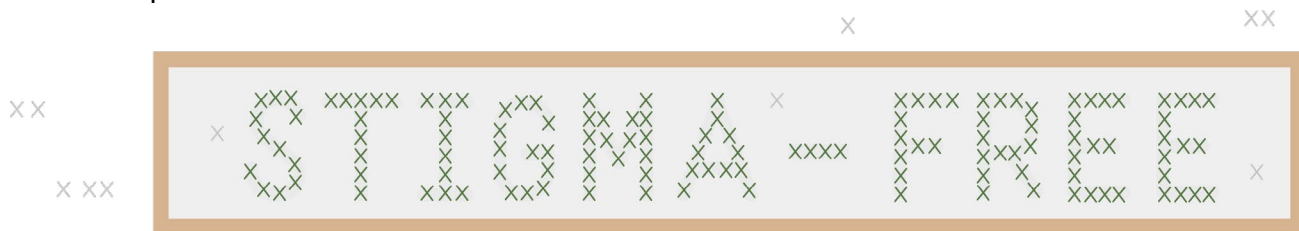


2018 - 2020 | GRANTEE PARTNER SPOTLIGHT



POLAND

Kobiety w Sieci & Abortion Dream Team, a pioneer coalition leading the movement for abortion rights in Poland with powerful accompaniment networks and fierce narrative change and advocacy work. Their contributions have been crucial to catalyze the current mass support for stigma-free abortions in Poland. We are proud to have supported their fearless work when other funders considered it too risky to resource, and to count their leadership and wisdom in our community gatherings, workshops, courses, and more. [Learn more.](#)



2019- 2020 | A MOVEMENT POWERHOUSE

1751 members from 109 countries/ 147 grantee partners

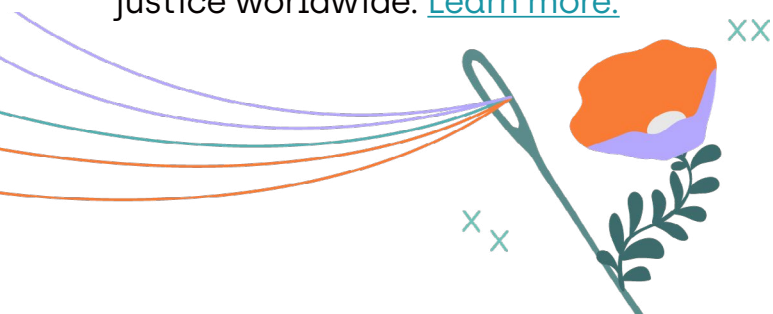
**Including COVID-19 support grantee partners*

This period saw our transformation into an independent, robust, movement-led organization grounded in feminist values of community care, strengthening our infrastructure, and increasing our capacity to nurture the power of movements at a global scale. We held our most recent Global Gathering with 122 movement leaders and launched a responsive funding stream to support the resilience of 51 abortion justice collectives navigating the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic. Our work and reach expanded significantly, hosting capacity-building and cross-movement collective power spaces and cohorts to power abortion stigma-busting worldwide.



STRATEGIC PLAN 2020 - 2025

After processes of intentional reflection and collaboration based on learnings from our regular [community evaluations](#), inroads developed a powerful 2021-2025 strategic plan rooted in the wisdom, growth, and evolution of the practices and leadership of the people powering movements for stigma-busting abortion justice worldwide. [Learn more.](#)



2022-2023 | ABORTION JUSTICE CROSS-MOVEMENT AMPLIFIERS

2612 members from 123 countries/ 161 grantee partners

**Including COVID-19 support grantee partners*

Our community of change-makers is leading transformative abortion justice and solidarity movements in 123 countries. We strengthened our capacity and spaces to support intersectional collaboration and amplify their vital work and impact, providing more robust spaces for mutual learning and narrative change within fellowships. We also evolved our funding to better power the transformational work of abortion



COVID - 19 RESPONSIVE FUNDING FOR COLLECTIVES

Listening to the needs of our community, inroads shifted resources to support abortion justice work led by vulnerable groups impacted by the pandemic. We held an urgent response funding cycle that contributed to continuing the work of 51 collectives around the world. [Learn more.](#)

Women Spaces Africa was one of the collectives that were able to better respond to the pandemic challenges with inroads' responsive funding.

justice collectives worldwide. We held a regional gathering bringing together 75 movement leaders from 21 countries of Latin American and the Caribbean, amplified vital resources, strengthened coalitions, and launched collective advocacy efforts that reached over 1.7 million people, reinforcing our commitment to intersectionality and long-term movement sustainability.



CROSS - MOVEMENT SOLIDARITY SPOTLIGHT

The inroads Queer Abortions Festival was a 5 day virtual festival led by grassroots leaders centering the voices of LGBTQIA+ members to gather and engage with questions, reflective activities, and practices that bust abortion stigma for our queer communities. [Learn more.](#)



ARTISTS BUSTING ABORTION STIGMA FELLOWSHIP SPOTLIGHT

A mutual learning program by and for transformative artists from different regions to support and advance the work of 19 fellows using their diverse artistic talents to propel destigmatizing narratives for cultural change. [Learn more.](#)

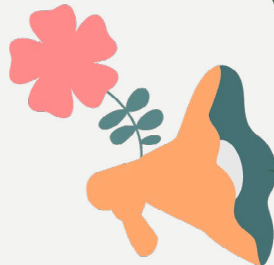
As we celebrate a decade of joint achievements, we recognize that our work is far from over, but our collective power and determination are stronger than ever!

Together, we will continue to resource and build bridges of solidarity and collective power to transform abortion narratives, practices, and movements until everyone is free to access their fundamental right to stigma-free abortion healthcare worldwide.

We are honored to be on this path with you, our community, as we embark on the next decade of our collective abortion justice journey.

inroads' Pathways to Change



	RESOURCE COMMUNITIES	BUILD SOLIDARITY & COLLECTIVE POWER	AMPLIFY CHANGEMAKERS & MOVEMENTS	SHIFT POWER & NARRATIVES
INROADS	PROVIDES flexible funding that supports local, regional, and global abortion stigma-busting work and the reproductive justice movement through a participatory and community-centric grantmaking model.	CO-CREATES and supports abortion justice changemaker gatherings and community spaces for mutual learning, collaboration, collective strategizing, reflection, healing, joy, and community care, across territories, communities, topics, disciplines, and fields.	AMPLIFIES the dreams, visions, efforts, leadership, and transformative voices of our abortion stigma-busting community. 	LEADS AND SUPPORTS efforts that shift and destigmatize narratives about abortion, challenge hierarchical power, and advocate for more and better resources for abortion stigma busting work and the reproductive justice movements.
LEADING TO	More resilient and better equipped locally-led abortion justice collectives are driving vital destigmatizing change for stigma-free abortion access by leading innovations, strategies, and projects designed to transform how abortion is understood, talked about, provided, and accessed.	The people leading abortion justice movements are able to leverage intersectional collaboration to strengthen their expertise & capacities, develop collective strategies that support and complement each other's work and build collective solidarity & power, while cultivating joy & healing to care for themselves	Increased participation, awareness, and visibility of the stigma-free perspectives, experiences, and transformative leadership of front-line abortion justice changemakers at key decision-making, mutual learning, and narrative-building spaces and processes in the reproductive health and rights ecosystem, as well as other intersecting fields.	Increased resources and power for efforts that center the lived experiences and needs of people who have abortions, and for stigma-busting efforts who ground their work and processes in feminist, equitable, and care-centered practice.

inroads' Pathways to Change

	RESOURCE COMMUNITIES	BUILD SOLIDARITY & COLLECTIVE POWER	AMPLIFY CHANGEMAKERS & MOVEMENTS	SHIFT POWER & NARRATIVES
SO THAT	Movements are stronger, better resourced, and more able to transform abortion narratives and practices in their context and environment. 	Movements and the people that drive them are more resilient, safer, better connected, and well equipped to continue to lead their vital work towards reproductive justice & counter opposition forces more effectively with their collective power and solidarity. 	Movements, funders, influential spaces, and policymakers are able to better allocate resources and make decisions that center the experiences, needs, and expertise of people who have abortions, and drive abortion justice efforts that dismantle abortion stigma in their communities. 	Abortion is understood as a common and normal part of reproductive journeys and treated accordingly in media discourse, communities, policies, practices, and health systems. 
TO BUILD	A world where people are free and able to access their inherent reproductive right to abortion care on their own terms. Where abortion care is centered around the needs, experiences, leadership, and requirements of those who have them.			



Resourcing the Movements

PARTICIPATORY GRANTMAKING

Since 2014, inroads has devoted \$1,027,118.15 USD to support 161 stigma-busting community organizations in 47 countries. As a movement-led and movement-accountable organization, our resourcing is rooted in the needs and experiences of the people and collectives leading intersectional abortion justice movements worldwide. inroads' flexible and participatory funding for stigma-busting abortion work is centered on breaking the many layers of stigma surrounding abortion justice work. In a world impacted by stigma at every level, our funding opportunities for abortion movements can be extremely rare, even unique. As such, we honor the many grassroots collectives we are in touch with for much needed funding and support.

"[We need] support for protecting abortion stigma busters who get threatened, harmed, or illegally arrested in difficult advocacy contexts."

INROADS MEMBER FROM GHANA

"We urgently need funding, but it is really complex for us to obtain resourcing for our type of work."

INROADS MEMBER FROM VENEZUELA

"inroads has been exceptional[ly] awesome. Very considerate of individual organizations, [they] always ensured the whole process of funding was not complicated to follow. inroads makes you feel you are home away from home, in the comfort of a network that has your back."

INROADS MEMBER AND GRANTEE PARTNERS FROM ZAMBIA



Due to our community ties with the movement and our participatory and trust-based approach, we are proud to often be the first to grant resources to many powerful abortion grassroots collectives and to back innovative stigma-busting projects that other organizations might consider to be too risky to support.

With inroads' initial funding, many of our grantee partners are able to grow, build their capacity, and evolve. Becoming leaders in their community has a proven and powerful ripple effect that transforms abortion narratives, realities, and policies.

"We would have never been able to bring this strategy to our country if it hadn't been for the inroads grant. Nor would we have been able to analyze our work through data analysis had it not been for inroads' support and accompaniment. However, equally important was our integration into a wider, international stigma-busting community. This greatly impacted our organization by improving our understanding of the global battle to fight stigma and making us feel part of a global community."

**INROADS MEMBER AND GRANTEE
PARTNERS FROM MEXICO**

"We felt grateful working with inroads in that the process was open and there was communication and mentorship throughout the grant implementation period, including participating in learning spaces, grantee support meetings, and receiving recommendations. inroads has been flexible and considerate during challenging times."

**INROADS MEMBER AND GRANTEE
PARTNERS FROM KENYA**



[Learn about
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participatory
grantmaking
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Resourcing the Movements in 2023

PARTICIPATORY GRANTMAKING - 2023 BLOOM GRANTS

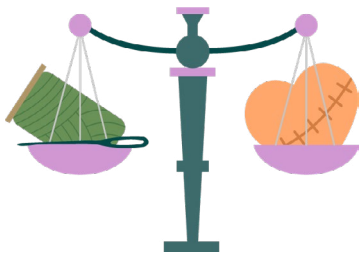
In our 2023 grant cycle, we received over 180 proposals and were able to distribute funding to resource the following grassroots groups across the globe. These resources are enabling grassroots organizations and collectives worldwide to further stigma-busting abortion justice through diverse, community-focused initiatives.



[Learn more about 2023-24 Grantee Partners!](#)

Unfortunately, we were only able to fund a small percentage of the projects proposed, despite receiving many strong applications. We remain committed to mobilizing resources to support the transformative abortion justice work that inroads members are leading all over the world.

With this, we invite donors to abundantly support and nourish the abortion justice ecosystem!



MEXICO

Colectivo Algaraza conducts research on abortion & stigma in confinement (prison) contexts and creates guides for sexual and reproductive rights intersecting with restorative justice.



MALAWI

Zomba Centre for Creative Arts uses creative arts to challenge stigma around abortion and further reproductive rights.



EL SALVADOR

Colectiva Feminista Akelarre develops abortion justice training camps and guides to break abortion stigma.

COLOMBIA

Tamboras Insurrectas uses music, performance, and education to advocate for abortion rights and decriminalization



SRI LANKA

Youth Advocacy Network Sri Lanka fosters conversations and builds a network of young advocates for safe stigma-free abortion access.

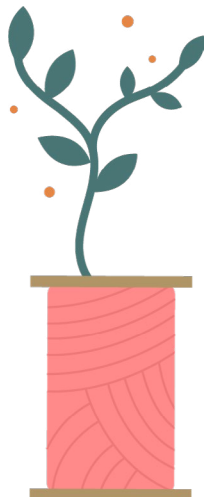
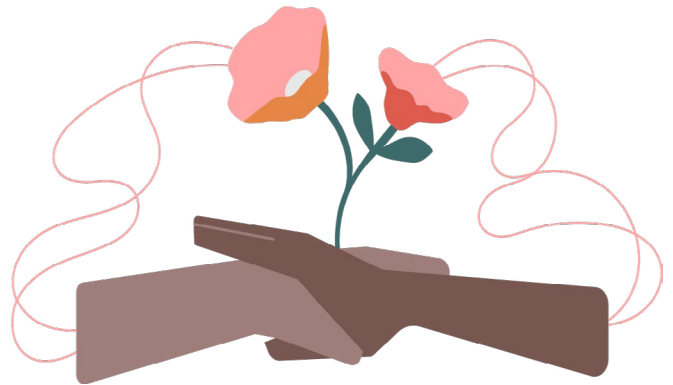


ANONYMIZED COUNTRY

In a country where abortion is highly restricted, a feminist collective runs a reproductive justice hotline providing 24/7 support for stigma-free and safe abortion support.

CÔTE D'IVOIRE

Côte d'Ivoire, Engage & Share surveys stigmatization factors and advocates for better post-abortion care.



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Weaving the Abortion Community Care Fund

In 2023, our team worked behind the scenes to evolve our funding mechanism to better support the community care needs of abortion justice movements.



Reflecting on years of learning, experiences, and inputs from our communities, and with a commitment to intersectionality and long term movement sustainability, we launched the [inroads Abortion Community Care Fund](#). Flexible funding that sustains our network's work, supports care and collective

power, sparks collaboration, and ensures our resistance and persistence amid threats, criminalization, and compounding crises. Our transformed resourcing model aims to support the global community of abortion justice movements with **three core funding streams:**



BLOOM

Funding the core and care needs of groups who do not ordinarily have access to mainstream sources of funding.

SUSTAIN AND RESPOND

Providing trauma-informed, holistic emergency support to abortion activists under threat and/or crisis.

COLLECTIVE POWER AND SOLIDARITY

Funding the joint efforts and strategies of two or more groups to leverage the collective power and solidarity of our movements.

RESOURCING PRINCIPLES

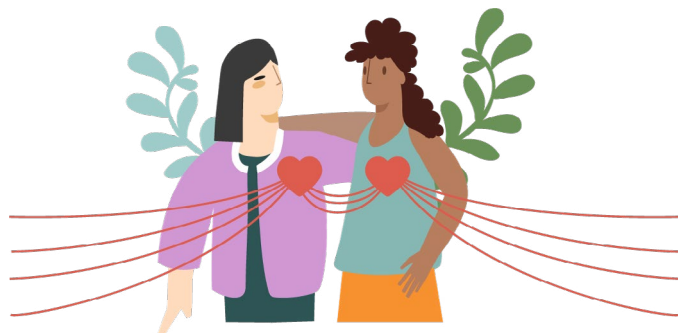
Grounded in feminist principles that deeply acknowledge our intersecting social identities, experiences, and struggles, our Resourcing Principles guide the grantmaking approaches of the Fund. *We know and feel that why we give is just as important as how and what we give:*



PARTICIPATORY



BEYOND ACCESSIBILITY



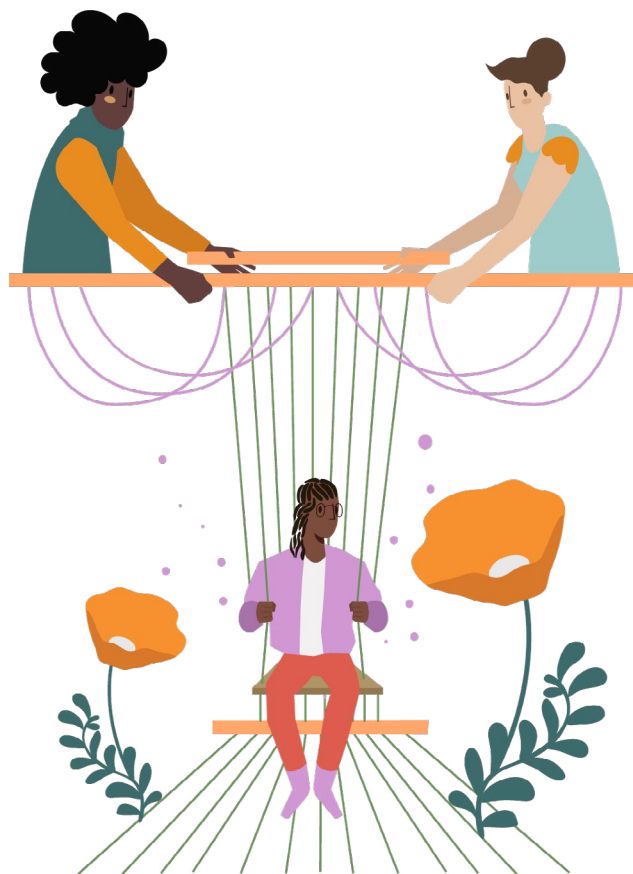
TRUSTING AND FLEXIBLE

ACCOMPANIMENT

We know that funding is critical but is only one component of supporting the abortion stigma-busting efforts of our community.

Committed to increasing support for more sustainability, in partnership with inroads' members, we co-create and support community accompaniment spaces for healing, mutual learning, sharing, reflection, joy, and accompaniment.

We do this work across territories and topics to build solidarity, foster collective power, and leverage stronger collaboration. [Learn more.](#)



ACCOMPANIMENT AND LEARNING

Resourcing the Change-Makers

Powering Abortion Justice

Resourcing the individual change-makers driving our abortion justice movements is not just important – it's urgent. Across the world, reproductive justice work is often undervalued and under-/uncompensated, disproportionately excluding and impacting the well-being and sustainability of social justice leaders from marginalized communities and the Global Majority.

inroads aims to shift power and practices across the traditional global development sector by actively fostering and compensating abortion justice change-makers' wisdom and contributions within our community and wider movement spaces that nurture the reproductive justice ecosystem.

Since we started this resourcing stream aimed at individual change-makers, inroads has allocated over \$100,000 USD to fund individual projects and contributions for over 140 movement leaders contributing to our strengthen the global ecosystem with their leadership and expertise.

Resourcing the Change-Makers Powering Abortion Justice is a funding stream we incorporate in the design of our members' capacity-building and collective power workshops, fellowships, cohorts, external sessions, and convenings, where we fund abortion justice leaders to be facilitators, advisors, trainers, stigma-busting resources curators, speakers, and care supporters.



Weaving Spaces for Collective Power, Mutual Learning, and Solidarity

INROADS LATIN AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN ABORTION JUSTICE CIRCLE: REGIONAL MEMBERS GATHERING 2023

In 2023, inroads held a Latin American and the Caribbean (LAC) regional gathering of inroads members. 62 abortion justice movement leaders from 21 countries, representing diverse organizations and collectives at the forefront of the abortion justice movements in the region, made up the powerful regional convening. Aligned with the values of inroads gatherings,

the event had a co-created agenda, ensuring that all participants played an active role in planning and guiding the discussions. This approach allowed for diverse perspectives and rich input from intersectional movement leaders from diverse socio-political, cultural, and linguistic contexts. All spaces included English and Spanish simultaneous interpretation.



NURTURING COLLECTIVE POWER

Building a deeper understanding of abortion realities across countries and emerging forms of stigma, identifying and recognizing both convergences and differences.

MUTUAL LEARNING

Highlighting and learning from regional stigma-busting practices that advance the social decriminalization of abortion in the region.

"My soul is grateful for each session and each activity because I feel like it was what my body and soul needed. I was able to exchange opinions, understand contexts, listen to fellow women and activists. We saw the situation in other countries beyond the tabloids, we were able to build solidarity and make connections to continue to support each other. This experience has been the best thing I have experienced in terms of advocacy for the autonomy of the bodies that I have participated in recent years. No doubt, every experience nourishes and sustains; it made a lasting impression and gave so much to talk and think about."

**ACTIVIST FROM
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC**

"The sessions were participatory in a way that felt organic, and I did not leave a single session feeling unattended or uncertain. I especially enjoyed the sessions about research methods and trans expressions. I left with material and embodied knowledge. I think that connecting with people who are committed to helping their communities find liberation helped me to have a renewed resolve on my own work. I was also very happy to learn that people felt supported by my session and that more people are considering how they would be supported as people who offer support."

ACTIVIST FROM JAMAICA

"It was wonderful to be able to meet people from all the contexts of Latin America and the Caribbean. But the most memorable thing for me was finding people from the same country that I didn't know and the networks that were created. A lot of learning, both emotionally and at the level of proposals, strategies, and knowledge."

ACTIVIST FROM MEXICO



STRATEGIZING FOR JUSTICE

Developing strategies for an intersectional and collective abortion justice movement, bridging language and cultural divides.

SOLIDARITY AND ALLIANCES

Strengthening solidarity and alliances across new geographies.

"I am still figuring out how to convey how important this experience was for me. At first, when the call came out and I signed up, I didn't imagine that the funding support opportunity was real. I was excited to feel that we could also be recognized in this activism, which is usually so lonely in contexts of criminalization. It was an experience of recognition and appreciation of this activism and this work that I [we] have been doing for years. I wanted you to know that it is my first time on a trip like this, with access, with care. I'm still excited."

ACTIVIST FROM BRAZIL

"Through these connections and experiences, I not only strengthened my understanding of regional challenges, but I also gained a lot of inspiration from the experiences and presentations of others. It was notable how inroads demonstrated a genuine interest in encouraging the inclusion of more people from the Caribbean region, which I consider an important step towards diversity and representation."

ACTIVIST FROM HONDURAS

"The main element that I highlight was the effort that inroads made for the representativeness of the region in this space. It is difficult for a small meeting to have that balance of representation that precisely allows us to understand the local contexts of each country with its opportunities and challenges. Furthermore, the presence of people of sexual and gender diversity added perspectives that we want to gain greater centrality from their own philosophy and in their role as safe abortion companions."

ACTIVIST FROM ARGENTINA

CARE AND JOY

Creating a communal space for collective care, celebration, and joy in our ongoing abortion justice efforts.

POWERFUL INCLUSIVE RESOURCING

Aligned with our values and commitment to mobilizing resources to support collectives and grassroots organizations leading abortion justice efforts – often with minimal or non-existent financial support, we allocated a significant portion of the budget to fund and support the travel and participation costs of the majority of

the gathering participants, investing \$62,128 USD to support 44 out of 62 participants. Funding needs were prioritized for folks attending such an international gathering for the first time, for groups at the frontlines of abortion justice work, and from regions or communities often invisible in this type of space. [Learn more.](#)



Weaving Transformative Narrative Change

BODY & TERRITORY: ABORTION JUSTICE FELLOWSHIP

Fellowships at inroads are a collective process that brings members together around a unique abortion stigma-busting theme that promotes intersectional and cross-movement collaboration and creation. Each year, 10 to 12 members are selected and resourced as inroads fellows who

participate in mutually-led fellowship circles and a creative process, as a part of engaging in intersectional stigma-busting and cross-movement exploration, centered around abortion justice and decolonial practices for our collective liberation.



Aligned with our goal of shifting power & narratives and resourcing the communities powering the abortion justice movement, inroads launched the [Body & Territory: Abortion Justice Fellowship](#) in 2023, a narrative change initiative that involved 11 fellows working at the forefront of abortion justice as it relates to body, territory, ownership, and autonomy.

We invite you to dive into the fellowship anthology – a transformative collection of narrative essays, resources, and research writing by inroads fellows that explore the intricate links between the body and territory as they experience them.

Weaving Change through our Movements

Collective Power

We are firm believers of the power of collective action across the reproductive ecosystem to reshape systems and narratives!

In 2023, we launched the convening of a [Global Day to Destigmatize Abortion on March 28](#), working with over 35 reproductive justice organizations across the globe! For the development of this initiative, co-convenors worked together for most of 2023 to develop a campaign to serve as a powerful organizing and advocacy tool for reproductive justice movements to collectively dismantle abortion stigma.

This global day of action unleashed the collective power of over 180 reproductive justice collectives that joined as campaign partners, and involved thousands of activists in amplifying stigma-free abortion narratives, disseminating stigma-busting resources & arts, sharing their abortion stories, and holding their own spaces to destigmatize abortions. Our preliminary communications report indicates this effort reached over 1.7 million people worldwide.

We held a Spacious Solidarity Dialogue centering Reproductive Justice in Palestine, Sudan, and Western Sahara. A vital learning and listening space for the inroads community to center the



people at the frontlines and hear from changemakers in the Palestinian, Sudanese, and Western Saharan struggle for reproductive justice, autonomy, and freedom free from oppression and violence.

We also co-convened the [International Safe Abortion Day Campaign](#), an effort that provided resources, toolkits, and increased collective power to mobilize communities and stakeholders around the world to demand safe abortion access for all. We are proud to have proposed and supported the development of 2023 year's framing theme on our Unstoppable Movement, alongside powerful allies, and to have contributed to accessibility across languages and movements.

Additionally, we joined the [Steering Committee of the Feminist Leadership Hub](#) hosted by One Future Collective and FAIR SHARE of Women Leaders. Zanda Desir, inroads Operations & Community Culture Coordinator, will bring inroads' abortion justice lens to strengthen this mutual effort.

Weaving our Collective Wisdom to Strengthen the Ecosystem

In 2023, we crafted vital publications to nurture and amplify our movements.

We produced [Building Spacious Solidarity Dialogues](#), an offering to share the journey and thought processes behind our unique Spacious Solidarity Dialogue series – Intentional gathering spaces for solidarity, healing, reflection, and connection that started during the COVID-19 pandemic and evolved into more complex mutual learning cohorts and multi-day thematic virtual gatherings for our inroads community.

We crafted [9 Insights to Convene Transformative International Gatherings for Movements](#), a resource for allies seeking to convene regional or global gatherings for social justice movements, with quotes and input from our latest regional gathering, the organizing team, and a participant evaluation survey.

We published [Our Collective Wisdom](#): A letter from the inroads community cohorts centering abortion justice intersections with disability justice, queer abortions, and self-managed abortions, and accompaniment. We hope this offering serves our growing community to reflect on how we can continue building an inclusive, equitable, fearless, and participatory stigma-busting abortion justice movement.

We published an [in-depth community evaluation](#) and feedback effort to better understand and reflect on our community impact, needs, strengths, and spaces for growth so that we can continue learning, evolving, and strengthening this international network in service of our powerful community.



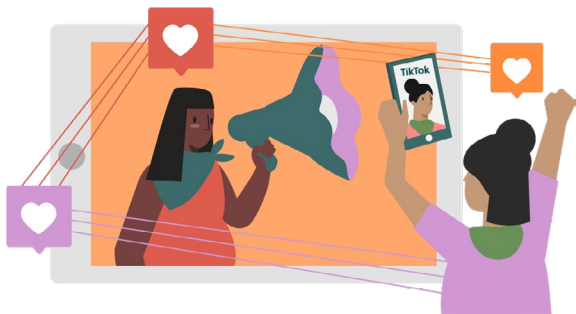
Additionally, our team has been immersed in a deep process to evaluate and reimagine equity & care compensation practices for global organizations with staff working in different countries – with unequal contexts & realities. Aligned with our strategic goal of building a flexible,

transparent, and values-driven organization, and with the support of consultants, we hope to share the learnings and outcomes of that endeavor in the future to support the mutual learning and pollination of equity practices across the field.

Shifting Power and Amplifying Stigma-Busting Voices

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, to shift narratives and power, and to mobilize resources for the abortion collectives at the frontlines.

RIGHTSCON | ABORTION JUSTICE: BUILDING A CREATIVE, SUPPORTIVE, AND SECURE ECOSYSTEM



A generative workshop that brought together abortion activists, digital rights activists, and feminist funders into an open and participatory dialogue to highlight the creative ways in which feminist social movements are centering holistic security and community care to protect our bodily autonomy. Co-organized with Numun Fund, Las Comadres, Body & Data, RESURJ, Rwanda Women Doctors for Repro Justice.

WOMEN DELIVER | RE-CENTERING THE MARGINS: ABORTIONS AND INTERSECTIONALITY



A powerful session at Women Deliver 2023 centering on creating an inclusive and intersectional global abortion movements that re-center the margins, in order to continue weaving a collective narrative of intersectionality in the pursuit of reproductive justice for all.

Co-organized with EngenderHealth, Women Spaces Africa, WE-Change Jamaica, SOS Jeunesse et Défis Burkina Faso.

Strengthening Cross-Movement Solidarity and Connection

Facilitating the pollination of the abortion ecosystem with stigma-busting resources, tools, and information to facilitate cross-movement solidarity, skill-sharing, and mutual learning is at the core of our work. In 2023, the inroads team centered the following efforts to achieve that goal.



Throughout the year, inroads amplified and added [213](#) new stigma-busting resources, publications, and tools to the [inroads community library](#) and newsletter.

Our [interactive online Community Workspace](#) serves as a dynamic virtual safe space for power building & solidarity among over 2500 members from more than 120 countries, with hundreds of messages, comments, and connections happening virtually each year.

Threads for more equitable resource distribution practices

ADDRESSING RESOURCE MOBILIZATION CHALLENGES

During 2023, inroads partnered with Women Spaces Africa for a coalition effort to address fundraising challenges for grassroots abortion justice resourcing, and to strengthen organizational capacity of both communities to tackle complex requirements within the global human rights funders ecosystem.

We carried out research with 47 abortion movement leaders involved in fundraising for their collectives. From this exploration, a clear reality emerged: Most community abortion

justice groups receive very limited funding, most of which is restricted project-based grants that do not foster their overall sustainability. They rely mostly on volunteer work and in-kind material donations to sustain their work.

The insights from this research allow to better understand our movement's challenges in mobilizing resources and clear opportunities to improve resourcing practices.

[Find top line summary here.](#)

TRANSFORMING EQUITY & CARE PRACTICES

Aligned with our strategic goal of building a flexible, transparent, and values-driven organization, during 2023 our team has been immersed in a deep process to evaluate and reimagine equity & care compensation practices for global organizations – with unequal contexts & realities.

We have been working with allies in the compensation practices space to create an equitable framework to ensure we are intentionally shift power within our organizations, and to share learnings and outcomes that we hope will support the pollination guiding practices to ensure community care and equity across the field. This work was possible thanks to an Organizational Effectiveness Grant from the David and Lucile Packard Foundation



The year in numbers

Regional Abortion
Justice Gathering
with

75

in-person
participants from

21

countries

2612

members

124

countries

Narrative
Change
Fellowship with

11

movement
leaders

105

cross-movement
dialogues in the
inroads
community
workspace.

7

Grantee
Partners

281

stigma-busting
resources added
to the inroads
community
library

100+

funding, learning,
and paid job
opportunities
shared to the
community

**\$30,200
USD**

distributed to
Grantee Partners
in 7 countries.

**\$20,453
USD**

to resource 34
movement leaders'
contributions to the
community

**\$13,450
USD**

to support
stigma-busting and
culture transforming
projects



The year in numbers

2023 FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

INCOME VS EXPENSES

Income: **\$1,269,433**

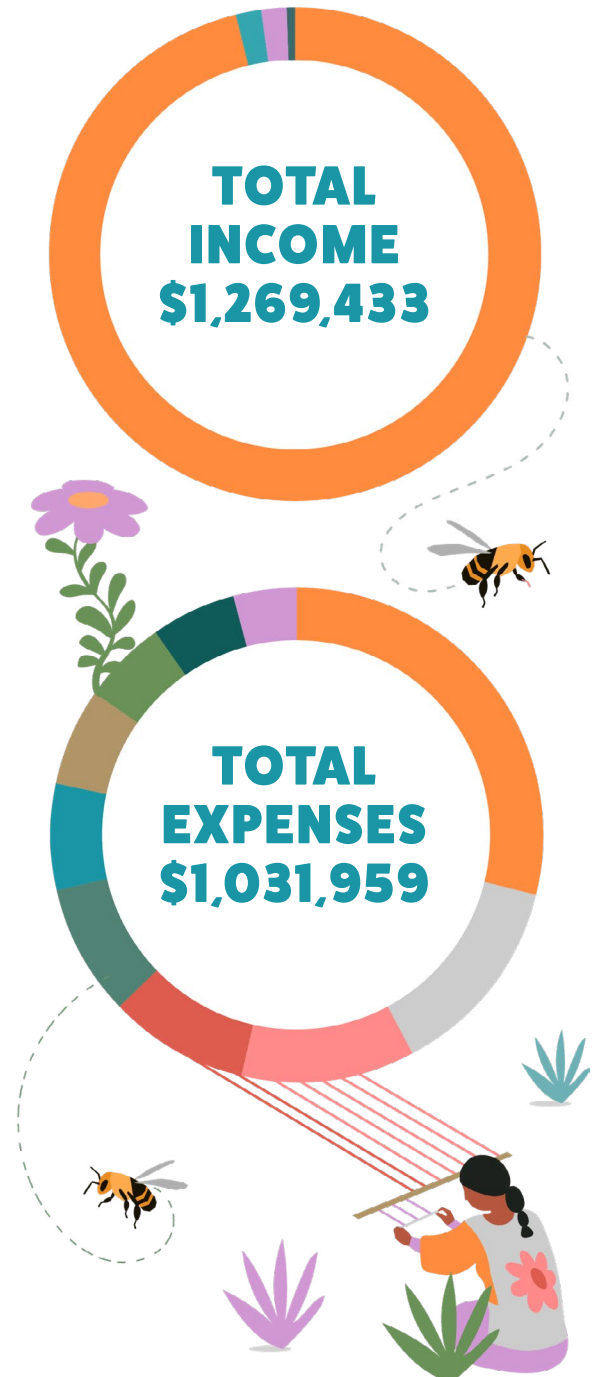
Expenses: **\$1,031,959**

INCOME & RESERVES

	Institutional Grants	\$1,261,390
	Individual Contributions	\$924
	Conference Registration	\$3,750
	Other revenue	\$3,369

INVESTMENT BY CATEGORY

	Grantmaking	\$57,171.87
	Community Learning & Training Spaces	\$135,658
	Amplify Events & Campaigns	\$95,068.46
	Community Resourcing	\$72,581.04
	Research & Innovation	\$118,005.60
	Organizational Health	\$298,793
	Organization Effectiveness	\$57,814
	Admin	\$64,157.84
	Resource Mobilization	\$41,562.75
	In-person Regional Gathering	\$87,395

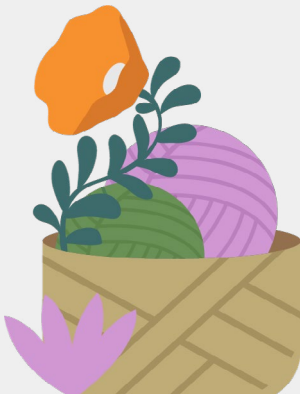


All the powerful ways you can support and honor the movement!



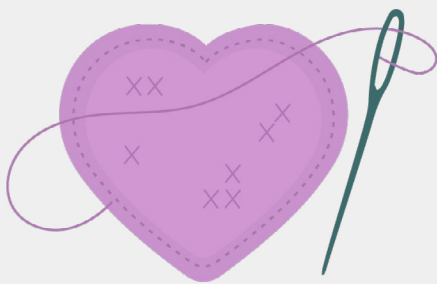
JOIN

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.



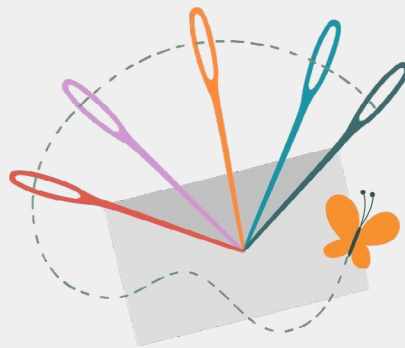
DONATE

Every donation allows us to nurture a network of over 2500 abortion justice movement leaders and collectives driving transformation 120+ countries.



GIFT

Celebrate the people in your life donating to further abortion justice on their behalf.



STAY CONNECTED

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

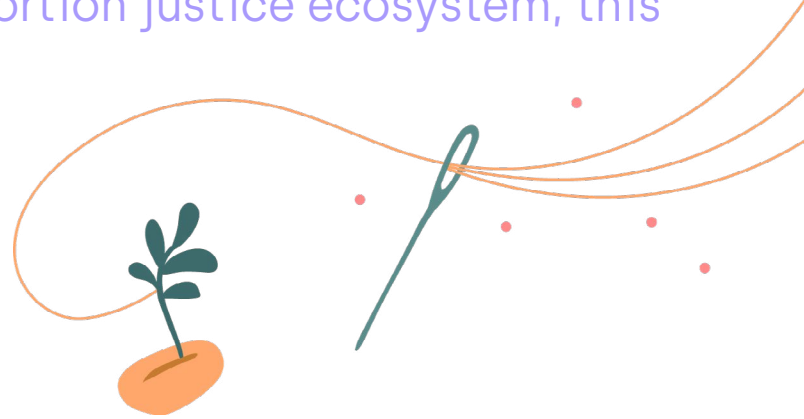


AMPLIFY

Share with anyone who might be interested in getting involved.

Gratitude

Building collective power to dismantle abortion stigma is at the core of our work. Thanks to the partnership of members and allies from the feminist abortion justice ecosystem, this is possible.



INROADS COMMUNITY MEMBERS

To every one of our 2612 members leading efforts to weave together a world where everyone is able to access their fundamental human right to stigma-free abortion care. Thank for generously sharing your wisdom and fearless passion with others in the global movement. You make this network the powerful, transformative, and caring abortion justice community that it is today.

GRANTEE PARTNERS | 2022-23 & 2023-24

- Abortion Support South Africa
- Abortion, with Love
- ACCEDER, La Sala
- ASSOCIATION S.O.S FEMMES DU CONGO
- Colectiva Feminista Akelarre
- Colectivo Algaraza
- Engage & Share | Faldas-r
- Hashiya Socio-Legal Centre for Women Health Rights and HIV [CYSRA-Uganda]
- MEDIA, HEALTH, and RIGHTS INITIATIVE of NIGERIA- MHR
- Movimiento Feminista por la Accesibilidad Universal [FEMACU]
- Rwanda Youth Voice for Change
- Serena Morena Perú
- Shout Your Abortion
- Tamboras Insurrectas Colectiva Feminista
- Women on Web
- Youth Advocacy Network Sri Lanka
- Zomba Centre for Creative Arts

LATIN AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN ABORTION JUSTICE CIRCLE

inroads gatherings are powerful spaces for collective power and solidarity due to the active co-facilitation and wisdom-sharing of our community of changemakers.

Organizations in this space include:

- AbortionData
- Agrupación Ciudadana por la Despenalización del aborto
- Asociación Ciudadana ACCEDER, ADEM y Campaña Nacional por el Derecho al Aborto Legal, Seguro y Gratuito
- Ayuda para abortar
- Colectiva BeRadFem Xela
- Colectiva La Caracola
- Coletiva Manacás- Universidade
- Federal de São Paulo
- Di RAMONA A.C.
- Faldas R
- Fòs Feminista
- Frente Catarinense pela legalização do aborto
- Fundación Ayllu Familias
- Transmasculinas
- Fundación Mujeres por Mujeres
- Hesperian Guías de Salud
- Ibis Reproductive Health
- Ibrat [Instituto brasileiro de transmasculinidades]
- IPPF Américas y El Caribe
- Ipas
- Juntos!
- La Mesa por la vida y la salud de las mujeres
- Las kumpas
- Las Parceras - Red Feminista de Acompañantes de abortos
- Libres - Organización Lesbofeminista
- Marea Verde Totonacapan
- Mujeres Tiempo de la Unión
- Red Asaleas
- Red Maule Sur
- Red por los derechos sexuales y reproductivos en México
- Reflexión y Acción Feminista safe2choose [Women First Digital]
- Serena Morena
- Sombrilla Centroamericana por los Derechos Sexuales y Derechos reproductivos
- Somos Jacarandas
- Surkuna Ecuador
- Tertulia feminista sur
- Todas Jervas
- Vecinas Feministas
- Vitala Global
- Voces de mujeres en acción
- We change - Jamaica
- WeTestify
- Women Help Women

GLOBAL DAY OF ACTION TO DESTIGMATIZE ABORTIONS

Co-convenors:

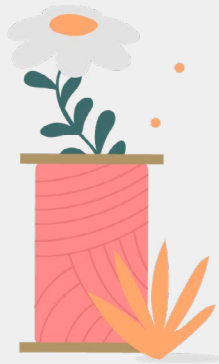
- Advocates for Youth
- Alliance for Choice
- Asia Safe Abortion Partnership
- Asian Pacific Resource and Research Centre for Women [ARROW]
- Balance Promoción para el Desarrollo y Juventud AC | Centro de Promoción y Defensa de los Derechos Sexuales y Reproductivos - Promsex
- Consorcio Latinoamericano Contra el Aborto Inseguro [CLACAI]
- Fondo de aborto para la justicia social MARIA
- FRIDA - The Young Feminist Fund
- Generation Initiative for Women and Youth Network[GIWYN]
- Hidden Pockets Collective
- inroads: The International Network for the Reduction of Abortion
- Discrimination and Stigma
- International Planned Parenthood Federation
- Ipas
- Las Comadres
- MAMA Network
- Medical Students for Choice
- MSI Reproductive Choices
- Onda Feminista
- PLAN C
- Purposeful
- Realizing Sexual and Reproductive Justice [RESURJ]
- Red Necesito Abortar
- RFSU
- Safe Abortion Action Fund [SAAF]
- Samsara
- Supporting Abortions for Everyone [SAFE]
- Surkuna
- The Abortion Diary Podcast
- Trust for Indigenous Culture and Health [TICAH]
- Vecinas Feministas por la Justicia Sexual y Reproductiva en America Latina
- We Testify
- Women Help Women
- Women on Web
- Women Spaces Africa
- Women's Global Network for Reproductive Rights [WGNRR]

ALLIANCES, NETWORKS, AND COALITIONS

- Alliance for Feminist Movements
- Global Safe Abortion Dialogues
- Friends of Prospera
- International Safe Abortion Day
- International Women's Health Day

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