



Paradox of Traditional Funding for Grassroots Organizations

- Short-term
- Generally directed to the strategic priorities of donors vs. that of indigenous peoples, (Increasingly govts.)
- Increasingly concentrated in a few "hot spots" vs. need
- Often requires that local organizations comply with western organizational models.
- Frames beneficiaries as the "object" and the NGO as the "subject".
- Organizational liability increases with greater size and decentralization. - a political
- Builds resource network around NGO and not the indigenous organization.



Models of NGO Expansion

- The Spider
 - Centralized leadership and control
- The Chapter
 - Semi-autonomous with shared organizational identity
- The Affiliate
 - Autonomous "affiliates" with unique organizational identity.



Village Earth Alliance Model

- Long-term fiscal sponsorship
- Built on relationship of trust, respect, reciprocity.
- Recognize local/indigenous forms of organization
- Non-exclusive relationship
- Encourages autonomy of organizations
- Builds identity and support network around grassroots organizations not INGO. -



MODEL B: Local NGO Capacity Building Program

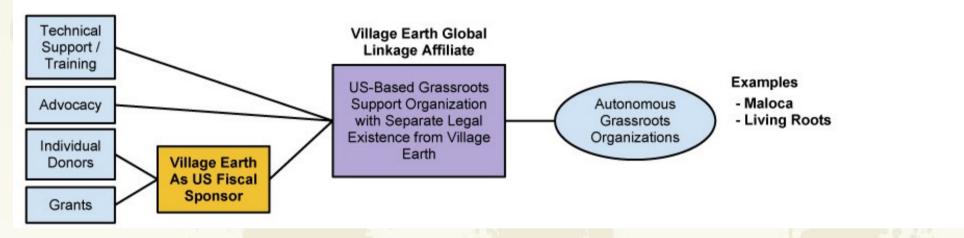
Model B is ideally suited for new or established NGO's in the Global South who are supporting grassroots initiatives. Model B creates direct linkage to resources in the Global North, allowing them to circumvent the traditional aid system which is often tied to other, often contradictory, policy or programmatic objectives of donors.





MODEL A: Global Linkages Program

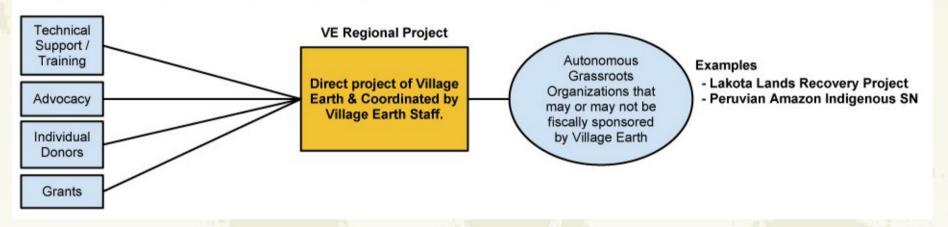
Model A is ideally suited for US-based individuals and organizations who are serving as international allies to grassroots organizations around the globe. It recognizes that these relationships can be vital for connecting grassroots organizations to resources and information in the Global North while connecting individuals and policy makers in the Global North to the ideas and perspectives of the Global South.





MODEL C: Regional Mobilization Initatives

Model C initiatives are carried out by Village Earth staff to mobilize autonomous grassroots initiatives and organizations across an entire region. The core focus is to mobilize grassroots leadership from the bottom-up, creating a critical mass of leadership and relationships necessary for systematic change. Grassroots organizations may eventually develop into a Model A or B relationship.





Current Affiliates

- Buffalo Hump Sanctuary Pine Ridge
- Earth Tipi Pine Ridge
- Empowering Youth Camoboda
- Jenzera Colombia
- Knife Chief Buffalo Nation Pine Ridge
- Lakota Buffalo Caretakers Cooperative Pine Ridge
- Lakota Lands Recovery Project Pine Ridge
- Living Roots Baja Mexico
- Maloca Ecuadorian Amazon
- Peruvian Amazon Indigenous Support Network
- Sarada Group of Development Initiatives India
- Village Care Initiatives Sierra Leone
- Wounded Knee Tiyospaye Project



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We are a growing network of organizations and people all working together to support marginalized communities to have greater control over the decisions and resources that shape their lives.

- By supporting grassroots organizations in places like the Peruvian Amazon, Cambodia, and the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota.
- By providing training to individuals and organizations that work with the grassroots.
- By providing technical support, information, and resources needed by grassroots organizations to develop and carry-out their own strategies for social
- By building international networks of allies and resources in support of marginalized communities.

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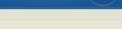
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This program is presented through <u>Village Earth</u> and uses a multisector, participatory approach that focuses on empowerment of people as both the ends and means of a sustainable development process. Rather than teaching prescriptive solutions to community problems, we provide you with the tools to use the community's input and vision to create options and solutions that truly meet community needs.

The courses use the flexibility of online delivery to help you learn through case studies, exercises, and group discussions, providing a complete learning environment. You will learn from, and share experiences with, practitioners working in the field in such diverse places as India, Nepal, Peru, and the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota. These courses give experienced practitioners a fresh perspective and provide novices and volunteers the training they need to be successful working in the field of development.

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