



THE GLOBAL RESPONSE FUND

Supporting Fellows' Efforts to Address the COVID-19 Crisis



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As the COVID-19 pandemic brought the world to a halt in late March, the McNulty Foundation, in partnership with the [Aspen Global Leadership Network \(AGLN\)](#), launched a rapid response fund to support critical response efforts around the globe to address emerging needs in disproportionately affected communities.

68 projects, all led in some way by Fellows of the AGLN, have been awarded a total of over \$550,000 for their work directly supporting vulnerable communities in over 20 countries. **We invite you to learn more about the Global Response Fund grants below.**

We have been humbled and inspired by these leaders and their communities, and by the range and depth of their ongoing efforts to alleviate suffering and build a more resilient future.

Because of the enormous need, funds have been focused on supporting immediate and direct responses to the COVID-19 crisis. In addition to this criteria, these grants were grounded in the Foundation's key principles: prioritizing organizations where our level of support can make a meaningful difference, efforts that are guided or led in some way by the community they intend to serve, and efforts that uphold a commitment to equity.

As the crisis evolves, we are continually seeking the best ways to amplify and support our partners' work as they move through different stages of this crisis, including rebuilding and long-term resiliency. **We recognize the critical nature of these ongoing efforts, and the need to continue supporting bold and courageous leadership during this time.**

In partnership,
The McNulty Foundation Team

“UNCOMMON TIMES CALL FOR AN UNCOMMON WISDOM TO IDENTIFY UNCOMMON WAYS TO ACHIEVE SOMETHING TOGETHER WE COULD NEVER ACHIEVE ALONE.”

- JOHN DAMON, CEO, Canopy Children's Solutions

GLOBAL RESPONSE FUND: BY THE NUMBERS

\$552,500 deployed

68 organizations/projects supported

Reaching communities in over **20** countries

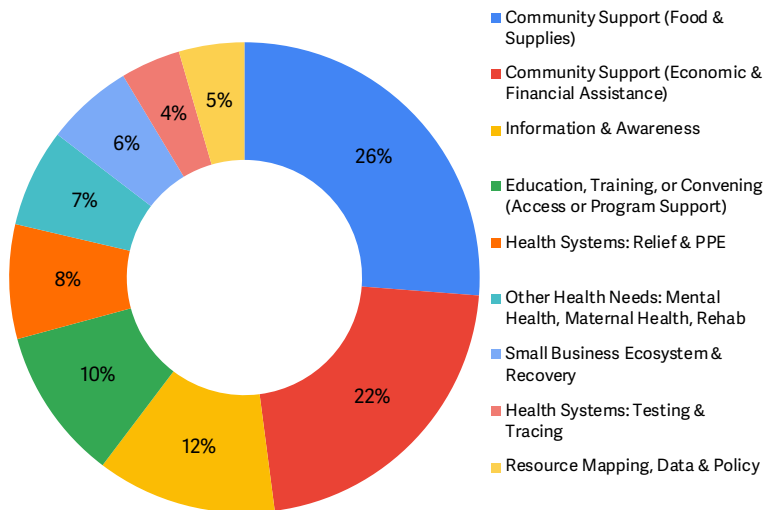
Median of **7** business days from date of application to Foundation grant payment*

Median of **1** day between receipt of payment instructions and Foundation grant transfer*

*For US-based 501c3 recipients

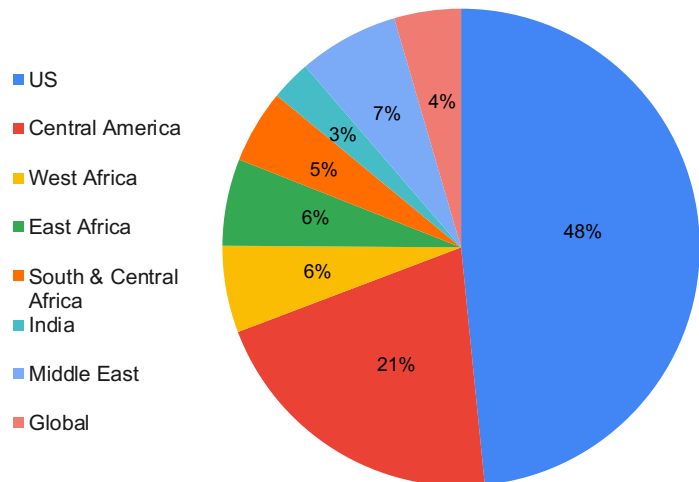
ISSUE AREAS

- All 68 projects serve vulnerable communities or resource-poor health systems, varying in the needs and issues they address.
- About half focus on providing essential supplies and assistance to struggling communities, whether through food, medicine, hygiene kits, or economic and financial support.
- Others are assisting in the direct public health fight against COVID-19, whether by spreading awareness and combating misinformation about the virus and healthy behaviors, filling the gaps in PPE, testing and contact tracing, or addressing the unique challenges in fields like mental health, rehab, and maternal health and delivery during a pandemic.



GEOGRAPHY

- In line with the global nature of the AGLN Fellowship, the work supported spans over 20 countries.
- These needs varied widely across Fellowships and regions, depending on factors such as when the disease emerged locally, and the level of support (or lack thereof) from relevant government agencies.

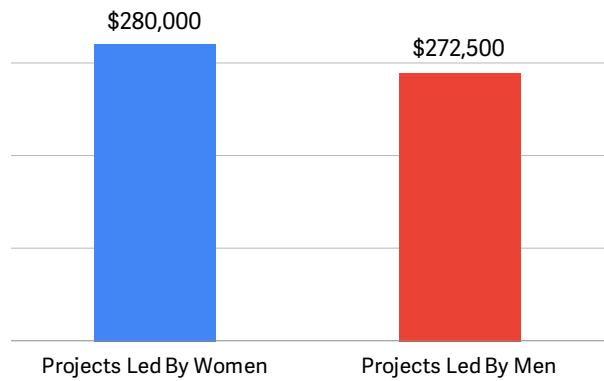


COMMUNITIES

- Fellows' organizations serve a multitude of communities disproportionately experiencing the negative effects of the pandemic on their health and livelihoods. In many cases, national responses tend to reinforce existing disparities, allocating more resources to those with the most access to capital and resources. We and our partners consciously prioritized filling in gaps.
- Nearly half of the projects are in the U.S., and support primarily low-income students and families, immigrants, communities of color, and small businesses owned by women or people of color.
- Around the globe, Fellows' efforts provide support to struggling families as jobs are lost, expand connectivity and digital resources for students and children with disabilities, assist the elderly and immunocompromised so they can stay safe at home, and provide supplies to migrant workers, smallholder farmers, refugees and communities in ongoing conflict. The efforts are as varied as the Fellows and their communities.

THE FELLOWS

- Out of 78 applications received in about six weeks, 87% were eligible and received funds. See below for a snapshot of their efforts, and a full list of recipients.



“THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC REPRESENTS A UNIQUE MOMENT IN HISTORY TO REDESIGN A MORE EQUITABLE SOCIETY. WE MUST ALL LEAN INTO UNCERTAINTY IF WE ARE TO SEIZE THE OPPORTUNITY.”

- SHAWN BARNEY, Co-Founder, Campaign for Equity, New Orleans

GLOBAL RESPONSE FUND: PROJECT SPOTLIGHTS



THE WAREHOUSE

Roger Dickinson & Other

ALI-SA Fellows

Africa Leadership Initiative - South Africa

Activating faith groups to provide food support, create testing and quarantine sites at churches, and setting up a network of safe places for people facing gender-based violence.

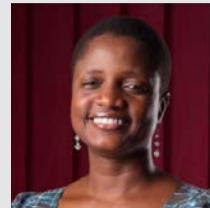


FUNDESA

Juan Carlos Paiz, Maria Kaltschmitt, Jose Miguel Torrebiarte, Salvador Biguria, Roberto Paiz

Central America Leadership Initiative

A collaboration of Fellows working to support Guatemala's fight against COVID-19; to date, providing 38,000 PCR tests, 29,000 extraction kits and 51,500 swabs.



ASSOCIATION

OF GHANA'S ELDERS

Esi Ansah

Africa Leadership Initiative - West Africa

Connecting seniors to vital COVID-19 services and information through the AGE app, and supporting vulnerable elders in gaining access to telemedicine, PPE and hygiene packs.



ZEARN

Shalinee Sharma

Pahara Fellowship

Applying its mission to support all children to love learning math by creating a Distance Learning Resource Center and supporting high-poverty schools to re-engage students during closures.



CREATIVE REACTION LAB

Antonette Carroll

Civil Society Fellowship

Providing micro-grants to Black and Latinx youth to undertake creative community responses to COVID-19 and support their communities' needs.

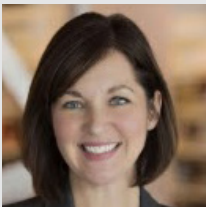


BANGALORE KIDNEY FOUNDATION

Kartik Sriram

Kamalnayan Bajaj Fellowship

Providing subsidized dialysis, transport, PPE, and nutritional supplements to poor and immunocompromised patients at risk of stopping treatment due to COVID-19 and loss of income.



RICHLAND LIBRARY

Melanie Huggins

Liberty Fellowship

Providing internet connectivity to low-income communities in South Carolina via library and housing development access points, enabling families to reach vital benefits and remote learning for students.



PROJECT ISAIAH

Devon Spurgeon & Blair Christie

Henry Crown Fellowship

Preserving jobs while providing meals to families in need, by connecting pre-packaged airline meals with domestic violence shelters, food banks, senior housing facilities and other nonprofits in 11 major US cities.



LEBANESE FOOD BANK

Walid Maalouf

Middle East Leadership Initiative

Leading a massive national food distribution program to over 55,000 of the most vulnerable families on a national scale.



LÉO AFRICA INSTITUTE

Awel Uwhanganye & Magnus Mchunguzi

Africa Leadership Initiative - East Africa

Activating its network of young leaders to imagine a progressive, post-COVID world and push for forward-looking interventions in East African communities and countries to support a sustainable recovery.

GLOBAL RESPONSE FUND: ALL RECIPIENTS

AFRICA LEADERSHIP INITIATIVE - EAST AFRICA

Laila Macharia	Africa Digital Media Foundation	Nairobi, Kenya
Awel Uwihanganye, Magnus Mchunguzi	LÉO Africa Institute	East Africa
Rehmah Kasule	PANGEA Educational Development Group	Uganda
Hope Azeda	Ubumuntu Arts Festival	Kigali, Rwanda

AFRICA LEADERSHIP INITIATIVE - SOUTH AFRICA

Réjane Woodroffe	Bulungula Incubator	Eastern Cape
Roger Dickinson	The Warehouse	South Africa

AFRICA LEADERSHIP INITIATIVE - WEST AFRICA

Patrick Awuah	Ashesi University Foundation	Accra, Ghana
Esi Ansah	Association of Ghana's Elders	Accra, Ghana
Amma Lartey	SE Ghana Network	Accra, Ghana
Amina Oyagbola	WISCAR	Lagos, Nigeria

CATTO FELLOWSHIP

Brett Jenks	Rare, Inc	Global
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CIVIL SOCIETY FELLOWSHIP

Akbar Hossain	Asian Mosaic Fund	Philadelphia, PA
Kaci Patterson	Black Equity Collective	Chatsworth, CA
Shawn Barney	Campaign for Equity, New Orleans	New Orleans, LA
Antionette Carroll	Creative Reaction Lab	St. Louis, MO
Matthew Fieldman	Edwins Leadership and Restaurant Institute	Cleveland, OH
Joseph Kunkel	Sustainable Native Communities Design Lab	Santa Fe, NM
Joseph McKellar	PICO California	Los Angeles, CA
Adam Taylor	Sojourners	US

CENTRAL AMERICA LEADERSHIP INITIATIVE

Xiomara Diaz, Maria Nelly Rivas, Mercedes Deshon	Asociación Voces Vitales Nicaragua	Granada, Nicaragua
Mauricio Maza, Ricardo Perdomo	Basic Health International	San Salvador, El Salvador
Carlos Araúz, Hildegard Vasquez, Gabriela Aued	Fundacion Calicanto, CAPTA Program	Panama
Laetitia Deweer	Cepia	Guanacaste, Costa Rica
Tanya Amador	Corner of Love	Costa Rica
Jorge Garcia, María Alejandra Ramos, Kathia Yacamán, Juan Carlos Sabillón, Hector Ferrera, Christopher Haughley	PPE for Honduras	Honduras
Liza Dreszer, Marisa Arias	Fundacion Jupa	Panama City, Panama
Patricia Planells	Fundación Transición a la Vida	Panama
Carolina Freire	Fundación Voluntarios de Panamá	Panama City, Panama
Juan Carlos Paiz, Maria Kaltschmitt, Jose Miguel Torrebiarte, Salvador Biguria, Roberto Paiz	FUNDESA	Guatemala
Alejandro Poma	FUSAL	Guatemala, San Salvador, El Salvador
David Bullón	COVIDA	San José, CR
Johnny Bosche, Isaias Montealegre, Egda Velez	Teleassistance App	Managua, Nicaragua

Jaime Zablah	La Factoria	San Salvador, El Salvador
Kristin Van Busum	Project Alianza	Nicaragua
Alexandra Kissling, Leonor Gutierrez	Voces Vitales Costa Rica	San José, CR
FINANCE LEADERS FELLOWSHIP		
Sarah Friar	Ladies Who Launch	San Francisco, CA
HENRY CROWN FELLOWSHIP		
Scott Bush, Sonny Garg, Sherman Baldwin	Aspen Young Leaders Fellowship	Washington, DC, US
Dolf van den Brink	En Classe	Kinshasa, DRC
Christopher Gergen	Forward Cities	Durham, NC, US
Bill Bynum	Hope Enterprise Corporation	US South
Isaac Shongwe	Itlhokomeleng Association for the Aged and Disabled	Gauteng, South Africa
Devon Spurgeon, Blair Christie	Project Isaiah	National
John Danner, Preston Smith	Rocketship Public Schools	National
Jordan Kassalow	VisionSpring	Global
HEALTH INNOVATORS FELLOWSHIP		
Ann-Gel Palermo	East Harlem COAD	Bronx, NY
Nisha Money	Global Healing Initiatives Institute	Los Angeles, CA
Lisa Fitzpatrick	Grapevine Health	Washington DC
Hanni Stoklosa	HEAL Trafficking	Los Angeles, CA
SreyRam Kuy	LSUHSC Testing & Tracing	New Orleans, LA
Stacy Lindau	MAPSCorps	Chicago, IL
John Damon	Canopy Children's Solutions	Jackson, MS
Elizabeth Cote	St Francis Recovery Center	Auburn, ME
Laurie Zephyrin, Sonia Hassan, Raegan McDonald-Mosley	The Birth Place Lab	United States & Canada
Rebecca Onie	The Health Initiative	North Carolina
KAMALNAYAN BAJAJ FELLOWSHIP		
Kartik Sriram	Bangalore Kidney Foundation	Bangalore, India
Arvind Malhan	One Billion Literates Foundation	Bangalore, India
LIBERTY FELLOWSHIP		
Faith Polkey	Beaufort Jasper Hampton Comprehensive Health Services	Okatie, SC
Adela Mendoza	Hispanic Alliance	Greenville, SC
Matthew Alexander	OneWorld Health	Uganda
Melanie Huggins	Richland Library	Columbia, SC, US
Madeleine McGee, Forrest Alton, Gage Weekes, Darrin Goss, Kerri Forrest, Melanie Huggins	Together SC	Columbia, SC
MIDDLE EAST LEADERSHIP INITIATIVE		
Walid Maalouf	Lebanese Food Bank	Beirut, Lebanon
Lana Abu-Hijleh	Shiam-Youth Make the Future	West Bank, Palestine
Amjad Tadros	Syria Direct	Jordan & Syria
PAHARA FELLOWSHIP		
Jessica Sager, Janna Wagner	All Our Kin	New Haven, CT
Veronica Crespín-Palmer	RISE Colorado	Aurora, CO
Carmita Semaan	Surge Institute	Chicago, IL
Shalinee Sharma	Zearn	New York, NY

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The McNulty Foundation seeks to inspire, develop and drive leaders to solve the most critical challenges of our time. Founded in 1985 by John and Anne, the Foundation's values are informed by their belief in the importance of opportunity and the multiplier effect that individuals can have on their communities. Learn more at mcnultyfound.org.

The Aspen Global Leadership Network's (AGLN) mission is to develop authentic, high-integrity leaders committed to proactively confronting societal challenges, individually and collectively, in order to create a more just, free, and equitable society. The network has fostered a worldwide community of more than 3,000 high-integrity, entrepreneurial leaders from business, government, and the nonprofit sector in more than 60 countries. Because of their demonstrated accomplishments and abilities, they have been selected to join one of 14 geographic or sector-specific AGLN Fellowships around the world. The AGLN is committed to moving these leaders from "success to significance" by spurring them to take action on some of the world's most pressing problems. Visit agln.aspeninstitute.org.