

Weaving
a *new* way
forward



2025
ANNUAL REPORT

The Transformational Power of Women for Planetary Health

*A philanthropic fund
and global movement
supporting and
celebrating
women-led
solutions to
the planetary crisis.*



As we move past 2025, we celebrate **3 years** since the founding of Daughters for Earth, **weaving a new way forward** and expanding our commitment to women-led action.

In this short time, we have made meaningful progress. We undertook the careful work of **identifying more than 800 women-led** initiatives around the world, and the equally challenging work of **raising and deploying funding to support over 220 of them**.

This year, **we clarified our 2030 Vision**, focusing our efforts during this narrow window of opportunity for **bold action** that matches the scale of today's planetary challenges, and demonstrates the essential role of women in leading transformation.

We also dedicated significant time to **understanding what truly works**. Our **2025 Impact Study** discovers and documents the patterns that distinguish women-led environmental initiatives. The findings are both **practical and hopeful** — and we invite you to explore them >

Throughout the year, the team traveled across regions and communities, **contributing to the global conversation** around women's leadership and grounded, evidence-based solutions. From gatherings in Austin, Dallas, New York, Seattle, and Lopez Island in the United States to global forums such as Belém, Barcelona, Berlin, Frankfurt, Geneva, London, and Riyadh, we are **shifting the global narrative**.

All of this leads us into a new chapter, one where **our focus moves from proving** that women-led approaches work to doing everything we can **to rapidly scale efforts**. We now have the data and lived examples that show how women-led initiatives protect and restore ecosystems while strengthening local economies and social wellbeing. **Their leadership is effective, efficient, and enduring**.

But the urgency is clear: **the Earth needs us now more than ever**.

I once heard a farmer ask why humans are so focused on self-sufficiency when everything in nature thrives through interdependence and collaboration. It's a great question. Our planetary health depends on that same principle. **Collaboration is not optional; it is how life continues**.

It is in this spirit that Daughters for Earth enters 2026. We are committed to **deepening partnerships, expanding collective support for women leaders** on the frontlines of ecological restoration, and **inviting more people** into this shared work.

May you join us in weaving this future together.



Zainab
Zainab Salbi
Co-Founder



2030

Vision In 2025, Daughters for Earth announced our 2030 Vision, proposing to pursue transformative philanthropic giving focused on deep and strategic interventions at leverage points that unlock systemic change.

Our vision centers on 3 points:

- 1 Unleash **\$100 million dollars** to distribute to **women-led efforts addressing climate change** and biodiversity loss.
- 2 **Celebrate women's leadership**—with data, storytelling, and mass communication—**demonstrating that women-led efforts are the most effective, efficient, and holistic way** to drive lasting change educationally and economically, grounded in the protection of nature.
- 3 **Drive transformation by aligning philanthropists with women leaders on the frontlines of planetary health**, demonstrating that philanthropy can be catalytic in building regenerative economic and social systems.

This focused strategy **connects women-led organizations protecting and restoring the natural world** with **values-aligned philanthropists**, co-creating pathways toward community-level sustainability and reducing long-term dependency on external funding.

Read more about what we're doing [online here >](#)

Uru Uru Lake

The flamingos of Uru Uru Lake, restored by Bolivia's Uru Uru Team, recipient of a Daughters for Earth grant. Central to their approach is the revival of ancestral knowledge.

Featured Daughter

Uru Uru Team

Restoring Water, Reviving Ancestral Wisdom

In Bolivia's high-altitude Uru Uru Lake, **Indigenous women are leading one of the most hopeful ecological restorations in the region.** Co-founded by Aymara leader **Dayana Blanco** and members of her community, the **Uru Uru Team blends ancestral knowledge with innovative practices** to revive a wetland damaged by mining runoff and urban pollution.



had once disappeared is returning.

But this work is **about more than ecology.** With over 50 core women leaders and 500 community members involved, the initiative **weaves together habitat restoration, food security, cultural renewal, and local livelihoods.**

Community gardens provide both nourishment and income, while ecological monitoring and education strengthen long-term stewardship. **Indigenous women are leading not only environmental repair, but the restoration of knowledge, dignity, and collective responsibility.**

This powerful, community-driven model has gained international recognition, including the **UNDP Equator Prize**, which honors local solutions advancing both biodiversity and human wellbeing.

The Uru Uru Team reminds us that **restoration is not only about repairing land and water.** It's about **reclaiming relationship, knowledge, and collective care.**

It's a core principle of Daughters for Earth: **when we lead from lived connection to place, healing becomes possible for both ecosystems and communities.**

[See their video online >](#)



Central to their approach is the **reintroduction of totora reeds**, a plant traditionally used by their ancestors to filter water for livestock. Adapted to address modern contamination, these reeds are now woven into floating platforms that absorb pollutants.

They also focus on **protecting unique flamingo species** like the Chilean, Andean, and James's flamingos as an essential component of the ecosystem. And as that ecosystem begins to recover, wildlife that





find & fund

Daughters for Earth is focused on finding and funding the most effective women-led solutions to our environmental crisis.

From a detailed identification process, to our system of Wide and Deep funding, to this year's newly formed Female Climate Scientists Fund, we're supporting proven solutions.

And we go beyond funding, with a range of collaborative programs to support the needs of our fellow Daughters.

Coral Catch Superwomen

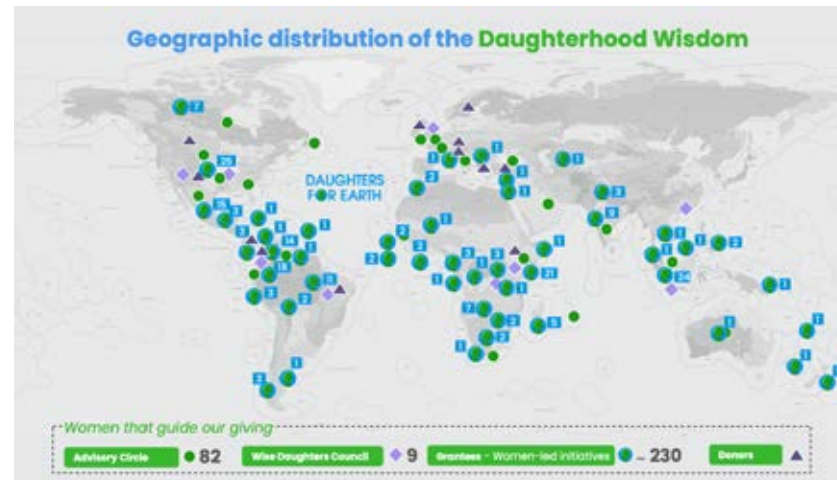
A few of the 800 Indonesian community members trained in marine conservation by Coral Catch.

2025 Results

Daughters for Earth trusts in women's leadership, finding and funding the most effective programs. As such, our highest priority is efficiency, as demonstrated by our excellent funding-to-mission ratio and our partnership with [NEO Philanthropy](#) as our fiscal sponsor.

Daughters for Earth has supporters **from around the globe**, including places like:

- Brazil
- Canada
- Costa Rica
- Germany
- Netherlands
- Panama
- Serbia
- Sweden
- Switzerland
- Turkey
- United Kingdom
- United States



In 2025, we continued expanding our tangible support to women leadership worldwide. We funded new initiatives and, for the first time, provided renewal grants to organizations demonstrating strong impact and leadership

In *2025*, Daughters for Earth granted *11 first-time grants*, ranging from West Africa to the Amazonia region.

We also dug deeper, looking at frontline organizations that are making the most significant impacts in their community, and providing deeper support. We look to fund for a multi-year period to ensure that we walk alongside grantees on a transformational pathway.



In *2025*, Daughters for Earth granted *17 additional grants* to organizations that had proven their capability and trust through prior grants.

This program delivered over *\$1 million in grants* in 2025 to these organizations, bringing our total impact over 3 years to 229+ organizations.

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Impact

Giving

Philanthropic giving to those at the forefront of the issue is the center of our strategy to deliver measurable impact.

Daughters for Earth launched in March 2022 with a goal of mobilizing **\$100 million to support, celebrate, and mobilize women to restore and protect Earth**.

To date, **Daughters for Earth has distributed \$13.5 million** across three key programs:

1 Supporting: We deployed funding to support over **229+ women-led efforts** in **70 countries** while prioritizing biodiversity hotspots. In addition, we launched a sub-fund, the **Female Climate Scientists Fund**, so that they may communicate their work directly to the public.

2 Celebrating: We have commissioned 3 reports with **Foreign Policy** that included partnership with **Vital Voices** and **Project Dandelion**, issued our own **study measuring the impact of women-led actions** to protect and restore nature on creating long term shifts in the economic and social well-being of communities while centering a regenerative relationship with nature. In addition, we have published **24 graphic novel** stories featuring the leadership of women-led actions while educating and inviting readers to join them

3 Mobilizing: Daughters for Earth organized global educational events that include female climate scientists and women leaders addressing our planetary health worldwide. Organized educational events took place in **Kenya, Spain, Greenland, the UK, Germany, Canada, and throughout the US**.

We are just starting. Now that we've built our infrastructure and proven the impact of women-led efforts with facts and figures, our 2026 goal is to double down on philanthropic giving and community building among all the Daughters. Our Mother Earth needs us all to show up fully for her and for each other. Here at Daughters for Earth, we are committed to holding all daughters' backs in every way we can.

Featured Daughter Coral Catch

Saving the Coral, One Superwoman at a Time

An example of a partner growing with Daughters for Earth into a deeper, multi-year partnership is **Coral Catch**, a **women-led marine conservation initiative in Indonesia**. After their first grant in 2024, **Coral Catch moved into our secondary funding category** in 2025, reflecting their impact and the long-term promise of their work.

Founded by **Rose Huizenga**, Coral Catch runs a **fully funded nine-week training program** that equips women with skills in **coral restoration, reef monitoring, and sustainable marine livelihoods**. Participants leave with technical knowledge, and perhaps more importantly, with **the confidence to step into visible leadership roles** in marine conservation. Coral Catch calls their scholarship candidates **"Superwomen,"** capturing both their **strength** their new **community**.

Coral Catch has **built and deployed more**

than 300 hex structures and outplanted over **5,000 corals** across its 2.4-hectare restoration site, achieving an average **coral growth rate of 370% and a 94% survival rate**. Through **six research studies** and **five university partnerships**, Coral Catch continues to strengthen its impact in research and reef restoration. At the same time, the program is **shifting who is seen — and who sees themselves — as a marine scientist, diver, and environmental leader**.

Coral Catch is helping shape a future where **coastal protection is locally led, economically viable, and carried forward by the women who know these waters best**. They're showing what's possible with deep relationships with our fellow Daughters. It's a core principle: **sustained partnership with local women leaders creates ripple effects that strengthen both ecosystems and communities for the long term**.

[▶ See their video online >](#)



To Daughters for Earth...

...True to its name, the nine-week program empowered me to become a "Superwoman," confident, capable, and ready to take action in the field of marine conservation.

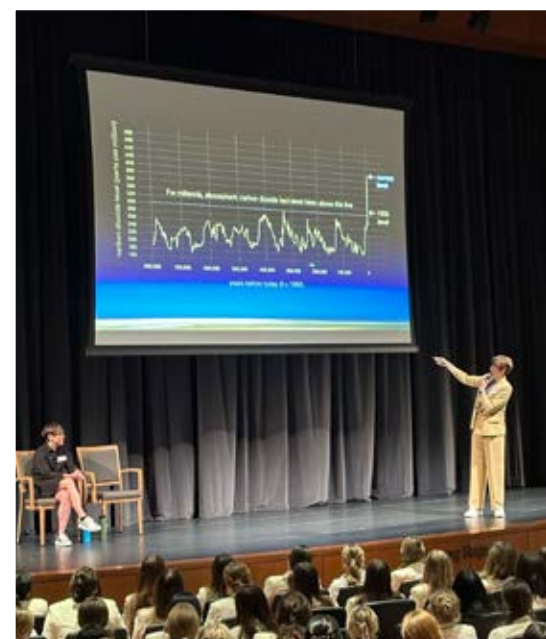
This program has truly transformed me. Through the diving courses, I gained valuable skills and confidence. [...]

Now that I've completed the program, I can proudly say it was an incredible and life-changing journey. Thank you, Daughters for Earth, for making this possible. Your support not only expanded my knowledge but also empowered me to pursue a future in marine conservation with confidence.

This scholarship has made a meaningful impact on my life. It has given hope and opportunity to local Indonesian women like me, proving that we belong in the marine field. I am deeply honored to be part of this wave of positive change, and I now believe in my dream more than ever.

JANE CITA SYAFITRI SUDRAJAT





Thank you!

This Fund wouldn't have been possible without the efforts of Trea Yip, Lauren Embrey, Fanny Forsell, and Rachel Rivera.

Female Climate Scientists Fund



What happens when we **take the critical work of climate science out of academic journals and into everyday conversation**? In 2026, Daughters for Earth **launched the Female Climate Scientists Fund** to answer that question, and to ensure that the expertise of women scientists **becomes part of the global narrative** on climate change.

Founded with an initial commitment of \$600,000, the Fund supports women climate scientists not just to do science, but to communicate it widely — **translating complex knowledge into accessible insight** that can inspire understanding and action across communities, schools, and public audiences. Our aim is to **grow this Fund to \$5 million**, enabling us to support 20–30 outstanding scientists over the next five years.

The first two partners in this effort are Dr. Twila Moon and Dr. Heidi Sevestre — eminent climate researchers whose work combines scientific excellence with a gift for explanation:

- **Dr. Twila Moon**, a glaciologist whose research on ice sheet dynamics helps the world understand how warming is reshaping our polar and global landscapes.
- **Dr. Heidi Sevestre**, a glaciologist who leads research expeditions around the world—from Antarctica to tropical glaciers—while driving international outreach to bring cryosphere science to the public, policymakers, and future generations.

In early 2025, the Fund's **first speaking tour** took these scientists to Texas, including engagements at the **Dallas Holocaust Museum**, **The Hockaday School**, and the **Perot Museum of Nature and Science**. Audiences responded with enthusiasm and curiosity, reaffirming what we've long believed: **when scientists meet the public with clarity and connection, a deeper understanding follows.**

This Fund is about amplifying voices that can bridge worlds, and to help all of us see climate science not as distant data, but as a living, human story that should inform the choices we make every day.

Dr Heidi at The South Pole of Inaccessibility,

the historical point in Antarctica furthest from any coastline. After 42 days, Dr Heidi became the first woman to reach the site by kite-ski, arriving on the 114th anniversary of the first person ever to reach the Geographic South Pole. The statue? A bust of Lenin, towering over a snow-covered Soviet base.



The Charm Community



In one of the more beautiful turns of the English language, a group of hummingbirds is called a **charm**.

With that spirit, in 2025 we launched **a new community for the organizations partnered with Daughters for Earth**. It's called the Charm Community.



Real change is not built through funding alone. It grows through relationships, shared learning, encouragement, and the understanding that none of us are doing this work in isolation. It's not about one group, it's about the connections between us all. The Charm Community was created to strengthen those connections among the women leaders in our global network.

This community brings together all organizations that Daughters for Earth has collaborated with since our founding. Here, we aim to offer a space to **exchange knowledge, offer mutual support, and learn from one another's lived experience** across ecosystems and regions.

In its first year, the Charm Community **held its first two global gatherings**, laying the groundwork for ongoing collaboration and peer learning. Members shared strategies, challenges, and breakthroughs, building trust and inspiration. We began offering practical support opportunities, including fundraising training and wellbeing workshops, recognizing that sustaining leaders is just as important as sustaining projects.

Beyond virtual connection, Charm Community members also meet in person when possible. Charm members **have met at global gatherings** such as COP30 in Brazil, where several members shared their voices on international stages in a Daughters for Earth panel.

The Charm Community ensures that our support does not end when a grant cycle closes. Instead, it **continues through shared wisdom, solidarity, and our collective strength**.

Why? **When women leaders are connected, impact multiplies.**



A woman in a blue jacket is walking away from the camera on a dirt path that winds through a lush, green hillside. The hillside is covered in various types of vegetation, including ferns and small trees. In the background, a large bay or inlet is visible, surrounded by steep, forested mountains. The sky is filled with dramatic, grey clouds, suggesting an overcast or late afternoon setting. The overall scene is serene and natural.

research

Research often uncovers knowledge we have sensed all along, but with proof, clarity, and a foundation that cannot be shaken.

After three years of identifying and supporting women-led solutions around the world, Daughters for Earth paused to look more deeply. **What changes are women leaders enabling through their work, beyond traditional metrics? • How are they achieving those results? • What patterns and trends emerge from a diverse sample of initiatives?**

This renewed search brought forward clarity, evidence, and hope, revealing a model of leadership that is not only effective, but ready to be scaled rapidly towards our 2030 Vision.

This research does not just explain impact. It points the way forward.



“Women-led environmental action is not only *effective*, it is *exponential*. To invest in a woman is to invest in a community, an ecosystem, and a *future*.”

Research That Matters

2025 Impact Study

What we are Learning (again) from Women

The **2025 Impact Study** analyzed **24 initiatives across 11 countries and 7 ecosystems**, examining both **outcomes** and enabling conditions. The findings revealed **consistent patterns**. Daughters for Earth and our partner **Myzelio** deeply examined not only what these leaders are doing, but **how** they are doing it, and **why their approaches create lasting change**. Three clear findings surfaced:

Continuity

Women-led initiatives are **built to endure**. Their work **strengthens local leadership, transfers knowledge** across teams and generations, and **embeds stewardship** into daily life. This creates conservation efforts that **continue long after** individual projects or funding cycles end, leading to more, and more effective, change.

The Ripple Effect

When women lead, **impact extends beyond ecological protection** and restoration. Initiatives **improve food security, income, health, education, and community wellbeing** while also shifting gender norms. As more women step into visible leadership roles, **decision-making power expands**, contributing to greater gender equality alongside environmental regeneration.

Systems Change Through Relationships

Women-led initiatives are **enabling systems change**, addressing livelihoods, shifting decision-making power, reshaping relationships between communities and nature. This relational leadership **strengthens trust, builds collective ownership**, and creates solutions that **adapt and endure** over time.

The evidence is visible. Water sources are recovering. Wildlife is returning. Communities are shifting from participation to ownership. And leadership is expanding.

In a world that must urgently **transition from extraction to regeneration**, women-led approaches offer a **scalable** and **resilient** pathway forward. Yet a persistent funding gap means **these solutions still lack the resources required** to scale to the demands.

The 2025 Impact Study goes beyond documentation. It gives a **clear path where scalable investments can have the greatest long-term impact**. Please **explore the full findings** and see why women-led environmental action is so powerful for our planet. [Read more online >](#)

shifting the global narrative

over 4 continents, 8+ countries in over a dozen events with a press reach over 156 million

Change does not spread on its own, and hopelessness can feel tough to break through. But great stories lead to hope, hope to action, and action to change.

climate gatherings, from intimate retreats to international policy spaces, each moment helped shift how the world understands who leads environmental solutions and how lasting change really happens.

In 2025, Daughters for Earth took its message into rooms, campuses, conferences, retreats, and global stages around the world. We shared the evidence, the stories, and the leadership of women restoring our planet. From TEDx stages to

This is how a movement grows, rippling outward to reach our fellow daughters. For the hummingbird can only inspire if she's been seen. Here's a glimpse of our outreach in 2025.



TEDx talks circled the globe from both Daughters for Earth Co-Founder **Zainab Salbi** as well as Chief Mobilizing Officer **Casey Rogers**. Click above to watch.



GreenBiz 25 in Phoenix, AZ was the setting for **Casey Rogers** to discuss sustainability strategies. She focused on the water crisis and the people who understand it best: women.



In **Spain's** unspoiled countryside, **Shivani Bhalla, Nina Gulalinga, Esther Mottier** presented to an intimate retreat on climate and biodiversity, building community rooted in nature.



London in March was home for a series of events centered around **Women's Day 2025**. Zainab spoke at **Harper's Bazaar's** event, calling for women's leadership as essential to climate and biodiversity action. She joined leaders of **The Earthshot Prize** to explore accelerating solutions, and engaged UK philanthropy at the **Environmental/Green Funders Network** on integrating climate and gender funding. **American European Business Association Breakfast** and **Conduit Club** appearance topped a busy schedule. Across media, funders, and global forums, the message was clear: **women-led solutions are not peripheral, they are pivotal**. With Harpers coverage (and Forbes in New York), **total reach of Daughters for Earth in the press: 155.7 million people**.



Women+ in Climate: Hollyhock retreat center in **British Columbia** convened climate leaders, scientists, and changemakers for five days of **dialogue, restoration, and strategy**. Set against forest and ocean landscapes, the gathering's emphasis was on **nurturing resilience and solidarity to face climate, biodiversity, and political challenges together**.



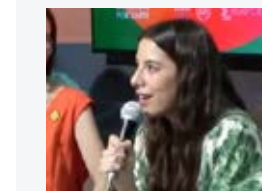
The **San Juan Islands** near Seattle hosted our **key annual gathering**: an intimate learning retreat bringing **donors into deep dialogue with scientists and frontline leaders**. Featuring **Dr. Twila Moon, Dr. Gladys Kalema, Winona LaDuke, Xiye Bastida, Dr. Leela Hazzah, and Natalie Unterstell**, the retreat fostered trust, shared insight, and bold collaboration at the intersection of science, land, and women-led climate action.



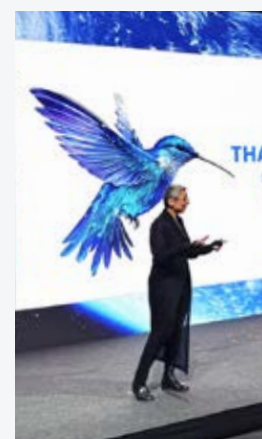
Climate Week 2025 in New York City featured incredible events, such as the **legendary Dr. Sylvia Earle** in a fireside chat with Zainab. The **WWF and Care** breakfast featured Zainab on a panel and breakouts around **Roots to Resilience**. Further panels included topics like Gender-Responsive Climate Solutions Across Generations for the **Taiwan Green Energy Association**, and a **Goals House / UNGA** talk on **survivor-led solutions**. Casey led an event at The NAT with **Wild Futures**. Another **September milestone: we hosted our first ever Charm Meeting**.



Austin, Texas, at the regenerative **Vera Bowen Ranch**, was where we **first presented the groundbreaking findings from our 2025 Impact Study** to an intimate gathering of leaders and supporters. **Dr. Twila Moon, Mackenzie Feldman, and Zainab** shared evidence of why women-led initiatives endure: **continuity, ripple effects, and systemic change** rooted in relationships.



Belém, Brazil was the site of the UN's most important climate conference, **COP30**, where Daughters for Earth's panel — led by **Carolina Garcia Arbeláez** with **Ruth Alipaz Cuqui, Alexia Leclercq, Isabel Cavelier, and Dr. Flávia Maia** — explored how women's climate leadership on the ground is **restoring ecosystems, strengthening communities, and weaving a more equitable global narrative**.



The **IMPACT Festival** in **Frankfurt, Germany** continued a late year global tour, as Zainab shared more on the **2025 Impact Study** at **Europe's largest event for sustainable innovation**. This event brought together experts helping to **accelerate the green transition**, and of course, Daughters for Earth was there.



Beyond[Profit] in **Riyadh, Saudi Arabia** brought together **global voices in social innovation**. Zainab challenged audiences to rethink who philanthropy serves, calling for decision-making power to shift toward leaders closest to the land.



We hope you enjoyed this glimpse into our **communications outreach in 2025** as we seek to **dramatically change the conversation, bringing women's voices into the rooms where they belong**.

Featured Daughter

Winona LaDuke

and the Anishinaabe Agriculture Institute

On the White Earth Reservation in northern Minnesota, **Winona LaDuke is advancing a vision rooted in land, justice, and regeneration.**



A longtime environmental leader, economist, and member of the White Earth Band of Ojibwe (Anishinaabe), LaDuke has spent **decades advocating for Indigenous rights, climate action, and community-based economic renewal.** Through the Anishinaabe Agriculture Institute and the Indigenous Hemp Farmers' Cooperative (supported by Daughters for Earth), she is now helping **rebuild a regional fiber and food economy grounded in**

seed sovereignty and post-petroleum agriculture.

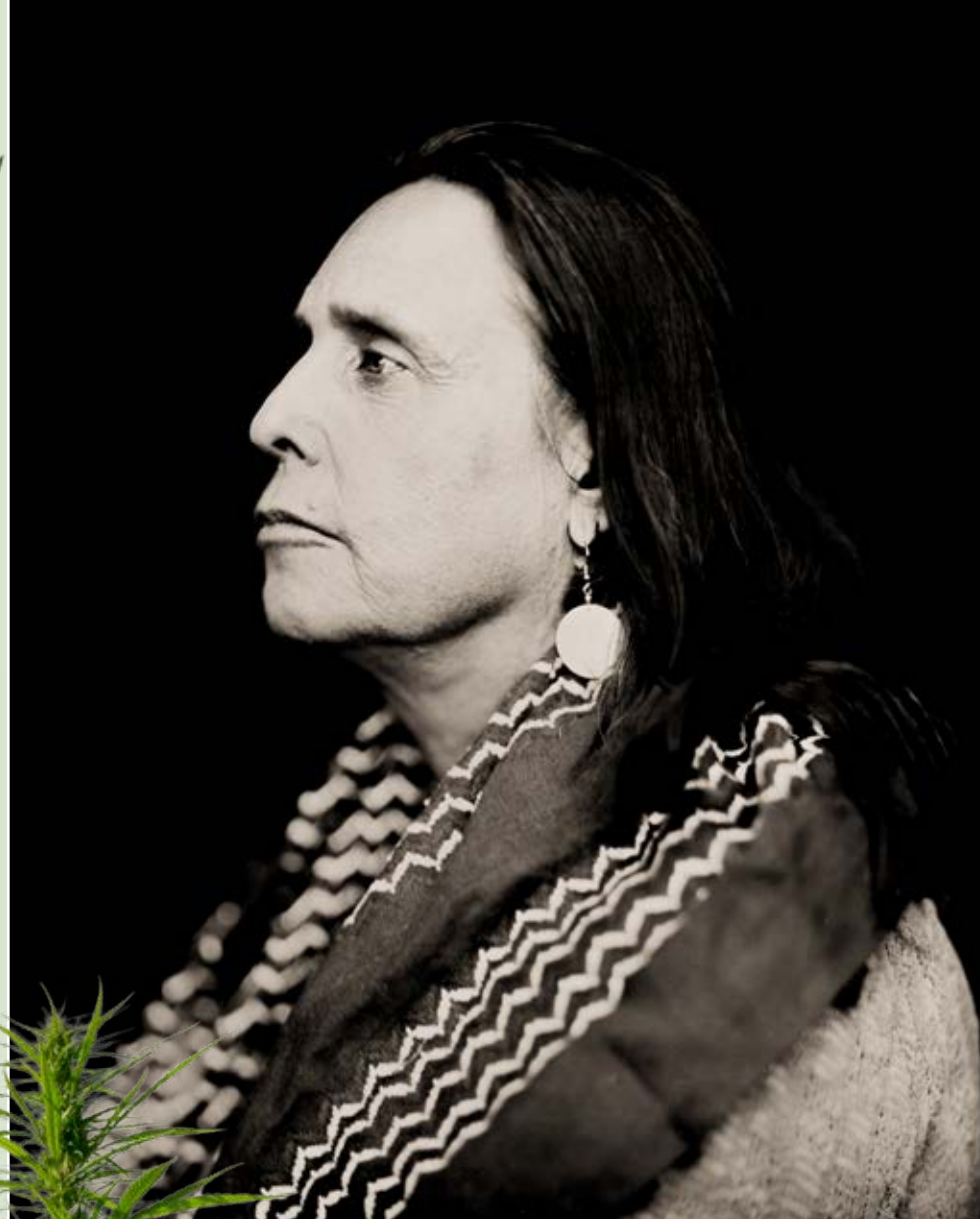
At the heart of this work is biodiversity protection and soil restoration. The initiative **restores Indigenous farming systems across the 1855 Treaty Territory** while developing climate-resilient hemp seed varieties adapted to local lands. Hemp is cultivated not only as a rotational crop that rebuilds soil and sequesters carbon, but as the foundation for a regenerative materials economy, where it supports hempcrete housing, textiles, and paper production.

This work, of course, extends far beyond agriculture. It is about **rebuilding cooperative ownership models, restoring Indigenous economic standards, and creating pathways for tribal nations to reclaim agricultural land** and rebuild regional industries.

By pairing ecological restoration with economic sovereignty, Winona LaDuke and her partners demonstrate **what a just transition can look like in practice: rooted in place, led by community, and designed for long-term resilience.**

Winona LaDuke and the Anishinaabe Agriculture Institute are powerful examples of **how women-led, land-based leadership can protect biodiversity while reshaping the systems that depend upon it.**

Learn more about [Anishinaabe Agriculture Institute](#) >



Winona LaDuke

captured for the first time in the historic wet plate collodion process of silver on glass for the series "Northern Plains Native Americans: A Modern Wet Plate Perspective." Photo by Shane Balkowitsch (March 2024).





Daughters for Earth™

2025 marked the start of a new era for our programs. We've moved from *testing* to *scaling what works*.

With this shift, we realized the need to further **weave alignment throughout our messaging** so we could better **tell the stories of the women transforming our planet**. In mid-2025, we began a comprehensive effort to strengthen the **clarity, visual identity, and emotional resonance** of our communications.

A deep dive to clarify our core principles spanned the year, **leading to the launch of our refreshed brand** (first introduced right here in this report), rolling out to guide our work in 2026 and beyond.

The Hummingbird

has long been central to our story, symbolizing action and courage in the face of crisis. Now, in our new logo, she moves to the forefront, carrying our mission forward one drop at a time.

AUBERGINE

Wisdom, Depth, Ancient Knowledge, Feminine Authority
Use sparingly.

DEEP SKY

Trust, Intelligence, Credibility, Science
Primary brand color: headlines, navigation, buttons, key data points

CORAL

Alive, pulsing, exciting, motion
The spice: use rarely.

DEEP SLATE

A soft, human background color to ground where needed

OCEAN

Nature, Regeneration, Water, Life
Our life color: accents, data highlights, icons, calls to action, hummingbird moments

MIST

Air and space, like a fog parting, distinguish information easily



To better tell our own story, we've updated our website. You'll find clarity on what we do, access to our research, the Hummingbird story and a place to make your own avatar icon, as well as ways to take action now, and how you can get more involved with Daughters for Earth.

Stories that matter

We're now able to tell more of the exciting stories of women who are creating ripples of change in our world.

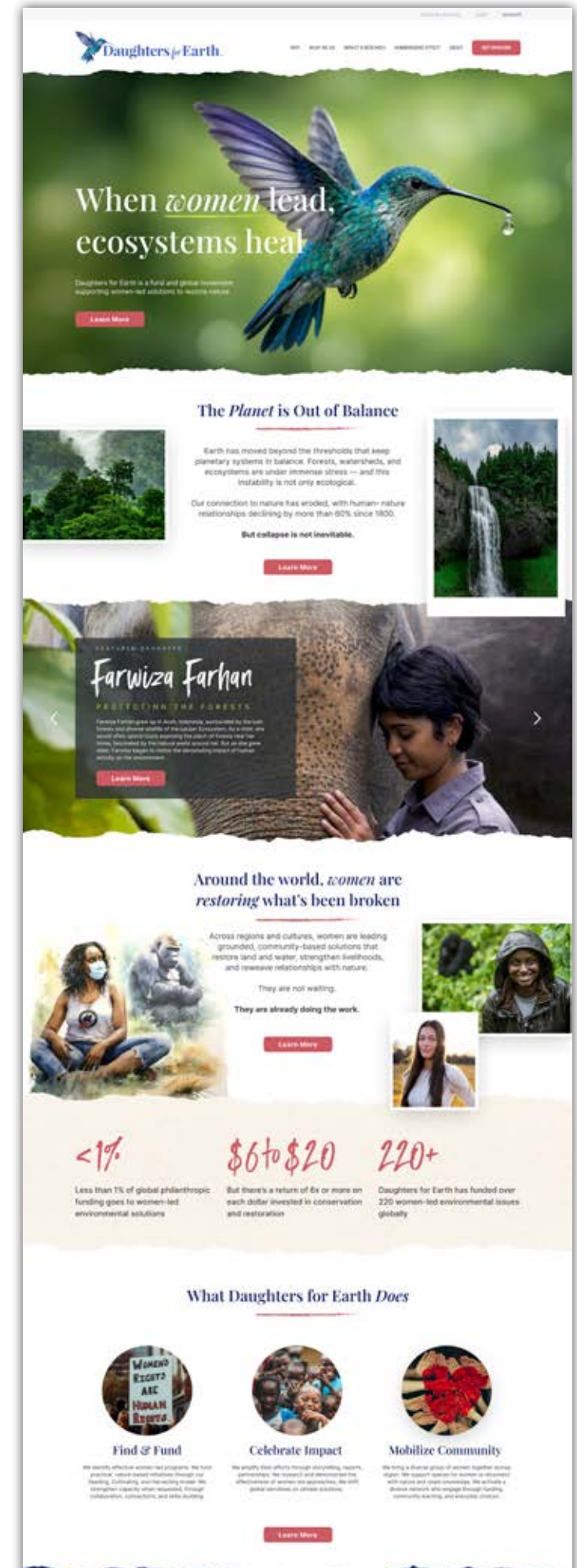
New colors, inspired by

our iconic hummingbird, help us tell these stories with emotional clarity and impact.

Take a look at our updated site and let us know what you think.

While you're there, remember to **sign up for our newsletter** featuring articles that not only **help our planet**, but that **feel good for you as well**.

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Featured Daughter

Ewaso Lions

In Kenya's northern rangelands, conservationist **Shivani Bhalla**, founder of Ewaso Lions, has helped **transform lion conservation** by doing something deceptively simple: leading *with* community, not over it.

From the beginning, Shivani built Ewaso Lions' strategy with the Samburu people whose lives are intertwined with wildlife. That trust is now visible in results. Across 450,000 hectares of arid desert lands, lion populations have rebounded and human-lion conflict has declined.

At the heart of this work is the Mama Simba ("Mothers of Lions") program. Here, Samburu women lead conservation rooted in culture, care, and time-held knowledge. The women recover habitat,

remove invasive species, monitor lions, and build environmental literacy across generations. Their efforts now include recovering hundreds of hectares of land while strengthening both livelihoods and ecosystem resilience.

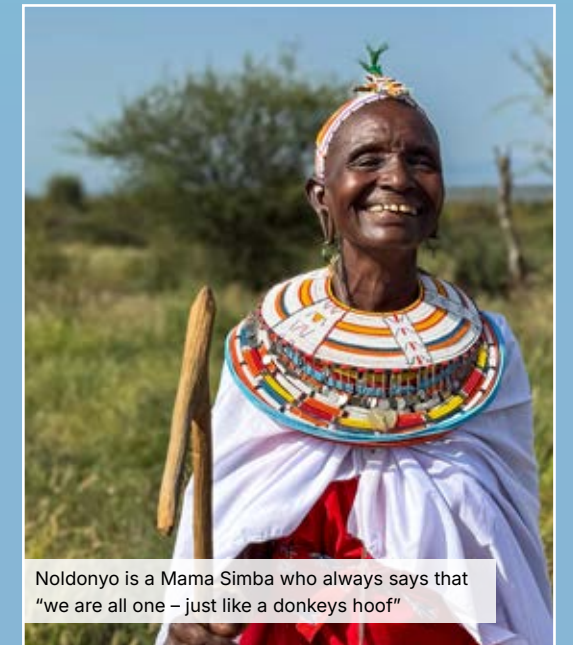
This approach reflects a key finding from the **Daughters for Earth Impact Study: lasting conservation grows from trust, collaboration, and leadership** from communities closest to the issues. Shivani describes her role as "leading from behind," creating space for local leaders to step forward with confidence and ownership.

Mama Simba shows that **when women lead from lived connection, conservation becomes not just effective, but enduring.** Read more at EwasoLions.org >

▶ [See their video online >](#)



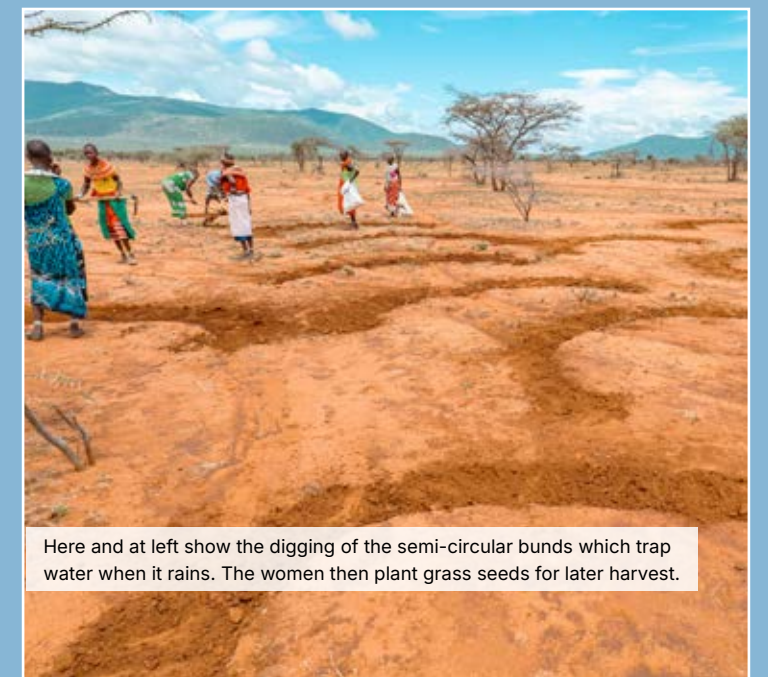
A Mama Simba digging bunds that trap water and promote grass growth



Noldonyo is a Mama Simba who always says that "we are all one – just like a donkeys hoof"



Munteli, at left, is the Mama Simba Manager and the first woman driver from a village in northern Kenya. She has inspired dozens of other women.



Here and at left show the digging of the semi-circular bunds which trap water when it rains. The women then plant grass seeds for later harvest.



Join Us

Once upon a time, a little hummingbird scooped up a drop of water to fight a fire so large it looked like **the entire world was burning**. Some of the animals made fun of her. But others were **inspired** and decided to **join in**. More and more were inspired. As her community joined, the power behind her small efforts could be seen. She had created **ripples of change**. Soon, she and her community had saved their environment.



Now it's your turn.

Together, we are weaving a bold new way forward toward 2030... through focused giving, evidence that guides what works, proven systems, and stories that travel the world to shift the global narrative. When women lead, ecosystems recover, communities strengthen, and possibility expands.

Join us. For your planet. For those you love. And for yourself.

DaughtersforEarth.org/join-the-movement



Daughters for Earth is a philanthropic fund and global movement supporting and celebrating women-led solutions to the planetary crisis.

We identify and support women who are leading effective environmental solutions in their communities, from Indigenous land stewards and grassroots organizers to scientists, farmers, and strategic leaders.

We find and fund women-led action.

We celebrate the impact of women-led action.

We mobilize a global community of women-led action.

We do this because women-led solutions have been proven to be highly effective, yet only receive 0.2% of the available funding.

With more than 220 projects funded, our initiatives span forests, freshwater systems, mangroves, regenerative agriculture, biodiversity protection, and landscapes where a diverse group of women are safeguarding ecosystems and strengthening their communities.

We're also changing global narratives through research into proven solutions, and communication initiatives.

Support a woman-led initiative.

Donate today.

DaughtersforEarth.org