



GLOBAL
CLIMBING
INITIATIVE

ANNUAL REPORT

2023

LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

As we reflect on the past year at the Global Climbing Initiative, I am inspired by the number of people united by our shared goal of supporting climbing communities worldwide.

Over the past 12 months, we have contributed to real and lasting change in the climbing world, directly strengthening 17 emerging climbing communities through our programs. From deep investment in the skills of climbing leaders in Kenya and Malawi, to distributing a tremendous amount of gear to every continent, none of it would be possible without the continued support of our donors and our outstanding team.

This year, we launched our Community Grants program, providing vital resources to grassroots projects that are making a tangible difference in their local climbing ecosystems. Whether by bolstering initiatives to promote diversity and representation in the outdoors, or funding proposals to preserve and protect the environments we love, we are thrilled to be directly empowering the visions of local climbing leaders.

Looking ahead, we are committed to building upon this foundation of impact and innovation. By harnessing the collective power of our global community, we can continue to break down barriers and create a more equitable and sustainable future for climbers everywhere. Together, we are not just climbers, but stewards of the positive economic, social, and environmental transformations climbing generates worldwide.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership.

VERONICA BAKER AMORES
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
THE GLOBAL CLIMBING INITIATIVE



EGYPT

WOMEN IN THE WADI
PHOTO BY [ELIN LARSGREN](#)

WHY CLIMBING?

WHEN LED BY THE VISIONS OF LOCAL COMMUNITIES, CLIMBING CAN BE HARNESSSED TO CREATE RIPPLE EFFECTS OF POSITIVE CHANGE

ECONOMIC

SOCIAL

ENVIRONMENTAL

[VIEW OUR
THEORY OF
CHANGE](#)



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UMA RUMI
PHOTO BY LISSI TORRES

OUR MISSION

**WE EQUIP CLIMBING COMMUNITIES WORLDWIDE
WITH THE KNOWLEDGE AND RESOURCES TO THRIVE**

HERE'S WHAT WE ACHIEVED IN 2023!



KENYA

CLIMBING LIFE KENYA
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WE PROVIDED TRAINING TO 22 CLIMBING LEADERS
IN KENYA AND MALAWI

KNOTS &
ANCHORS

WILDERNESS
FIRST AID

MINDSET

MENTORSHIP

GYM TO
CRAG

CLIMBING
PHOTOGRAPHY

CLIMBING
MOVEMENT

CRAG
DEVELOPMENT



MALAWI

**WE AWARDED 9 GRANTS TO LOCAL COMMUNITIES
FOR ENVIRONMENTAL, CREATIVE, AND SOCIAL IMPACT PROJECTS**

 PHILIPPINES

GEAR DISTRIBUTION

WE EQUIPPED 8 ORGANIZATIONS WITH GEAR
ROPES, HARNESSSES, QUICKDRAWS, HELMETS, SHOES, AND MORE



EGYPT

WOMEN IN THE WADI
PHOTO BY ESLAM PIKO

WE PUBLISHED 5 BEST PRACTICES CHAPTERS

BEST PRACTICES



BRAZIL

COLETIVO DE ESCALADA DE LENÇÓIS
PHOTO BY VICENTE LEAL

IN 2023,

we were
powered by



23

team members &
project consultants

who gave
over



8,858

volunteer
hours

including
more than



100

hours of team
mentorship

and
raised



\$157,808

to support
our mission

ACHIEVING THE FOLLOWING IMPACT:

148



hours of instruction
for climbing leaders

\$27,346



of climbing gear
distributed

\$4,360



awarded to innovative
grant projects

20,538



visitors accessing info and
resources on our website



MALAWI

CLIMB MALAWI
PHOTO BY D. SCOTT CLARK

IN TOTAL, WE DIRECTLY INVESTED IN THE SUCCESS OF 17 CLIMBING ORGANIZATIONS




HELPING THEM CATALYZE SOCIAL CHANGE, ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, AND ECONOMIC GROWTH



INDIA

YANA CLIMB/CLIMB LIKE A WOMAN
PHOTO BY [PRATIK SINGLA](#)



**NONE OF IT WOULD HAVE
BEEN POSSIBLE WITHOUT
OUR INCREDIBLE DONORS,**

OUR TREMENDOUS TEAM,

[VIEW OUR TEAM](#)



COLOMBIA

FUNDACION EDENES DE COLOMBIA
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AND OUR OUTSTANDING INDUSTRY SUPPORTERS



STERLING®



Rab®



BEYOND



NEMO



MOVEMENT GYMS • BOULDER PLANET SINGAPORE • THE SPOT GYMS



KENYA

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

INCOME
\$157,808

Individuals 17%
Other 1%
Major Donors and Foundations 42%

Industry Support 40%

EXPENSES
\$143,074

Fundraising 18%
Programs 58%

Admin 24%

 **ECUADOR**

8VOS A LOS 30S
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