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FOREWORD

It’s been incredible to see how The Iris Project is flourishing in just the way we had hoped—into a platform where young environmental champions can launch, amplify and grow their environmental initiatives. The projects we’ve nurtured are now spreading their wings—they’re gaining recognition, winning prestigious awards, and attracting funding from beyond The Iris Project.

Our reach is growing rapidly, with applications now tripling each year, which is testament to the strength of the growing network we are building. Two of our grantees have even grown into mentors, sharing their experience and wisdom with newer projects, strengthening our community from within.

Through our Ecosystem Slack channel, we have shared hundreds of funding and capacity-building opportunities with all prize applicants, helping them to thrive beyond the resources we have available. And, our advisors have represented The Iris Project at global environment conferences, amplifying the voices of young environmental leaders on an international stage. It’s a wonderful cycle of growth that continues to inspire us and make our work as meaningful as possible.

What makes The Iris Project unique is the diversity of initiatives we support. We didn’t start with a singular focus, like reforestation or ocean health; instead, we focused on youth.

And youth, with their fresh perspectives and relentless passion, have shown us opportunities we hadn’t even imagined. From clean water solutions to indigenous-led reforestation and sustainable waste management initiatives, their work spans a vast spectrum. This diversity is such a strength, and it reiterates the ingenuity of young people when they are trusted and given the resources they need.

Thank you to everyone who has believed in and supported this work. Together, we are building a global community where young people are empowered to create the future they want to see and it is really working.

Ben Goldsmith Founder of The Iris Project

OUR PHILOSOPHY

At The Iris Project, we see ourselves as quiet connectors and enablers, building an ecosystem of diverse projects that are learning from and supporting each other, whilst transforming their communities and their environment in unique ways. True systemic change asks us to learn from nature, to recognise the contribution that every element of an ecosystem makes, and to nurture the connections that enable healthy ecosystems to thrive.

This is how we approach our work, offering holistic support that values the mental and emotional wellbeing of young leaders just as much as the practical resources that are needed to bring their innovative ideas to life.

Our philosophy is simple: young people are the experts of their own projects. They understand their communities, their challenges, and the solutions needed to address them. We trust them to lead, and we are here to support and enable rather than dictate. Through The Iris Project we are building a global community that shares a collective vision of positive long-lasting change, driven by trust, collaboration, and the unstoppable energy of the global youth movement.

Together, we hope to cultivate a future that recognises the interconnectedness of people, nature, and action. This annual report is a testament to the talent and determination of young people at the heart of our work, our small team, our incredible youth advisors, and the network of 20 impactful projects we have supported since we launched in 2022.

Millie Edwards Director of The Iris Project



Project Sparsa Team, Stem Prize 2023 winners

OUR IMPACT SINCE 2022

The Iris Project's primary impact is through partnering with youth-led initiatives, working alongside them to amplify their efforts and create lasting environmental change. We also aim to foster a global community of young leaders who remain engaged in environmental work 1, 3, and 5 years post-funding. While it is too early to fully measure these long-term outcomes, early indicators are promising: all 2023 prize winners have received additional repeat funding to further their projects, and several 2022 prize winners have been recognised with awards for their impactful work. 2022 grantee Steve Misati has transitioned into an advisory role, mentoring and supporting the next generation of environmental changemakers.



OUR VISION

To enable a community of young environmental leaders who have the motivation, confidence, capacity, and resources to drive tangible environmental and societal gains

- ✓ **NATURE PROTECTION/RESTORATION**
- ✓ **COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**
- ✓ **YOUTH EMPOWERMENT**
- ✓ **ORGANISATIONAL GROWTH**

80+ NOMINATING PARTNERS

Environmental, youth, indigenous, and education-focused organisations and NGOs

15200

Individuals impacted through youth-led projects we've supported

STATS

50 **HECTARES OF LAND RESTORED**

22 **METRIC TONNES OF WASTE PROCESSED**
benefitting ± 2,800 community members

27 329 **MANGROVES PLANTED**

9 679 **HOUSEHOLDS**
using cleaner cooking stoves

The Iris Project is committed to trust-based, flexible funding, supporting young people—whether individuals, teams, or unregistered organisations—to lead impactful environmental initiatives.

152 180 GBP — **TOTAL IN INDIRECT FUNDING** VIA TRANSLATION, MONITORING & EVALUATION, MEDIA SUPPORT

493 191 GBP — **TOTAL IN DIRECT FUNDING** VIA GRANTS, STIPENDS, OUTREACH MENTORSHIP & CAPACITY BUILDING

OUR **GLOBAL** REACH

20 projects across **13 different countries**



















FOR YOUTH, BY YOUTH: OUR COMMUNITY

This year, our core team has grown from three to four as we welcomed Frances Storey, our new Project Manager.

We said goodbye to our three longest-serving Advisors - Yazid, Ezekiel and Ankica (in her advisory role) - and welcomed three new Advisors to the team. Excitingly, former prize winners Steve Misati and Alyssa Loera transitioned from grantees to Advisors, bringing invaluable insights from their experience as grantees.

We held an open call to fill the third Advisor vacancy specifically in the following regions: MENA, West and Southern Africa and Eastern Europe. After receiving over 400 applications, Nii Noi Kofi Omaboe, a Climate Youth Leader from Ghana, has also joined the panel.

CORE TEAM



Millie Edwards
Director



Anouk Delaprée
Communications Manager



Frances Storey
Project Manager



Ankica Sokolic
Ecosystem Coordinator (part-time)

ADVISORY PANEL



Shreya K.C.



Alyssa Kardos Loera



Nii Noi Kofi Omaboe



Alicia Amancio



Steve Misati



Sumarni Laman



Francisco Lara-Fletes



CELEBRATING THE IRIS PRIZE 2024 WINNERS!

In October 2024, we proudly awarded grants to nine projects, welcoming them into The Iris Project community. Each project brings fresh perspectives and innovative solutions to address pressing ecological, community-led challenges.



Uru Uru Team educational workshops, Iris Prize 2024 winners

URU URU TEAM

Awarded for an established project, with the potential to replicate and scale

About

The Uru Uru Team blends indigenous knowledge with modern science as they work to restore Lake Uru Uru in Bolivia, which once acted as a source of food and fresh water for more than 50 communities, but has been severely polluted by rapid urbanisation and local mining. The indigenous, youth-led team uses native Totora plants - traditionally used for construction, medicine, and animal fodder - as natural decontaminators to help restore the lake's ecosystem. By planting Totora in canals leading to the lake they are clarifying the water and have already observed a 30% decrease in pollution. Flamingos and other birds have started to return.

Team

Katterin Pamela Nuñez Choque, Dayana Blanco Quiroga, Gabriela Alejandra Torrez, Odaliz Mamani Tribeño, Mabel Calahuana, Brayan Acha Quispe, Gustavo Andre Blanco Quiroga.

FROM THE JUDGES

"I selected the Uru Uru Team for their outstanding **integration of traditional indigenous knowledge with scientific methods**, which has strong potential for replication across other countries and issues. Their dedication to **preserving their cultural heritage** while addressing critical environmental challenges is both inspiring and impactful."

Funds

The grant will enable the Uru Uru Team to further their efforts in restoring the sacred lake. With several canals bringing in polluted "black water" that threatens the ecosystem, the funds will allow them to plant more Totora in these areas to help filter the contaminants. Additionally, they will expand their community gardens and training Programs, with the proceeds from vegetable sales being reinvested into planting more Totora, ensuring the long-term viability of their restoration efforts.

MENTORED BY



Alicia



Sumarni





Members from the Uru Uru Team planting Totora's

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Investing in indigenous young innovators is crucial because we are not just the leaders of tomorrow, we are the leaders of today. Our ability to envision long-term solutions is unmatched. If we are supported now, our projects will have a more significant impact, laying the foundation for a sustainable and resilient future. Investing in us means investing in hope, creativity, and determination, which are key to addressing global environmental and social challenges in harmony not only with humans but Mother Earth rights too.

Gustavo Uru Uru Team

TIWAI HONEY INITIATIVE BY BANGS CIRCULAR

Awarded to an existing project, established on a small scale.

About

Aruna, a 2023 Seed Prize Runner-up, has since grown the Tiwai Honey Initiative into a thriving project which focuses on revitalising bee populations of Tiwai Island in Sierra Leone. The initiative manages over 130 beehives across 3 of the island's 8 communities, providing an alternative income to illegal logging and poaching with profits being shared among cooperative members.

Funds

The grant will enable the initiative to expand its reach to all eight communities on Tiwai Island by constructing 140 additional beehives and building a honey processing centre. This expansion will help meet market demands for honey, enhance community outreach, raise awareness about the critical decline in bee populations while reducing logging and poaching and continuing to protect and restore the island's ecosystem.

Project lead Aruna Bangura (23)

MENTORED BY



Shreya



Steve

FROM THE JUDGES

"Their success in training community members and managing beehives highlights their potential for significant environmental and economic impact. With continued support, their work can achieve even greater results."





Tiwai community members building beehives

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Young climate leaders are the craftsmen of solutions for today and tomorrow, and investment in them is a necessary attribute to render the future sustainable. It is their foresight, adaptability, and passion that ensure solutions can be found for climate change, food security, and resource management. However, making tomorrow possible means empowering young innovators to bring their projects to life for the growth of a generation of entrepreneurial leaders who catalyse the global shift toward sustainability, leaving an indelible mark on people and planet.

Aruna Bangs Circular

GUARDIANAS DEL ESTUARIO

Awarded for a new idea which has not yet been established.

About

Guardianas del Estuario started as a university research project using indigenous knowledge to train fisherwomen in mollusc aquaculture and resource monitoring. By using submerged mangrove roots as the foundations for mussel cultivation the project enhances women's incomes whilst supporting mangrove restoration, nurturing the role that mangroves play as ocean nurseries and storm buffers, and fostering intergenerational community collaboration.

Funds

Jabel aims to empower women through training in sustainable fishing practices and resource management, strengthening local efforts to monitor mussel populations and develop effective conservation strategies. The project will also evaluate the health of surrounding mangrove ecosystems and explore opportunities for mollusc aquaculture, promoting long-term resource conservation and sustainability

Project lead Jabel Gabriela Gomez Esquit (23)

FROM THE JUDGES

"Guardianas del Estuario impressed me with its commitment to empowering fisherwomen through sustainable resource management. By highlighting the critical role of women in fisheries and promoting marine conservation, this project will strengthen community resilience and advance gender equality in environmental stewardship."

MENTORED BY



Alyssa



Francisco





Community members measuring mussels in the mangroves

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Being young is about dreaming big, having ideas, and the excitement of creating and bringing them to life. We, as young people, have the unique drive to try, do, and experience everything. Funding becomes the engine that allows us to start or join projects, tackling social, economic, and environmental challenges with fresh and creative approaches. By investing in young people’s ideas and abilities, we create a conscious, prepared generation ready to face future challenges, make lasting community impacts, and address overlooked issues with the attention they deserve.

Jabel Guardianas del Estuario

CELEBRATING 2024 RUNNER-UPS

In 2024, we are continuing 'microgrants' for prize runners up, with each recipient receiving a grant of between USD1,500 USD and USD3,000, an invitation to join CoalitionWILD's 6-month Leadership Development and Capacity-Building EXCELerator Program, and monthly group mentorship sessions.



Stanley Anigbogu 24 Nigeria

LightEd links waste management with energy supply solutions utilising innovative technology to convert electronic and plastic waste into solar-powered charging stations and educational hubs, addressing the dual challenges of energy poverty and environmental degradation in African communities.

Jann Vinze Barcinal 23 Philippines

Dulungan Conservation and Eco-learning Hub leads community-led restoration efforts in the Central Panay Mountains - a key biodiversity area. These efforts combine training in reforestation, maintaining indigenous and fruit tree nurseries and hands-on education.



Alexander Yevchenko 18 Canada

Cultura is an app which was developed in collaboration with local communities to enhance agricultural efficiency and support farmers. They have implemented their own algorithm into the app, which gives farmers insight into ideal planting, fertilisation, harvesting times, live weather alerts, as well as financial information tracking and visualisation.

Viaje al Microcosmos de Nuevo León Mexico

This youth-led team, **Viaje al Microcosmos**, is a collective committed to protecting freshwater ecosystems in Mexico. They harness the power of citizen science and art to foster a sense of shared responsibility and empower their community through monitoring of river health, influencing public policy with up-to-date information about the state of our waterways. Through their Field Diary templates they invite users to document the various characteristics of waterways, including sensory attributes like colour and movement, as well as bioindicators that enable water quality tracking.



Miguel 17 Indonesia

Aqua Revive works to tackle river pollution and improve water quality in Indonesia. They use mud balls to introduce microorganisms to rivers that work to effectively combat harmful bacteria, and support the creation of thriving river ecosystems.

The Chareco Team South Sudan

The youth-led **Chareco Team** is working to reduce deforestation by producing modern briquette charcoal from waste materials such as coconut shells and sawdust, offering an eco-friendly alternative to traditional cooking methods.

IMPLEMENTING OUR THEORY OF CHANGE

As with last year, we have tracked the impact of our work in 2024 through our theory of change, which is organised into three pillars: Enable, Empower, and Advocate. This format reflects our holistic approach to supporting youth-led environmental solutions—empowering young leaders with essential tools, enabling them through resources and networks to amplify their impact, and advocating for systemic change to create opportunities for future generations.



Nusra, Co-Founder of Project Mila, amidst waste in Mombasa, Kenya

OUR THEORY OF CHANGE

ACTIVITIES

Provide **grant funding** to nine young leaders each year via the Seed, Stem and Iris prizes and runners-up

Deliver **tailored capacity-building Programs** for Iris Prize winners in collaboration with global network partners

Build a **global network of nominating partners** to identify and support potential Iris Prize winners

Collaborate with a youth advisory panel to inform ongoing project development and mentor prize winners and runners-up

Provide ongoing **media and commentary opportunities** for young environmental leaders

OUTCOMES

Enable

Improve **the capacity and confidence of prize winners** to deliver tangible environmental gains

Increase the volume of philanthropic funding that is channelled towards youth-led environmental projects

Empower

Improve **access to networking and mentoring** opportunities for young environmental leaders

Advocate

Raise **global awareness about the efficacy of young people** in addressing the climate and ecological crisis

Share best practices in trust-based grant making for young people, by young people

INDICATORS

- Stories of youth-centred environmental leadership shared by target media outlets
- Profile opportunities created in target communications and networking spaces
- Learnings shared in The Iris Project annual report

- Volume and geographic spread of network partners and a number of engagement opportunities

- Self-reporting from prize winners and Advisors
- Ongoing assessment of the global philanthropic landscape
- Individual and project-level performance indicators

IMPACT GOAL

Grow a **global community of young environmental leaders** who have the motivation, confidence capacity and resources to **deliver tangible environmental gains within their local communities** and beyond

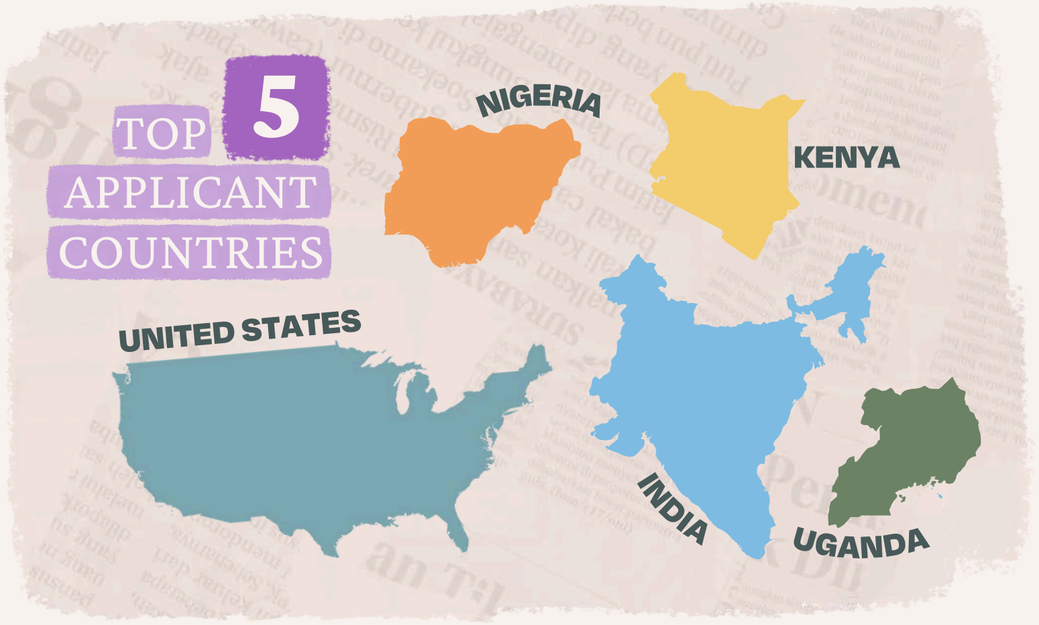
ENABLE

The Enable pillar of our Theory of Change focuses on equipping young environmental leaders with the tools, support, and resources they need to achieve impactful, sustainable outcomes.

THE IRIS PRIZE

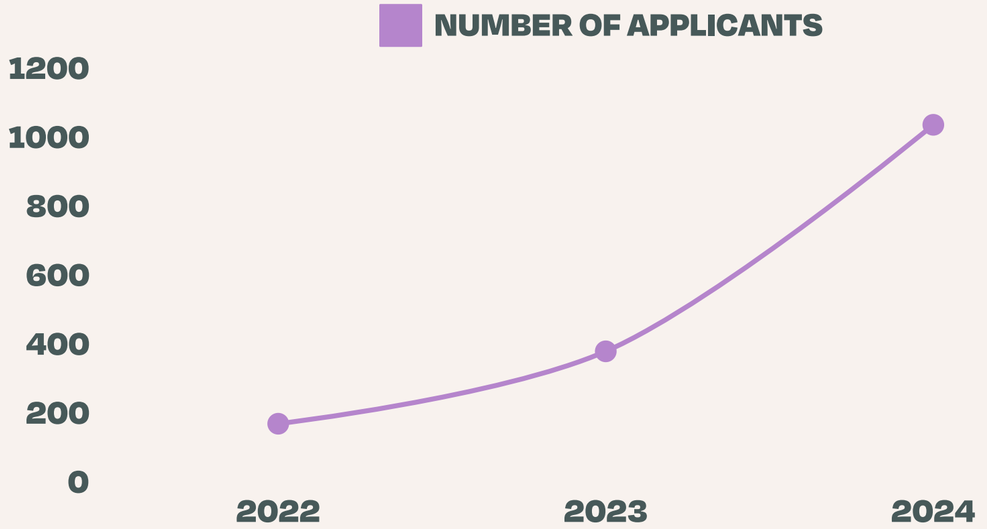
Our vision has always been to reach marginalised young people who might not come across funding opportunities on social media or have had access to grants before, and to provide them with the resources they need to continue their important work. **Since the launch of The Iris Prize in 2022, the number of applications we have received each year has increased exponentially. In 2024 we received 1,037 applications from young people in 97 countries.**

While we are proud to be reaching more people each year, this growth also highlights a critical issue: **1,028 of these extraordinary youth-led projects remain unfunded.** This means that the incredible work young people are doing to address the climate and ecological crises is not receiving the support that it urgently needs.



To extend our support beyond the funding that we are able to offer, we invite all Iris Prize applicants to join The Ecosystem, a private slack channel where we share weekly funding and capacity-building opportunities. **We have 364 engaged members, 50% of whom have benefitted from at least 3-5 opportunities shared.** Through this network, we aim to help young leaders continue their impactful work, even if we cannot fund them directly.

This year, we streamlined our grant application process to reduce the number of ineligible applicants. We created application guides - translated into Spanish, Portuguese, French and Arabic - which clearly outlined our criteria and directed applicants to an eligibility quiz. Only those that passed the quiz could access the full application form. Out of 4,273 people who took the quiz, 1,037 applied, showing that the system was effective. As with previous years, we accepted applications in any language, in written or audio format, and welcomed submissions both online and offline. This inclusive approach, combined with the new eligibility process, saved time for both applicants and our review team.



ACHIEVING OUR GOAL

Updates from our 2023 Winners!

This year marked an exciting milestone for The Iris Project as we awarded grants not only to winners but also to runners-up, expanding our support from three grantees to nine. By increasing our organisational capacity in this way, we've been able to amplify our impact and extend critical resources to more innovative projects in diverse communities. This expanded reach has strengthened our ability to support environmental initiatives on a larger scale, empowering more project leaders in more places to address pressing ecological challenges and drive transformative change.





Creating the biodegradable menstrual pads at Project Sparsa's pad factory



LIQUIFY Bali, Indonesia

About

Liquify is transforming access to clean water in Balinese communities through innovative, affordable solutions like gravity filters, water catchments, and recharge wells. Alongside implementing these systems, they provide training to ensure long-term sustainability and educate children on water conservation through creative materials and books. Liquify aims to foster a lasting impact and raise global awareness about the water crisis.

Project lead

I Ketut Darma Dipta (18)

Funding received

- USD15,000 USD (2023 Iris Prize grant)
- USD10,000 USD (2024 repeat funding)

Achievement of **4/5** Objectives

REPEAT FUNDING

PLANS FOR 2025

Since winning the prize, Dipta has graduated from high-school and earned a full scholarship to Hult Business School in London. Remaining committed to bringing clean water to communities across Bali, Liquify will use the addition funding to:

- Formally register Liquify as an organisation.
- Expand the team by hiring a Project Coordinator to manage operations whilst Dipta studies abroad.
- Build 5 new recharge wells across Bali, increasing access to clean water.
- Expand educational outreach, engaging more communities and schools in water conservation.
- Launch sustainable, upcycled merchandise to help fund the project and boost brand recognition.

THE IRIS PRIZE 2023

Community Engagement & Youth Involvement

Since winning the Iris Prize in 2023, Liquify has improved water access and environmental education in Bali, Indonesia. Through recharge well construction, 170 people across 40 households and two temples now have clean water access. Leveraging Iris Project funding, Liquify expanded its educational outreach to over 2,000 students, engaging Bali Youth Parliament for Water volunteers and empowering youth as environmental stewards.

Infrastructure & Innovation

With the grant, Liquify built a new type of 6-metre-deep recharge well at Green School Bali, reducing runoff and replenishing groundwater. In other locations, two additional wells are complete, and seven more are under construction. A real-time monitoring system is underway to track water levels and flow rates. Liquify's new website, created by the Climate Communications Program, will provide public updates on these impacts, showcasing this data, allowing the public and potential investors to transparently track Liquify's impact and progress.

Environmental Impact

Liquify's recharge wells, with a capacity of replenishing 1,100m² of water annually per well, address Bali's water scarcity and improve community health. Educational outreach has expanded, reaching over 2,000 students, reinforcing water conservation's importance among Bali's youth. With ongoing construction and planned wells, Liquify is on track to make a significant impact on Bali's water sustainability, supporting a healthier environment for future generations.



PROJECT SPARSA Kathmandu, Nepal

About

Sparsa is an organisation that is innovating ways to address menstrual equity by producing compostable menstrual pads from locally sourced banana fibre. They are reducing plastic waste and promoting environmental preservation. By supporting banana farmers and creating economic opportunities, Sparsa fosters community development whilst creating awareness to challenge taboos around menstruation and menstrual health through their ambassador program.

Project lead Dipisha Bhujel (22)

Funding received

- USD10,000 USD (2023 Iris Prize grant)
- USD10,000 USD (2024 repeat funding)

Achievement of 4/5 Objectives

THE STEM PRIZE 2023

Community Impact

Sparsa empowers women in Bharatpur, Nepal, by providing jobs and training in the production of biodegradable menstrual pads. Establishing the production factory has created jobs for local women, who work as factory operators. Through collaboration with local women's groups, Sparsa ensures community input shapes product development. Alongside production, the project educates young women about menstruation, challenging the stigma and shame surrounding menstruation in Nepal. The pads are currently undergoing laboratory testing to ensure they meet health and hygiene standards.

Organisational Advancement

The USD10,000 grant has enabled Sparsa to complete the construction of its production facility and import a pad-making machine from India. The project is now ready to distribute pads for comprehensive feedback ahead of full-scale production.

Environmental Impact

Sparsa's biodegradable pads offer an environmentally friendly alternative to traditional sanitary products, reducing plastic waste in rural areas. By integrating circular economy principles, Sparsa has also developed an innovative process to convert waste from the banana fibre production into organic compost, selling it to farmers and providing them with a valuable resource to further advance the project's commitment to sustainability.

REPEAT FUNDING

PLANS FOR 2025

The Sparsa team has shown incredible resilience in the face of many challenges this year. Their project remains rooted in the needs of the local community, striving to make their production line as circular as possible whilst combating menstrual discrimination. With the repeat funding Sparsa will:

- Start paying the salaries of their dedicated team.
- Invest in a UV Filter, a sterilisation step ensuring the pads are safe, hygienic, and free from harmful microorganisms. This upgrade boosts production, improves quality, and reduces delays caused by outdated equipment.
- Implement the Sparśa Ambassador Program, a year-long education initiative led by young people, training them to share resources and skills.
- Expand their ambassador program, strengthen partnerships, and represent Sparsa at events.



PROJECT MILA Mombasa, Kenya

About

Project Mila tackles waste management sustainably by using black soldier fly larvae to convert organic waste into protein feed and nutrient-rich fertiliser, promoting a circular economy. Rooted in Swahili values of unity and harmony with nature, this youth-led initiative seeks to reduce reliance on artificial fertilisers, produce sustainable fish feed to decrease dependence on wild-caught fishmeal, and uplift communities in Mombasa. Mila's efforts focus on improving infrastructure, logistics, and education, with its success deeply rooted in community collaboration.

Project lead Nusra Juriah Abed (24) & Ahmed Abeid (27)

Funding received

- USD5,000 (2023 Iris Prize grant)
- USD10,000 (2024 repeat funding)

Achievement of 5/5 Objectives

REPEAT FUNDING

PLANS FOR 2025

Project Mila's repeat funding will focus on community engagement, which was one of the key challenges they had to overcome in establishing their project. They have worked hard to reduce the stigma around black soldier flies and create a demand for their product. Their future plans include:

- Growing their team and internal capacity by promoting several long-standing volunteers into paid roles such as Waste Collector Officers and Community Outreach Coordinators.
- Purchasing a grinder to increase frass production to around 1 ton per month, to help meet community demand.
- Expanding their educational Programs to strengthen community engagement.
- Increase the number of community garden initiatives to educate and demonstrate the benefits of the frass produced. These spaces include schools, community centres and public spaces.

Youth & Community Engagement

Project Mila has fostered strong community engagement as they have worked to set up their sustainable waste-processing initiative, which uses black soldier fly larvae to convert organic waste into protein feed and nutrient-rich frass for fertiliser. They have sourced all building materials locally and employed local youth to construct their new waste processing facility. This year, the project organised 20 environmental education sessions and created 20 community green spaces using the frass. These initiatives have helped create jobs, build local capacity and deepen community engagement with their efforts to combat waste pollution.

Organisational Advancement

With the USD5,000 grant, Project Mila successfully constructed its waste processing facility in Mombasa, overcoming several operational setbacks caused by heavy flooding. The funds have also supported the project's operational costs and community engagement activities, laying a strong foundation for future profitability and impact.

Environmental Impact

Project Mila's waste processing facility reduces landfill waste while supporting local food security and sustainable farming practices. Since its launch, Mila has directly impacted over 100 households living within a 3km radius of the Mila facility through regular waste collection. In partnership with 50 local businesses, Mila has also improved neighbourhood sanitation and reduced waste-related health risks. Meanwhile, the project's environmental education sessions are raising awareness about sustainable waste management and encouraging broader adoption of positive practices within the community.

2023 RUNNER-UPS



KLEANERAIR Kenya

led by ***Purity Christine***

Improving monitoring and accessibility of air quality data.

Category **Iris Prize Runner-Up**
Amount **USD3,000**

What was the funding used for?

- Expanding their air quality sensor network
- Organising workshops and seminars on the role of air quality

Outcomes

Provision of access to real-time air quality data for over 50,000 people through the expansion of their sensor network and community engagement efforts.



REMADE IN CAMBODIA

led by ***Alyssa Erin Kardos Loera***

Transforming river waste into up-cycled fashion collections.

Category **Stem Prize Runner-Up**
Amount **USD2,000**

What was the funding used for?

- Formally registering the organisation
- Prototyping up-cycled tote bags
- Professional photography for portfolio development

Outcomes

Additional grants secured, wider audiences reached, organisational development through increased capacity & credibility.



TIWAI HONEY INITIATIVE BY BANGS CIRCULAR Sierra Leone

led by ***Aruna Bangura***

Combatting the decline of honeybee populations by establishing a sustainable and community-led honey enterprise

Category **Seed Prize Runner-Up** (and now Stem Prize 2024 Winner!)
Amount **USD1,500**

What was the funding used for?

- Building 120 beehives
- Running training workshops for 60 community members

Outcomes

Local environmental awareness, reduced deforestation & economic stability.

2023 RUNNER-UPS



ECO HOUSE Argentina

led by ***Santiago Cabezon***

Restoring and conserving bio corridors in the Parana Forest.

Category **Iris Prize Runner-Up**
Amount **USD3,000**

What was the funding used for?

- Supporting reforestation
- Facilitating travel within the area

Outcomes

150 students and local community members engaged in reforestation efforts & a critical biocorridor was restored.



MOOSUMI MAGAZINE Maldives

led by ***Ahmed Ijunad Junaid***

Using conservation storytelling to raise environmental awareness and foster a connection with nature.

Category **Stem Prize Runner-Up**
Amount **USD2,000**

What was the funding used for?

- Publishing a second magazine issue featuring climate stories from Small Island Developing States (SIDS).
- Reaching over 10,000 readers globally.

Outcomes

Voices of marginalised communities amplified, with particular attention to intersectional challenges.



ACE PROJECT Indonesia

led by ***Ashley Pribadi***

Creating an eco-friendly alternative to cement by using fly ash in bricks.

Category **Seed Prize Runner-Up**
Amount **USD1,500**

What was the funding used for?

- Creating eco-friendly cement from fly ash
- Building a new sidewalk near a school

Outcomes

Addressed brick production issues, developed partnerships for scaling the project and created a safer, more durable walkway for school children.

CAPACITY BUILDING

CoalitionWILD

All winners and runners-up are invited to participate in CoalitionWILD's 6-month Leadership Development EXCELerator Program, which equips participants with essential skills, mentorship, and resources to advance their environmental initiatives. The Program provides training in leadership, project management, and communication while fostering a global network of peers and mentors. Those who engage and complete the Program rate it as one of the most comprehensive and impactful initiatives they've been a part of.

> "The EXCELerator live program has so far been one of the most comprehensive programs I have taken part of. I am sure I will go through the slides in the coming weeks, months and maybe even years"
>
> **2023 Grantee**



2023 Prize Winner Dipisha with her mentor Shreya on a Sparsa site visit



INSIGHTS

This year, **five out of eight** grantees that signed up to the Program completed it. Those who didn't cited a preference for one-on-one training or challenges in balancing the time commitment with full-time education and running their projects. We've taken this into account and will refer 2024 grantees to the EXCELerator Program on an individual basis.

Open Briefing

Security and Risk Management Support

The Iris Project has partnered with Open Briefing since 2022 to provide grantees with security and risk management support, addressing the unique operational challenges faced by environmental leaders. This collaboration evolved in 2023 from initial workshops to more hands-on, tailored assistance, ensuring each project received specific guidance to meet its context.

Through workshops, one-on-one mentorship, and scenario-based planning, Open Briefing has helped grantees build resilience and tackle immediate risks. Support has focused on community-driven security strategies, building climate resilience, and supporting sustainable growth through strategic partnerships. This approach underscores the value of understanding both immediate safety needs and the broader operational landscape, equipping grantees to effectively address current challenges while planning for future resilience.

CLIMATE COMMUNICATIONS PROGRAM

At The Iris Project, we believe in the transformative power of effective communications—whether that be compelling storytelling, impactful pitching, or developing a brand that highlights the importance of a project and enables it to stand out.

Following a successful pilot in 2023, we officially launched our Climate Communications Program in partnership with MakerChange Studio this year. This Program is designed to build the confidence and capacity of our grantees to deliver communications that elevate their projects' success, tailored to their unique needs. This year, Sparsa collaborated with MakerChange to create a new brand identity and packaging for their sustainable menstrual pads. Dipta received a reimagined brand and a new website, and has plans to incorporate water level tracking sensors in his recharge wells, sharing real-time data via Liquify's website. Meanwhile Project Mila built their entire brand presence from scratch, including a new logo, messaging and website. All winners are trained to independently update their websites and develop Canva skills, empowering them to share their stories, fundraise effectively, and showcase the impact of their work to the world.

FACILITATED BY makerchange

"The program was not only educational but also a creative experience that resonated with our own envisioning. We are super connected to the branding, and the positive feedback from our local and online communities brings out the fact the Program delivered, eternally etching Project Mila as unforgettable at first sight!"

Project Mila









PRIORITISING WELLBEING

Supporting the mental health and well-being of environmental defenders has always been a core focus of The Iris Project, as we understand that it is essential to ensuring their resilience and sustained impact.

This year, we appointed Youth Advisor Shreya K.C. as our Wellbeing Peer Support Focal Point. In April, Shreya took part in Open Briefing's training Program which covered skills in active listening, communication, and stress management. Meanwhile, through Open Briefing's responsive assistance Program, we have been able to provide grantees in need with 1:1 counselling support, offering them vital resources to navigate the emotional and psychological challenges of leading environmental projects.



"I'm looking forward to using these skills to support our prize winners and runners-up, providing a safe, confidential space to share their challenges and explore practical coping strategies while guiding them toward additional support when needed. My goal is to help foster a culture of resilience and care within the Iris Project."

Shreya K.C. Wellbeing Focal Point & Youth Advisor



"The additional wellbeing support beyond the grant has been incredibly helpful for us. I strongly recommend that the team continues offering this type of assistance to future grantees. It has been invaluable during challenging times." **2023 Grantee**

EMPOWER

Under the Empower pillar of our Theory of Change, mentorship and networking have helped to further build a community of young environmental leaders

MENTORSHIP

Winning an Iris Prize is not just about funding. We believe that peer-to-peer mentorship - rooted in reciprocity, transparency and friendship - is essential to helping projects grow and scaling their impact. By ensuring that grantees lead the process and work closely with their mentors, we encourage knowledge exchange and support the development of robust, community-integrated projects that are built to last.

We paired each of our 2023 prize winners with two advisors. This year we ensured that one mentor was from the same country or continent where possible, and the other had thematic expertise relevant to the project. This approach has been incredibly beneficial, allowing for greater cultural and contextual understanding, and in some cases enabling in-person meetings between mentors and mentees, further strengthening their connection.

PROGRAM FEEDBACK

How would you rate your overall experience as a mentor?

9/10

Overall, the mentorship program was rated 9/10. Mentors described their relationships with grantees as reciprocal, rewarding, and collaborative, emphasising the mutual learning and shared inspiration that defined their experience.

"Out of any grant, sponsor, or advisor I've interacted with, The Iris Project is the only one that has made me feel supported as a new leader and allows me to be vulnerable. I often am praised for how young I am, but never supported more because of it. The Iris Project and CoalitionWild allow me to be real and ask for help from my peers and advisors. Thank you so much for your support."

2023 Grantee



Sumarni & Dipta



Dipisha & Shreya

REGIONAL MEET-UP BALI

This year, we hosted our first regional meet-up in Bali, Indonesia. Home to two Iris Prize winners— Sam Benchghib from Sungai Watch and Dipta Darma from Liquify—Bali provided the perfect backdrop for a week of project visits, collaboration, and meaningful connections. Together, they explored the innovative work being done by our winners, visiting communities directly impacted by their efforts. The in-person connections made between Sam, Dipta, Sumarni, Alyssa, Anouk and Iris Prize Judge and founder of Bali-based youth-led organisation Youthtopia, Melati Wijsen, were deeply energising and reaffirmed our mission to share ideas, experiences, and visions for the future, making this a truly inspiring and transformative gathering.

"I hold special memories [from the regional meet up], like the warm welcome from the Kintamani village leader, driving through the winding roads of Ubud, and sitting down with Melati in a small coffee shop, reflecting on our challenges ahead. The week left me recharged, inspired, more connected to the team, and moved by the resilience and determination of young people."

Anouk Delaprée Communications Manager



Visiting beneficiaries of Liquify's water pump project in Kintamani



Sungai Watch sorting facility in Canggu



Meeting & chatting with Kintamani village leaders

MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS

Elevating Youth-Led Impact in 2024

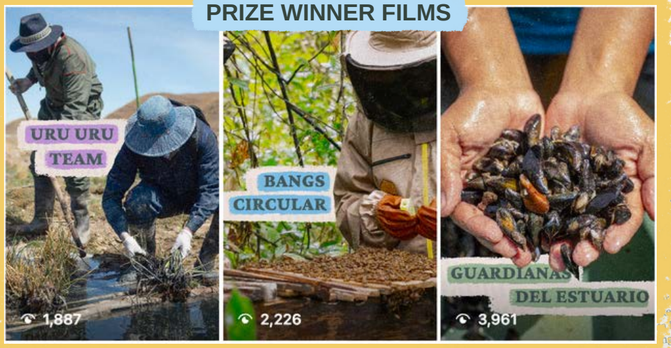
164 **THOUSAND** OPPORTUNITIES TO SEE
OUR WORK ON SOCIAL MEDIA
Total impressions on social media

10.2 ENGAGEMENT RATE
Out of 100 people reached interacted with The Iris Project's social media content (reactions, comments, repost, link clicks, etc...)

12.5 THOUSAND TOTAL ENGAGEMENTS
ACROSS OUR SOCIAL MEDIA
All content reactions, comments, likes, link clicks

1.1 **MILLION** OPPORTUNITIES TO SEE
IP PRESS COVERAGE
Total circulation numbers

PRIZE WINNER FILMS



PRIZE LAUNCH ASSET



Resurgence & ECOLOGIST

Tackling Period Poverty

Dipisha Bhujel shares the story of how and why she set up Project Sparśa – a women-led not-for-profit company that makes compostable sanitary pads from banana plants and uses its revenue to better educate young Nepalese women about their bodies and menstruation



Growing up in a small community in Nepal, I experienced first-hand the heavy stigma surrounding menstruation. In our society, menstruating individuals are considered impure and dirty, subjected to a web of restrictions rooted in traditional beliefs that range from being prohibited from entering religious places and kitchens to avoiding contact with males, water sources, food products, and even animals and plants. In some communities in the western region of Nepal, women are banished to isolated menstrual sheds far away from their families, a practice known as *Chhaupadi*.

The Guardian

The alternatives

This article is more than 1 month old

Maggots to the rescue: innovative food waste solution may help wild fish populations too

Project Mila's team of volunteers collect organic waste from households, markets and restaurants in Mombasa and feed it to voracious larvae

By Jackson Ambole Okata

INSIGHTS

In 2024, The Iris Project amplified the voices of young changemakers through impactful storytelling, creating high-quality documentaries and engaging visual content. We emphasised tracking metrics to measure engagement and reach across social media, our website, and PR channels. Instagram consistently exceeded targets, while the Ecosystem newsletter fostered strong engagement. With Facebook and website reach needing refinement, these insights are guiding 2025 strategies.

ADVANCING PROJECT SUSTAINABILITY THROUGH REPEAT FUNDING

At the end of 2023, each of our 2022 prize winners received an additional **USD10,000 repeat funding grant**, marking their second year as grantees of The Iris Project. This repeat funding is a crucial part of our overall strategy, designed to support the long-term sustainability, impact and growth of these projects. By extending our commitment, we enable project leaders to build on their initial successes, deepen their impact within their communities, and pursue new opportunities for expansion. This approach not only strengthens each initiative but also reinforces our mission to invest in enduring, community-driven solutions for environmental resilience.

SUNGAI WATCH Bali, Indonesia



Sungai Watch has seen significant advancements in organisational capacity this year, with the successful hiring of key positions in operations, HR, and partnerships. This has enabled them to streamline their efforts and maximise their impact, particularly in terms of community engagement. Through scaling their outreach Programs, they have continued to raise awareness about river pollution and waste management practices, impacting an estimated 23,000 people, including 10,000 women. Youth engagement has also been a focal point, with mentoring programs now in place for 150 youths, empowering them to lead local river cleanup initiatives. In February, Sam was awarded the prestigious Elevate Prize, USD300,000 in unrestricted funding alongside capacity building and mentorship.

Project lead **Sam Benchghib (26)**

DATA 2022-2024

- **Trash barriers installed:** over 300
- **Waste sorted:** streamlined operations have improved waste sorting efficiency, reducing landfill overflow
- **Community impact:** Current operations are spread throughout Bali and East Java, where there is a combined population of 7 million people, 80% of whom live within 1 kilometre of river and are therefore impacted by Sungai Watch's work.

"With the repeat funding, we have targeted the development of our engineering department to innovate our trash barrier systems and maintain our existing installations. I am immensely proud of the positive changes we've achieved in our community."



YOUTHPAWA Mombasa, Kenya



YouthPawa used repeat funding to upskill the local community through workshops and training. They facilitated educational sessions for children and youth, engaged hundreds of volunteers in mangrove planting activations and introduced a sustainable beekeeping initiative. This directs 70% of proceeds to the community and reinvests 30% of funds into the mangrove project, reducing reliance on mangrove deforestation for livelihoods. The team has grown to 17 core members (10 female, 7 male), with a strong emphasis on placing youth in leadership positions with decision-making roles. Steve was selected as the 2024 Ocean Restoration Steward by the Global Landscape Forum, securing him a USD5,000 grant as well as associated capacity building opportunities.

Project lead **Steve Misati (24)**

DATA 2022-2024

- **Mangrove ECO-restoration:** 12.1 acres of mangrove forest restored, up from 8.2 acres in 2023.
- **Mangroves planted:** 27,329
- **Biodiversity recovery:** birds, butterflies, crabs and oysters symbolise the return of wildlife to the ecosystem.

> “As much as we faced many challenges with the weather and climate in Mombasa this year, I believe I have delivered what I envisioned with the repeat funding and I’m super proud of myself, my team, and my community for the progress we’ve made. I honestly don’t think I would have reached this point I am at, if not for your support and motivation. I really do appreciate it.”



MUDZI COOKING PROJECT Chisinga, Malawi



Deforestation
77%
Reduced by

With the repeat funding Mudzi Cooking Project expanded its work by introducing briquette production in schools and community groups, reducing reliance on charcoal and improving energy efficiency. Maria and the team also engaged the local community through 15 awareness campaigns, reaching 23,078 people (13,188 women) and training 89 women and 50 young people in briquette production and stove construction. The project significantly impacted reforestation, using repeat funding to support the planting of trees and establish community and school-based forests. Youth leadership was strengthened through mentoring programs, with 250 youths now leading climate change initiatives in Chisinga. Mudzi Cooking Project was recognized by international organisations and secured USD6,500 in additional funding from the IDEAS Social Innovation Challenge, supporting further climate action.

Project lead **Maria Kameta (23)**

DATA 2022-2024

- **Efficient stoves:** 9,679 households using cleaner stoves
- **Briquettes produced:** 89 women and 50 youth producing briquettes, reaching 556 households
- **Climate education:** 34,560 students reached through environmental education



"With the Seed Prize grant, we focused on climate education and awareness, constructing efficient cooking stoves and making briquettes. With the repeat funding, we've incorporated climate mitigation and adaptation strategies into our project, as well as ensuring climate justice is addressed within our work. I am incredibly proud of the change we've achieved"

ADVOCATE

The Advocate pillar of our Theory of Change focuses on amplifying the voices and work of youth-led environmental initiatives globally.

AMPLIFYING YOUTH VOICES

The Iris Project on the Global Stage

This year, The Iris Project community has made it a priority to amplify the voices and work of the youth-led projects we support. We have actively engaged at climate conferences and global events, advocating for better funding to be directed towards youth-led initiatives. By highlighting the innovative solutions and leadership of young people, we aim to shift the conversation and ensure that youth-led projects receive the recognition and resources they deserve in tackling the world's most pressing environmental challenges.

COLOMBIA



Francisco at CBD COP16

DUBAI



Advisors at COP28



Frances at The Earthshot Prize

SOUTH AFRICA

USA



Millie at New York Climate Week

AZERBAIJAN



Advisors at COP29

ADVISORY PANEL DATA

AWARENESS-RAISING
90% of advisors actively promoted The Iris Project, via physical and digital outreach.

EVENT PARTICIPATION
Around 70% engaged with youth audiences through workshops, public talks, or panels.

FUNDING UNDER-18 PROJECT LEADERS & EARLY-STAGE PROJECTS

All too often, young people seeking funding are told they are too young, or that there are too many legal ramifications associated with supporting their work. As a result, we are one of the few funders that provides grants to individuals under the age of 18, and to projects that are in their infancy run by groups that haven't yet formally registered their organisations. This means that we often become the first funder of the projects we support. Instead of dismissing minors and closing doors, we ask, how can we make this work, and how can we show other funders what is possible?

We are proud to have supported three projects led by minors. Dipta, our 2023 Iris Prize Winner is a great example of our approach. At just 17, Dipta was still in school when he won the prize, so we partnered with the Indonesia-based Samdhana Institute to act as his fiscal sponsor, guiding the management of the grant. This partnership not only mitigated the financial risk involved with funding a minor, but also provided Dipta with capacity-building support, including guidance on budgeting and handling the receipt processes required by the Indonesian government. Safeguarding and risk management are central to our approach, ensuring that the support we provide to minors is carefully considered.



Constructing the recharge wells, Iris Prize 2023 winner



Filming the Tiwai Honey Initiative in Sierra Leone

AMPLIFYING IMPACT

Showcasing the Power of Youth-Led Change Through Film

Our short documentaries highlighting the prize winners play a crucial role in showcasing the effectiveness and impact of youth-led projects, serving as powerful tools for these leaders to connect with potential partners and funders. This year, we strengthened our collaboration with our prize winners by involving them in workshops and the film scripting process. This hands-on approach not only brings their initiatives to life for broader audiences but also equips the prize winners with valuable skills in storytelling and film production, enhancing their ability to advocate for their work as their projects grow. Through these films, we aim to demonstrate the unique value of supporting youth-led initiatives, showing how funding these projects drives impact.

GLOBAL ADVOCACY

Amplifying Youth Impact Through Award Nominations

We are enhancing our advocacy for youth-led environmental initiatives by positioning The Iris Project as a feeder into global recognition platforms, including through becoming nominators of prestigious awards like The Earthshot Prize. By facilitating pathways to these opportunities, we are proud to demonstrate the impact and potential of youth-led projects, making a compelling case for greater investment and support from funders.



Advisor Shreya leading a prize outreach session in Kathmandu, Nepal

LOOKING FORWARD

As we move into 2025, The Iris Project is set to implement significant developments to enhance our impact and broaden our reach, building on the successes of the past year.



PLANS FOR 2025

Transitioning Fiscal Hosts

This year we have made the decision to transition The Iris Project from our original fiscal hosts, Global Greengrants Fund (GGF), to the Global Fund for Children (GFC). We are so grateful to GGF for trusting and nurturing us from the very beginning. Their expertise in participatory, trust-based, and flexible grant making was instrumental in launching and growing The Iris Project, and enabling us to empower young people to protect and restore nature around the world. In January 2025, we will be moving forwards with GFC, a leader in innovative and flexible youth-focused grant-making, who are committed to enhancing our mission, impact and reach.

"We're thrilled to have been part of The Iris Project's journey over the past three years. Our shared commitment to supporting young environmentalists' creativity and activism has been the bedrock of our partnership. We've proudly watched The Iris Project grow from a fledgling initiative to a thriving grantmaking program. Through us they've funded diverse projects, from addressing plastic waste in Bali's rivers and oceans, to reducing deforestation and supporting communities in Malawi adapt to climate change. As the Iris Project enters this new phase, we're excited to see them continue to flourish in partnership with Global Fund for Children, a specialist in trust-based grantmaking to young people worldwide."

Dr Nisha Owen Executive Director of Global Greengrants Fund

Mobilising Funds to Bridge the Youth Funding Gap

In last year's annual report, we highlighted that just 0.76% of institutional climate funding is directed towards youth-led climate justice initiatives. We believe an even smaller portion is allocated to youth working on biodiversity and nature-based solutions. In response, The Iris Project, in partnership with Synchronicity Earth and the Global Youth Biodiversity Network, has collaborated to commission research into the youth biodiversity funding landscape, specifically aiming to address funder hesitancy around the provision of direct funding for youth.

We launched this research initiative with a workshop at New York Climate Week, followed by a session at COP16 in Cali, Colombia. These gatherings united youth biodiversity leaders and progressive funders to explore how philanthropy can better align with the needs and demands of younger grantees. We focused on co-creating strategies to dismantle systemic barriers towards funding, and spotlight the way youth are already shaping finance, funding, and the integration of biodiversity within climate solutions. The research findings will culminate in a comprehensive report which will launch at COP30 in Brazil in 2025.

Regional Meet-Ups & A Global Gathering

March 2025 will mark three years since the launch of The Iris Project. Building on the success of this year’s regional meet-up in Indonesia, our mentorship group gatherings and the invaluable in-person connections made by our team and advisors at climate conferences, we are planning a global gathering to celebrate our fourth anniversary. Alongside this, we will prioritise scheduling a regional meet-up for our grantee and advisor community in Latin America. We remain mindful of the carbon footprint of travel, but we also believe that the opportunities that come from connecting and learning in-person are invaluable.

Youth Funding Toolkit

We are collaborating with other youth-led funders to create a Youth Fundraising Toolkit, equipping young leaders with the skills and resources needed to fundraise effectively for their projects. Inspired by the challenges faced by our grantees, this initiative aims to further close the youth funding gap and empower young people to access the support they need to drive meaningful environmental change.



Steve, Fran, Dipisha, Ezekiel, Shreya and Yazid at COP28

UNDERSTANDING OUR IMPACT

Monitoring, Evaluation, and Learning (MEL)

In 2024, The Iris Project has further refined its MEL framework to capture our impact and improve our strategies. This framework enables us to:

- Consistently **evaluate and improve the quality of support** we provide to youth-led environmental initiatives.
- Gain deeper **insights into environmental and social impact** across our programs.
- Validate our theory of change to **continuously advocate for increased funding toward youth-led climate and nature initiatives.**

Key MEL components for 2024 include:

Iris Project Impact Tracker

Displays key data against our theory of change, tracking prize winner and runner-up progress.

Advisory Panel Tracker

Gathers insights which help ensure that our advisory panel remains aligned with The Iris Project's vision and that their input is effectively integrated into decision-making processes.

Training Evaluations

Captures participant feedback on engagement, content relevance, and practical application.



Digital Engagement & Newsletter Metrics

Enables us to assess reach and interaction with our target audience of young people aged 14-24.

Prize Winner & Runner-up Feedback

Captures measurable outcomes and personal narratives of impact. These updates document motivations, key project milestones, and the tangible and intangible effects of our funding and support.

Media Coverage & PR Metrics

Assesses the visibility of The Iris Project and supported initiatives. This data provides insights into public engagement and the impact of our environmental messaging, helping us understand the resonance and reach of our work.

Application Data

Helps guide our outreach and selection processes, ensuring accessibility to a wide range of young environmental leaders. It also highlights the level of unmet need in youth-led environmental initiatives, informing our strategy and advocacy efforts.

End-of-Year Reports

Filled out by prize winners and runners-up, these offer an in-depth summary of achievements, challenges, and direct impact, including beneficiaries reached, environmental gains, youth leadership, and evidence of environmental improvements. These reports are crucial for understanding project progression and addressing any context-specific challenges that may have arisen.



Sungai Watch's sorting facility in Bali

2024 FINANCIALS

Our position at the beginning of 2024

We raised a total of **286 950 GBP** to fund our 2024 operations and projects, thanks to the incredible generosity of our donors. With some underspend carried over from 2023, we worked with a total budget of **370 455 GBP** for the year. Of that amount, we have spent **269 329 GBP** through to December 1st with an additional **74 251 GBP** forecast to be spent by year-end on: repeat funding grants, risk & security support, youth panel stipends, legal fees, team salaries and IT costs. We will carry **31 875 GBP** over to 2025.

Where we focussed our spending

- **224 927 GBP (65.5%) directly supported** young leaders through grants, project team salaries, stipends for youth advisors, capacity building, and mentorship.
- **53 956 GBP (15.7%)** supported young people indirectly, through translation costs (application forms and guidelines) and media support from our partners at Greenhouse Communications to amplify our grantees' projects.
- **64 697 GBP (18.8%)** covered operational costs, including website servicing and IT, legal fees and office equipment ensuring The Iris Project ran effectively.

Looking ahead

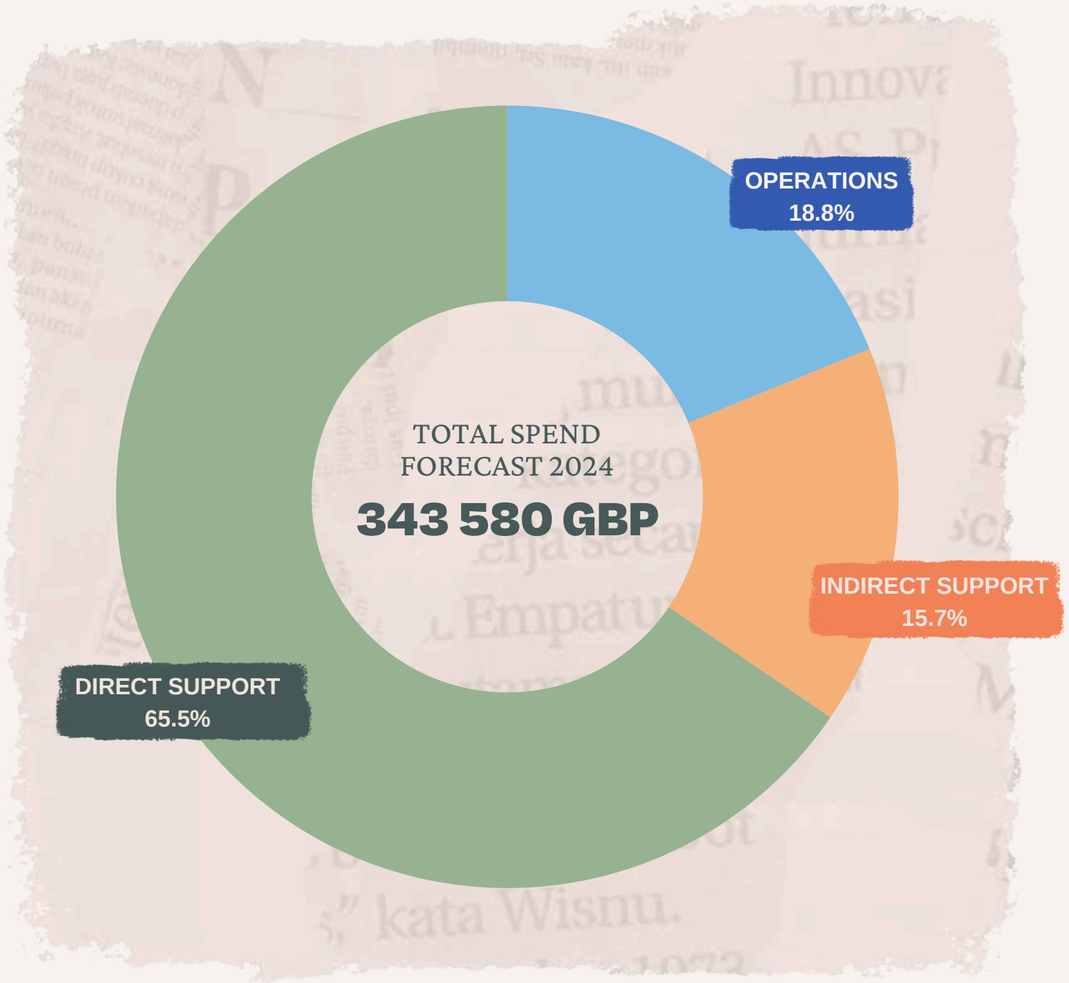
31 875 GBP will be carried over into our 2025 budget for:

- Repeat funding grant for Dipta due to delays in formally registering Liquify.
- The CoalitionWILD EXCELerator Program in January 2025 (rescheduled from November 2024)
- Capacity building for 2024 prize winners.

Thanks to the ongoing support of our donors and new funders, as well as 100,000 GBP in match funding from The Big Give's Christmas Challenge, we are going into 2025 having raised 355,000 GBP toward our target of 400,000 GBP.

FUNDING BREAKDOWN

Iris Project Year 3 (1 Jan - 31 December 2024)



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Collaboration and partnerships are at the heart of The Iris Project's success. Everything we achieve is made possible by the incredible support of our core delivery partners. We extend our thanks to them for offering tailored capacity-building support, valuable connections, beautiful content, and guidance. Your contributions empower us to amplify the impact of young environmental leaders.

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