

People-Powered Solutions: Connecting Local Communities and Global Challenges

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The world we want is where the grassroots women who are shouldering the burden of care day-to-day during pandemics, disasters like climate change, floods, and drought, can be able to sit on the decision-making, to plan around care, and to be able to influence policy priorities.

Huairou Commission is a global movement of grassroots women-led organizations. We are working with over 1 million caregivers in 41 countries worldwide. The biggest challenge that we face as caregivers is that we are not included in budget-making process. We are also not included in policy priority setting, and usually the needs of caregivers are left out. Huairou Commission has been supporting the caregivers to amplify their voice and be able to speak about the issues affecting them, but also position the grassroots women caregivers as key agents of change and not beneficiaries.

Huairou Commission is calling for recognition of the role of grassroots women caregivers, respect the critical role that the caregivers are playing in the society, and valuing caregivers compensating the grassroots women for the contribution they are bringing on the table.

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