“We can make a choice to coexist and resolve conflicts nonviolently rather than perpetuate war. Many women peacemakers already do.”

-SANAM NARAGHI-ANDERLINI, FOUNDER AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF INTERNATIONAL CIVIL SOCIETY ACTION NETWORK

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A FRESH “NEW START”

In a hopeful sign, for a return to arms control and diplomacy, the US and Russia agreed to a six-year extension of the New START Treaty, agreeing to openly adhere to limitations on each country’s nuclear arsenals through 2026. The common-nuclear policy was negotiated over a brief phone call between Presidents Biden and Putin. Ploughshares Fund grantee partners such as the Arms Control Association, Council for a Livable World, and Beyond the Bomb were critical in ensuring this was addressed in the first weeks of the Biden Administration.

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**Grantees & Big Issues**

**PREVENTING NEW NUCLEAR STATES**

To eliminate nuclear weapons worldwide, we must also reduce the appetite for nuclear weapons. The most pressing case to address is Iran and North Korea.

One partner like WOMEN'S IMPORTS (WIN; pictured at far left) advocates for peace and demilitarization on the Korean Peninsula in Congress and the public sphere. In Iran, our strategic guide to protect the Iran Comprehensive Plan of Action (ICPA) and prevent a new war, whether accepted or rejected. Working with a consortium of partners such as the International Crisis Group, we propose a program that addresses the root of the dispute, including a nuclear deal, provides economic and timely information to policy makers and directs the media as a through another type of approach.

**ELIMINATION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS**

Ploughshares Fund’s ultimate aim is the global elimination of nuclear weapons. To achieve our goals, we focus on interim steps that advance the nuclear policy agenda and build momentum for our long-term vision.

**Financial Report**

Ploughshares Fund is proud to report another strong year of support from our donors. Our mission remains the same: to champion practical, directly real-world programming and programmatic activity, with nothing advanced for disarmament or development as paid for by the Fund’s Board of Directors and a focus on our capital reserve. This year, 8% of our total budget was spent on grants and programmatic activity.

In Fiscal Year 2021, Ploughshares Fund reported program income of $1,054,797, compared to a loss of $352,795 in 2020. Of the $1,140,000, roughly $1,000,000 was attributed to an increase in income from investments, which was used to cover expenses. These improvements in our financial health are a result of the collaborative efforts of the entire organization, from our board members to our partners and supporters.

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"There is no ‘Plan B,’ there should only be a continuation of ‘Plan A’: diplomacy.”

—BARBARA SLAVIN, DIRECTOR OF THE FUTURE OF IRAN INITIATIVE AT THE ATLANTIC COUNCIL
"One man shouldn’t control the nuclear button...let’s update our policy so we don’t have to break the rules to save the world.”

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SOLVING THE START STALEMATE

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“Our Mission”

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“Our Vision”

While much has changed from 1981 to 2021, our vision remains focused on a world in which everyone has the right to a safe and secure future and where nuclear weapons can never be used again.

“Our Strategy”

Ensuring everyone’s right to a safe and secure future requires breaking through bureaucracies and catalyzing system-level change when it comes to nuclear weapons. It requires championing and balancing proven methods with new visions and new ideas. It means partnering with others who share our vision. It means building a resilient and cutting-edge field. You’ll read about how we are implementing this approach in this annual report. Because adapting to fit the current moment is a part of our status-quo-challenging DNA.

As we write the next chapter of the Ploughshares Fund story together, we will not lose sight of that true plot of our purpose: building the world of nuclear weapons. Thank you for supporting Ploughshares Fund as we continue to change for peace.

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