The Community Resource Exchange (CRE) seeks to collaborate with communities in their efforts to build collective power in the context of international investments and development projects, recognizing the respective expertise, capacities, and skills of the different groups involved.

1. Collaboration request
Local communities impacted by international investments or development activities, and social movements or civil society organizations working with communities can approach the CRE to:
- Request information
- Connect with collaborators
- Assess options and co-develop strategies of resistance with allies

2. Request assessment
The CRE Regional Facilitators assess the request, with help from the CRE International Coordinator and trusted individuals or groups who are well connected at the national or regional level, or in specific strategies. Requests must be community-led, and relate to specific international investments or development projects.

3. Collaborations and support
The CRE Regional Facilitators work with communities and other collaborators to co-develop strategies in one or more of these key areas:
- **Advocacy** with decision-makers
- **Media** and campaigning
- **Community organizing**
- Corporate and financial **research**
- Scientific and technical **analysis** of impacts
- Complaints processes to seek **remedy**
- **Security support** for human rights defenders

- **Linkages** with potential allies and collaborators
- **Exchange** of information and resources
- **Sustained collaborations**
- **Cross-learning** among communities leading similar struggles
- **Access to a limited number of small grants**

The Regional Grant Working Groups will issue calls for proposals, and will be responsible for identifying application requirements and assessing grants applications.

A **secure database** will house a roster of collaborators that can provide support at the local, national and international level.

The CRE team will monitor collaborations in order to promote **ongoing learning**.

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