

We invest in people, places and ideas to tackle inequality and help communities thrive.



The Judith Neilson Foundation supports long-term, locally grounded solutions through trusted partnerships. Our work spans Africa, Australia and global innovation driven by bold ideas.

We work through three portfolios.

Each has a distinct focus and a shared goal to support stronger communities where people, places and culture thrive.



Africa

Our vision is a self-determining, prosperous, and resilient Africa. We support African led solutions in public health, inclusive economic growth, and leadership, with a focus on community development centred on women, girls, and youth. We take a pan African approach that embraces regional diversity and fosters collaboration across borders. Our work focuses on three key areas:

- Strengthening public health systems and delivery
- Advancing inclusive digital and green economic growth
- Investing in African leadership, voice, and regional influence

Australia

Our vision is equity for women and girls in Australia. With a focus on economic equity, freedom from violence, and justice, we prioritise First Nations women and girls, marginalised migrant and refugee women and girls, older women, and those living in rural and remote areas. We also support work that benefits their children. Our work centres on:

- Investing in Sydney's support sector and strengthening systems at scale
- Backing First Nations women's leadership and economic participation
- Addressing the criminalisation of women and girls and improving access to justice

Innovation

Our vision is that people everywhere can define and drive radical, positive change. We support visionary individuals, bold organisations and transformational collaborations that are innovating for impact. We invest in early ideas and transition-to-scale efforts. The portfolio is simultaneously global and grounded in lived experience and community.

Our initial focus is Urban Futures: improving the liveability, inclusivity, safety and resilience of urban environments, creating places that are more vibrant, joyful, ready for growth and change.

