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Brazil Fund's mission is to promote respect for human rights in Brazil, building innovative, sustainable mechanisms to channel resources to strengthen civil society organisations and develop philanthropy for social justice.



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# Welcome Message

## 15 years of human rights

Greetings! I am especially happy to talk to you about Brazil Human Rights Fund's work in 2021 which was the year in which we celebrated our 15th year. We commemorated the date by taking a broad analytical look at our own journey so far, alongside the trajectory of the struggle for rights in the country in the same period. This gave us the chance to think about the future and prepare for the challenges ahead.

Although we are talking about celebrations here, we have to bear in mind just how difficult the period was. The Covid-19 pandemic was at its worst in Brazil. Thousands of deaths were recorded every day for a number of months. The economic crisis deepened as did the chaos in our institutions of power. Hunger reached extremely serious levels and widespread rights violations affected the most disenfranchised sectors of the Brazilian population.

Unwavering in our mission to defend human rights, we developed strategies to continue to effectively support organised civil society's struggle to save lives and address setbacks.

We took a different approach to 2020 and created an emergency line to allocate funds to tackle the pandemic, joining forces to support the campaigns of two large organisations. We placed our extensive fundraising experience at the disposal of the campaign for indigenous health and food, carried out by the Coordination of Indigenous Organisations of the Brazilian Amazon (COIAB) and the Black Coalition for Rights' campaign against hunger. In this way, we supported these networks that combine hundreds of local organisations and collectives who are deeply connected with their causes and with the needs of their territories. In addition, we further increased the scope of resources donated to Brazil Fund.

Another strategy was to continue with the calls for proposals for institutional strengthening aimed at grassroots human rights groups in the field. Conversations with activists in this area confirmed there was an urgent need for support to keep these organisations alive and sustain the work that they were doing. The five calls for proposals launched in 2021 were aimed at institutional strengthening.



I want to emphasize here that the funds raised for the year allowed us to address a more in-depth deeper approach to four causes that were new to the thematic calls for proposals of Brazil Fund.

The call for proposals LGBTQIA+ Defending Rights looked to the specific issues of this population, systematically attacked in the current Brazil; In Defense of the Rights of Indigenous Peoples supports the struggles of these peoples, who have also been violently attacked in recent years; A Way Out led to the selection of projects to assist people with citizenship issues on leaving prison; Mobilisation in Defence of Civic Spaces and Democracy aims to defend and strengthen public participation in discussions on defending rights in the arena of democratic procedures.

Tackling racism has always been central to Brazil Fund's agenda. We have an interconnected approach in all our lines of support and initiatives, as well as a specific call for proposals on this issue. In addition to this we pay particular attention to the quilombola communities by means of a partnership with the National Coordination for the Articulation of Black Rural Quilombola Communities (CONAQ), which aims to strengthen the self organisation of the quilombolas and their agendas all over Brazil. This medium term project is an innovative one and receives support from the Ford Foundation, to whom I am grateful for the long and significant partnership with this foundation.

I also mention and thank other partners who helped make our work possible in 2021: OAK Foundation, Laudes Foundation, Open Society Foundation, Climate and Land Use

Alliance, Bread for the the World, Wellspring Philanthropic Fund, Galo da Manhã Institute, Ibirapitanga Institute, InterAmerican Foundation, Nia Tero Foundation, No Peace Without Justice and Re:Wild. I am also grateful to each one of the individual donors, who trust in the Brazil Fund and attest our seriousness in fulfilling our mission. Thank you very much!

Our approach to these themes is further proof of our wide experience in listening to those working in the field of human rights, understanding their demands, putting together strategies and seeking the funds to address their needs. Brazil Human Rights Fund has proved to be a foundation that is able to respond to the urgent needs



of its time, as shown in the title of the opening article of the publication Resisting Together, which came out in 2021 as part of celebrations for our 15 years of activities.

The magazine talks about the results of Brazil Fund's continuing support for the people's struggle in defending human rights, strengthening causes and the work of activists as well as their ability to do advocacy, nurturing networks for discussion and cooperation, fostering the emergence of new collectives and leaders and being proactive in sectors of the population that are discriminated, in order to defend their causes, along with many other issues.

We celebrated our 15 years of activities with actions on a number of different platforms and in different languages. Dozens of groups and collectives who have been our working partners over these years took part. We included the stories of activists and investigated the impact of their work through videos and podcasts. We debated causes and strategies for the defence of rights during an online festival. We launched calls for proposals. And we projected slogans about human rights, created by groups and collectives, onto the walls of buildings in São Paulo.

Some of the slogans have been included in this 2021 Activities Report. We will continue, as we always have, to fight alongside organised civil society to promote human rights on the road to social justice. We hope this will be an inspiring read for everyone who, likewise Brazil Fund, will continue resisting with those who resist.

**Ana Valéria Araújo**  
*Executive Director*



# Impact

## Over the last 15 years

**R\$ 40 million** in grants to human rights organisations

**32 calls for proposals:** 15 general calls and 17 theme-based ones

**1008** Supported projects

**29** training meetings for those participating in supported projects

**161** on-site visits to supported projects in all 5 regions of the country

**21** online mentoring

**49** public awareness events (theme-based seminars and debates, musical performances and others)

**76** communications campaigns and products (publications, videos, an exhibition of photography and a contents platform)

# Impact

## In 2021

**R\$ 7.5 million** in grants to human rights organisations

## Supported projects

- 20** | 2021 Moving Forward with Rights
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**175** | Emergency projects and requests that received support in the year, in total

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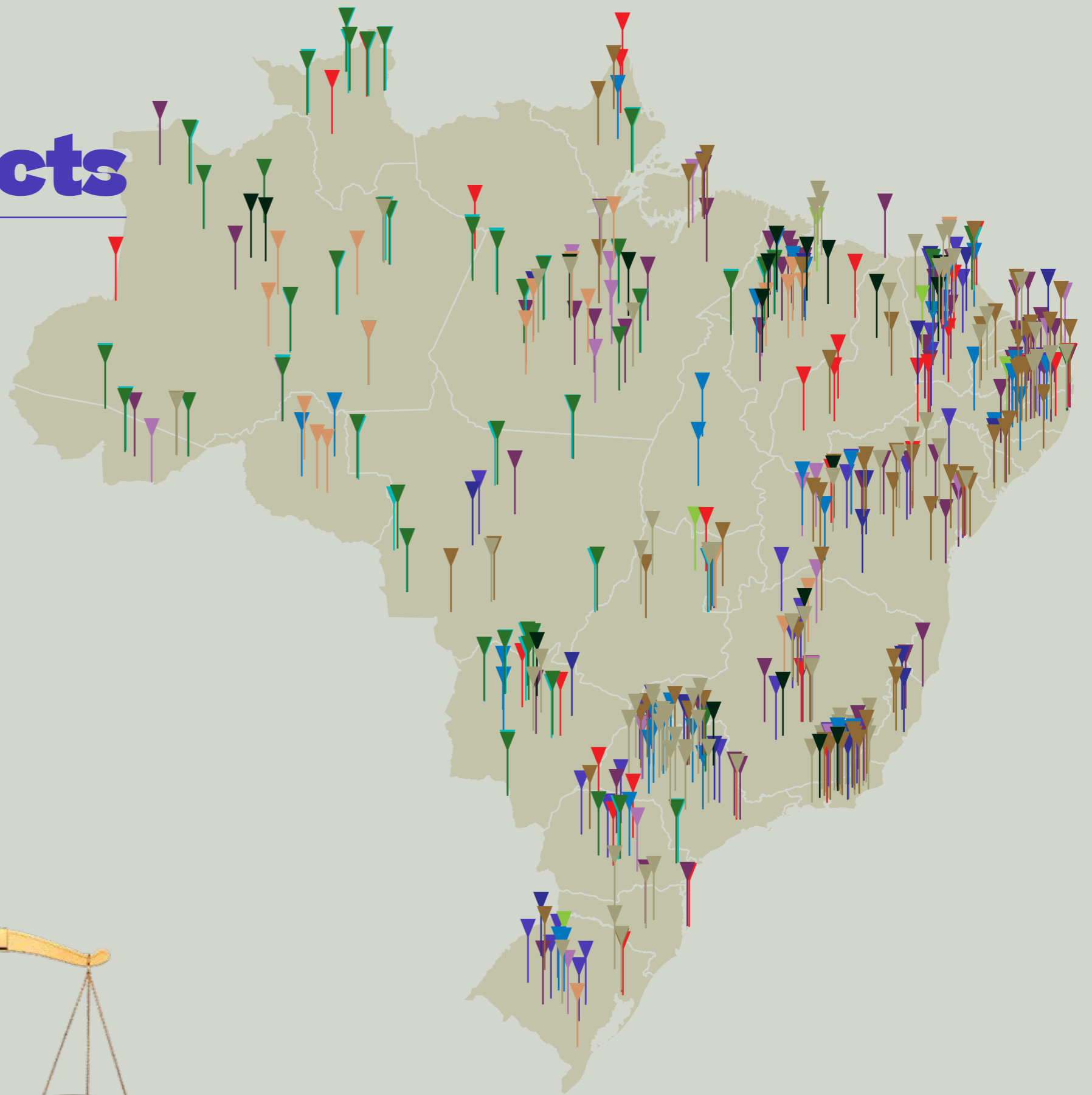
- 1** | There are Hungry People
- 1** | Emergency Amazônia



# Impact

## Supported Projects

-  The right to just sustainable cities
-  The right to free expression, organisation and protest
-  The right to freedom of sexual orientation and gender identity
-  The right to land
-  Women's rights
-  The rights of children and adolescents
-  Youth rights
-  The rights of quilombola and traditional communities
-  The rights of indigenous peoples
-  Socioenvironmental rights in the face of large-scale projects
-  Tackling racism
-  Tackling human trafficking and slave labour
-  The guarantee of rule of law and criminal justice





# 1. Covid-19: Brazil

## Fund and the second year of the pandemic

Brazil was thrown into chaos by the Covid-19 pandemic at the beginning of 2021. During the first weeks of the year the infection rate was increasing and the country still had no vaccination programme in place. We witnessed scenes of despair in hospitals where oxygen and equipment were in short supply. The city of Manaus in Amazonas was particularly harshly hit. In 2020, the issue of hunger had been addressed through the robust mobilisation of the people in communities nationwide. In 2021, this problem became more widespread in a climate of deepening economic and social crisis.

The pandemic continued to be of significance to Brazil Fund's work. In the previous year we had set up an emergency fund and provided support to ensure the survival of grassroots organisations through calls for proposals. Based on what we had gleaned from the experience of the previous year, we defined new strategies to maintain our

support for Brazil's grassroots society in their struggle for fundamental rights which were the target of increasing violations.

We continued our mission to allocate funds to the independent actions of organised civil society. Throughout 2021, we joined campaigns to address the social consequences caused by the inequalities that had driven the spread of the pandemic.

In January, as public health conditions in Manaus and in most of the Amazon region, were becoming increasingly serious, we joined forces with the Coordination of the Indigenous Organisations of the Brazilian Amazon (COIAB) to raise funds to meet the health and food needs of the indigenous people. The campaign focused on purchasing supplies, for example oxygen cylinders for 58 indigenous health centres and staple food boxes for 2 thousand indigenous families. Brazil Fund donated R\$ 215 thousand to COIAB.

In March the Black Coalition for Rights launched the campaign There are Hungry People to tackle growing rates of food insecurity, especially among the black community – the campaign was also a way of denouncing aspects of racism that had



led to Covid-19 being more lethal in black communities and territories. We joined forces with this action to raise funds to feed over 220 thousand families that had been pinpointed by antiracism groups and collectives throughout the country. We raised and donated a total of R\$906 thousand for this food campaign.

In terms of calls for proposals, we reinforced the concept of institutional support. We launched public calls for proposals, with the aim of making it possible to provide grassroots groups with the necessary funding for them to continue their work defending rights.

Our team dedicated their work to strengthening groups receiving support, in online meetings (during the period when face-to-face meetings were not possible). They facilitated the exchange of experiences across the different organisations, as well as individual conversations specific to the needs of each group. This close mentoring is a fundamental part of our work and aims to enhance the beneficial impact of each project receiving support. Managing to carry out this aspect of our work remotely and in a way that would still be helpful to our partners in the field was a further challenge throughout the second year of the pandemic.

So, we have continued to strengthen grassroots groups to allow them to continue to address urgent needs and to be a positive influence in their communities at a time when violations are rife in the country.

**Allyne Andrade**  
Deputy Executive Director





## 2. Support for civil society

Brazil Human Rights Fund provides support to organised civil society in Brazil. It makes funds available, provides communications assistance and offers mentoring for activities and for strengthening the skills of activists and collectives, all of whom are dedicated to a wide-range of causes in the field of human rights. The following is an outline of the activities carried out under the umbrella of these lines of support.



# Making funds available

In 2021, Brazil Fund offered funding to support civil society through calls for proposals, invitation letters and emergency funds. These lines of support meant we were able to allocate funds to the areas where they were most needed and would have the greatest impact and influence. We did this using a variety of methodologies and objectives.

The annual general call for proposals is open to diverse causes and strategies in the field of human rights. This tool allows us to receive and support projects on a wide range of themes and to gain understanding of the priorities of the most pressing social struggles in each year. In 2021, initiatives were selected for this call for proposals in the following areas: the

defence of the rights of black and indigenous women; the right to sexual and reproductive health; the socio-environmental impact of large-scale building works for infrastructure, in the Amazon region and beyond; the rights of quilombola, fisherfolk and recyclable material collector communities; the right to the city; the right to territory and access to justice for the mothers of victims of state violence.

Other causes that received support in 2021, in specific calls for proposals were: tackling racism; tackling mass incarceration; promoting the rights of the LGBTQIA+ community and the rights of indigenous people throughout the country.

## Calls for Proposals

Brazil Fund's widely publicised calls for proposals are public and are theme-based and general. Through these calls we receive proposals for the defence of human rights and we attract a wide variety of independent strategies, created by activists and grassroots groups. The External Selection Committee, made up of well-known respected rights defenders, plays an important role in the process of choosing projects. The Committee analyses and recommends the projects to receive support which are subsequently approved by the Fund's administration.

The seven calls for proposals with active projects in 2021 are described below. It is worth mentioning that four other calls were launched in December and this round of support began in 2022. To find out more about this see the section [Relationship with Society](#).



### GENERAL CALL FOR PROPOSALS - 2021 MOVING FORWARD WITH RIGHTS

The general call for proposals supports grassroots groups, collectives and organisations with a wide range of agendas in the arena of defending human rights in all regions of the country. It is a fundamental mechanism that gives us the opportunity to envisage and chart priority agendas and strategies in the fight for rights throughout the different regions, on a yearly basis. For the first time, in 2021, the general call for proposals, called [Moving Forward with Rights](#).

Twenty proposals were chosen to receive a total of R\$ 800 thousand. The activities that received support are described below.

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### **Abayomi – The Paraíba Black Women’s Collective (Paraíba)**

Their proposal is to train the women who are members of the collective, with a focus on communication and political activities to denounce racism. Their most direct actions are in two territories, Cabedelo (shellfish gatherers) and Santa Rita (African religion centres).

### **Articulation of Black Women from the Baixo Sul (Bahia)**

The focus of this project was to allow the association to gain autonomy by putting together a statute, regulations and an organogram so they can maintain their training scheme for black women, aimed at combatting the different types of violence to which they are exposed.

### **Articulation of the Indigenous Women of Ceará (Ceará)**

Discussion circles on the challenges faced by the indigenous women of Ceará. Deeper investigation into the history and the struggles of these women, with the production of a book and a documentary about the resistance of 15 indigenous activists.

### **Association of the Quilombola Community of Angelim II (Espírito Santo)**

As a means of standing up to land invasions, the proposal is to strengthen leadership and training in order to gain access to the judiciary to defend human rights and the community’s land.

### **Association for the Support, Defence and Citizenship of Homosexuals – ADACHO (Ceará)**

The project is online and offers talks, meetings and training courses to hear the public and seek concrete solutions to reduce rates of violence and discrimination against LGBTQIA+ people in the North East region.

### **Indigenous Association of the Araguaia Valley – ASIVA (Goiás)**

A project to hold a seminar called, Malauiru – Indigenous Women’s Rights in Goiás, Mato Grosso and Tocantins, with representatives from over 25 villages and discussions on violence against indigenous women and girls and their mental and physical health.

### **Margarida Collective for Legal Aid (Minas Gerais)**

Legal aid for communities affected by large ventures in the north of Minas Gerais, particularly on the banks of the São Francisco River and in the Cancelas Valley, assistance with denunciations, mobilisations and publicity about their struggles.

### **Marias of the Quilombo Collective (Pará)**

Roll-out of digital communications infrastructure at the collective headquarters in order to improve actions and bring the women closer to the community. Emergency provision of basic health and food supplies to vulnerable families.

### **Regional Committee of the National Movement of Collectors of Recyclable Material in Amazonas**

Seeking to occupy spaces of representation, consultation and deliberation of public policies, principally online spaces, with a view to winning rights and increasing the chances of generating income.

### **The Board of River Communities (Pará)**

A project to strengthen the Board of River Communities in order to seek access to the judiciary and reparation for families evicted from their territories due to the Belo Monte plant in Altamira.

### **Escalar – A People’s Technical Assistance Collective (Bahia)**

The group’s work is focused on defending rights to dignified housing, the city and land. Support aimed to structure the work and keep it alive, with workshops and training courses for agents in the community.

### **ECOS – Communication and Sexuality (São Paulo)**

The elaboration of an e-book on the rights of sex workers as a way of raising awareness about their demands and paving the way to tackling the violence that affects these workers.

### **Guiding Star – Association for Citizenship and Sexual Rights (Santa Catarina)**

In the context of the Covid-19 pandemic, to map places offering face-to-face assistance for male and female sex workers. Support in preventing STDs and HIV/Aids by distributing supplies for prevention and providing orientation on health and rights.

### **Grieving Mothers of the East Zone (São Paulo)**

Online meetings resumed by providing members of the movement with mobile phone plans. Provision of psychological and legal support and ensuring the mothers’ presence at the Public Defender’s Office, the Public Prosecutor’s Office and other legal departments.

### **Movement of Women in the Countryside – MMC (Rio Grande do Norte)**

Strengthening actions to provide food and nutritional security to families living in the countryside by means of the National Seeds of Resistance Campaign. Allowing the autonomy of these women through income and defending rights.

### **Movement of Fishermen and women - MPP (Piauí)**

Project to document the threats and conflicts experienced by fisherfolk in their communities and to set up a legal aid scheme to handle rights violations in Piauí fishing communities.



### Marajó Observatory (Pará)

Project to hold the 2nd River Community Communications Campaign (Égua do Corona) which seeks to raise awareness about the expansion of monoculture farms in the region and about threats and violations suffered by the quilombola and rural communities. Strengthening a network of leaders and launching publications on the impact of the pandemic on the Island.

### Baniwa and Koripaki Nadzoeri Organisation (Amazonas)

Continuation of actions to strengthen and train the Baniwa and Koripako women through meetings and workshops, equipping them to take an active role in building public policies for their people.

### National Network of Black Women in the Combat of Violence (São Paulo)

Grassroots Legal Assistants training course for 150 black women who banded together and equipped themselves to face all the challenges and confrontations of 2021.

### Brasiléia Rural Workers Trade Union (Acre)

Strengthening the organisation and referring demands related to social, economic and environmental policy to defend production and the agricultural and extractivist way of life. Protecting the health of rural workers.

**“I am a tree of the Amazon. If I fall down my seedlings will also fall”**

Natalha Theofilo, Agricultural Cooperative of Volta Grande do Xingu

\*Phrase submitted for the competition  
**I Am You: Human Rights for All**

### GENERAL CALL FOR PROPOSALS - RESISTANCE

Groups selected in June 2020 continued their work into mid-2021. Twenty-one organisations from 16 states were granted support of up to R\$ 40 thousand each. The total amount given in support was R\$ 800 thousand.

The projects in this call for proposals are described neste [in this link](#).

### LGBTQIA+ DEFENDING RIGHTS

Rising levels of violence against the LGBTQIA+ community are being experienced in the country and this group of people are becoming increasingly vulnerable. This situation is broadly driven by the discriminatory narrative of public agents and became more serious during the pandemic. It was on this backdrop that we launched the first specific call for proposals for organisations defending LGBTQIA+ rights.

A total amount of R\$ 800 thousand was allocated and each project received up to R\$ 40 thousand. Twenty initiatives were selected and are described below.

#### SELECTION COMMITTEE

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### **LGBTI+ Art and Politics Happen (Santa Catarina)**

Institutional strengthening and seeking sustainability. The organisation works on public policies for the LGBTI+ community and is to gather data for the Observatory for LGBTI+ deaths in Brazil.

### **Association of the LGBTI+ Community in Betim (Minas Gerais)**

Implementation of a mobile headquarters in order to be closer to communities living in remote neighbourhoods, making it possible to provide care and guidance to the LGBTQIA+ community throughout the municipality.

### **Association of Gays, Lesbians and Transvestites in Parintins – AGLTPIN (Amazonas)**

To ensure that articulation activities of the LGBTI+ community are maintained in the town of Parintins and to allow these people to participate in democratic processes and to fight for quality of life.

### **Association of Gays, Lesbians and Transvestites on the Triple Border – AGLTTF (Amazônia)**

A project that proposes the strengthening of the independent actions of gays, lesbians and transvestites through training courses on rights regarding the use of a 'social name', access to documents, sexual and reproductive health and combatting sexism, leading to a professional qualification.

### **Association of Friends of Life (Federal District)**

Continuation of the project Law and Citizenship, aimed at social inclusion and at reviving aspects of citizenship among more vulnerable communities. Also, to increase the number of people being seen and benefitting from their activities.

### **Feminist Lesbian Association Venus Boots (Federal District)**

Institutional strengthening in order to continue their activities. Later, the association intends to promote training courses and institutional partnerships for LBT people as well as increasing the scope of the National Lesbian Census.

### **Casa Nem (RJ)**

Funds will be used to boost the project, Cozinha Nem through a grant scheme for participants. The objective is economic sustainability to offer support to the communications team, cooks and apprentices.

### **Coletivo Bajubá LGBTTQIA+ (PR)**

Aimed at charting the LGBTTQIA+ community of Guarapuava and surrounding area, and then, based on the data gathered, to develop training workshops, create a digital and printed communications network to share work and information, generate creative economy and bring the community closer together.

### **Trans Ahead Collective (Bahia)**

Formalisation and a physical space to strengthen the organisation. The office will mean they can hold talks, workshops and training courses.

### **The Black Shoe Collective – Black Lesbians of the Amazon (Pará)**

To develop a Social Map of the Experiences of Black LBT Women in the Pará region of the Amazon by charting the challenges and resistance of these women under the political and social conditions of the Covid-19 pandemic.

### **Equi – Trans Employability (Minas Gerais)**

Seeking citizenship for trans people and transvestites directly affected by the consequences of the pandemic through education and training courses on the recognition of rights and employability.

### **Athena Cores Group (Roraima)**

Gathering statistics on the LGBT+ community in Roraima regarding violence and public security, sexual and reproductive health, housing and migration. They intend to build a solid database to serve as a guide in this population's fight for citizenship and human rights.

### **Connection G for LGBTQI Citizenship Group (Rio de Janeiro)**

Creation of the Observatory of Violence in the Favelas drawn from a database that makes it possible to chart the problems and specifics of the violence against LGBTQI people.

### **Grupo Matizes (Piauí)**

The organisation propose actions for education and awareness about the rights of women deprived of freedom. The project includes legal support, advocacy together with public organs and sharing understanding with the LGBTQIA+ community.

### **Institute for LGBT Culture, Art and Memory – LGBT+ Institute (Federal District)**

The support contributed to the hiring of professionals to provide specialist services and teachers from the LGBT+ community to pass on content from the institution's archives.

### **LGBT movement Lions of the North (Pernambuco)**

Qualification of LGBT activists for advocacy and social control of the public policies for this population, thus contributing to broadening the LGBT network's work in the rural regions of Pernambuco and to nurturing aspects of citizenship in the community.



### Occupation by the Girls (São Paulo)

To strengthen women and LGBTQIA+ people who have been the victims of violence, through educational and cultural activities. Holding discussion circles and cultural fairs based on the project, Artistic Residency Occupation by the Girls.

### Fervo2k20 Platform (Bahia)

Guaranteeing management of the Fervo2k20 platform for a period of 10 months. Keeping this tool active as it has proved effective in creating social technology to articulate and help artists, producers and cultural collectives.

### Transvest (Minas Gerais)

The objective is to increase the material structure needed to carry out actions concerning education, shelter and the political formation of the organisation. Funds will also mean financial security to carry the project Minimum Wage Trans forward.

### Drums of Sappho (Ceará)

Creation and maintenance of a safe space to keep equipment and for the women of the group to rehearse. As well as activities related to political, artistic and communications training for activists.

**“More books rather than weapons that kill poor black people on the periphery. LGBTQIA+ Lives Matter”**

Jane Patrícia Gama, Coletivo Sapato Preto (Black Shoe Collective)

\*Phrase submitted for the competition **I Am You: Human Rights for All**

### TACKLING RACISM FROM THE GRASSROOTS LEVEL

In 2021, the 21 organisations selected in the call for proposals, **Tackling Racism from the Grassroots Level: Institutional Strengthening and Mobilisation for the Defence of Rights** completed their projects. Resources were allocated both to maintaining the organisations and to activities that the groups were already carrying out or had an interest in making possible, in the area of defending human rights in the field of fighting racism.

Each group received up to R\$ 50 thousand, making a total of R\$1 million granted for support by Brazil Fund in partnership with the Ford Foundation, Ibirapitanga Institute and Open Society Foundations.

**To find out more about the groups receiving support click here.** This group of projects was outlined in our **2020 Report**.

### HUMAN RIGHTS AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Brazil Fund’s criminal justice line of support has the central object of tackling mass incarceration, its implications and consequences. This line of support is made possible by a partnership with the Oak Foundation, which led to R\$ 1,870,000 being donated in 2021.

This line allocates support to human rights organisations that work on this agenda, by means of **calls for proposals** and **invitation letters**. In 2021, three organisations’ projects were extended through invitation letters – the Institute for the Defence of the Right to Defend (IDDD), Institute for the Study of Religion (ISER and Global Justice.

The call for proposals **Human Rights and Criminal Justice – Combatting Mass Incarceration in Brazil** selected 15 organisations in December 2020. They started work in 2021.

The organisations selected in this call for proposals are presented below.

#### **SELECTION COMMITTEE**

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### National Agenda for Decarceration

The project **Decarcerate Brazil: from the Amazon to the Pampas** is centred around the political training of groups of family members of inmates, strategic litigation and advocacy, with a view to broadening the fight against the abusive, systematic and disproportionate use of pre-trial detention.

### Articulation of the Indigenous Peoples of Brazil – APIB (Federal District)

The **Indigenous People and Criminal Justice Observatory: monitoring prisons during the pandemic** is once again researching pre and post-trial detention of indigenous people in Brazil, by gathering and processing data.

### Auxilium Association – AUX (Mato Grosso)

The work of **Political Advocacy for Decarceration of Highly Vulnerable Groups of People in Mato Grosso** is based on a perspective of social mobilisation, legal aid, training and publicity.

### Human Rights Association for Families and Friends of People in the Process of Re-education in the State of Acre

The project **Families of Acre and Rondônia Strengthening Through Networking** coordinates these family-focused associations from two different states in order to strengthen their activists with a view to tackling the abusive use of pre-trial detention.



### We're in This Together Association (Bahia)

#### Feminists United for Decarceration

proposes legal aid for women in prison based on principles of feminism, anti-racism and anti-LGBTQIphobes.

### Coexistence is the Law Centre (São Paulo)

The project **Limiting the damage of incarceration: from prison out into the world** trains people leaving prison to become independent and earn an income, with a view to damage limitation. Legal advice and referrals to public support services are part of the initiative.

### Criola (RJ)

By means of the project **Justice for Black Women in Pre-Trial Detention – focused on racial, social and reproductive justice**, the organisation proposes advocacy to reduce the incarceration of women, particularly of black women.

### State organisation for Decarceration in Amazonas

**Decarcerate Amazonas: the state capital and beyond** is a project to strengthen and fight against pre-trial detention and torture in prisons. It is run by inmates' families.

### Organisation for Decarceration in Rio Grande do Sul

#### The People's Prison Committees for Decarceration in Rio Grande do Sul

is aimed at consolidation – with the prison committees, self-organised groups for inmates' families and of people coming out of prison – in 8 detention centres in the state. Their role is to monitor and denounce torture and other rights violations.

### White Wing Criminology Group (Pernambuco)

#### Providing alternative sentences to ensure women's rights

provides assistance to women in prison and offers a specific approach in cases of domestic and family violence against women. The project seeks to establish dialogue with public authorities and other civil society organisations.

### Black Initiative for a New Drugs Policy (Bahia)

The project **unveiling the punitive catch and constructing alternatives: racism and drugs policy in Salvador** analyses the cases of people accused of crimes related to the Drugs Law, in 2020 in the Bahian state capital. They assess profiles, circumstances and the results of the sentences passed. They also chart municipal services that assist people who are under non-custodial pre-trial supervision.

### PRIOS Institute for Public Policies and Human Rights (Federal District)

Trans people are particularly subject to incarceration, studies show. **Watch out: research and social intervention following imprisonment for transvestites and trans women** works on research, intervention and advocacy for the transvestite community and trans-sexual women coming out of the prison system.

### Infovirus Project: the pandemic in prisons (Distrito Federal)

The initiative **Memory, grief and the struggle: managing death in pre-trial detention centres and strategies to affirm life** is aimed at the production of substantiated information about prisons and the pandemic and the humanisation of people in prison.

### Network for Safeguarding and Resistance against Genocide (São Paulo)

**In favour of an end to mass incarceration: access to public policies for fundamental and specific rights** provides support to people coming out of prison in terms of accessing policies that guarantee fundamental and specific rights, with a view to their participation in family and community life, in formal education and in job training centres.

### Women's Action Network in the State of Acre

The proposal **Writing for Freedom: re-reading and reconstructing** involves reading and writing in workshops for women about to come out and who are coming out of prison, with the objective of helping them to re-signify their lives and journeys.

## HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS

This support has the objective of strengthening civil society organisations in creating and adopting safeguarding measures for human rights defenders in Brazil. In the specific call, Strengthening Organisations for the Defence of Rights and their Networks to Improve Safeguarding of Human Rights Defenders at Risk in Brazil, we selected 22 projects in 2019 – with the support of the Ford Foundation, CLUA, Porticus, Oak Foundation and Open Society Foundation. Part of this work extended into 2020 and 2021. The names of the groups selected have not been divulged at any point, as a safeguarding measure set out in the terms of the call for proposals.







## DEFENDING THE RIGHTS OF THE INDIGENOUS PEOPLES

**The Alliance of Funds** was set up in 2021 as a result of exchanges and conversations between specific funds and foundations who, like Brazil Fund, had created specific resources to handle the Covid-19 emergency in 2020.

Alliance of Funds is a philanthropic collaboration between Brazil Human Rights Fund, the Baobá Fund for Racial Equity and the Casa Socioenvironmental Fund who have joined forces to raise and allocate funds to grassroots groups. The Alliance received a contribution of R\$2.5 million from the Inter-American Foundation (IAF). The three calls for proposals that resulted from this funding – one by each foundation – are for indigenous peoples and quilombola communities who are facing the consequences of the pandemic.

The call for proposals, Defending the Rights of the Indigenous Peoples, carried out by Brazil Fund, donated a total of R\$ 500 thousand, granted to 10 initiatives each receiving up to R\$50 thousand. The selection results were announced

in the last working week of December. Donations and projects started in 2022.

To find out more about the Alliance of Funds, [consult this link](#).

**“When black, indigenous, Afro-indigenous, quilombola and imprisoned women mobilise, society mobilises”**

Cláudia de Oliveira, Women’s Action Network

\*Phrase submitted for the competition **I Am You: Human Rights for All**

## Emergency funds

Attacks on human rights defenders are common in Brazil which ranks among the four countries with the highest number of violent deaths of activists in the world. In 2020 there were 20 murders, almost two people were killed every month for fighting for social justice.

In a stand against these threats, we made emergency funds available. These are rapid response lines of support and funds are allocated to activists and grassroots groups and organisations that need to adopt urgent measures to protect lives, integrity, work or the continued work of leaders, other actors and the organisations to which they are linked.

In 2021, R\$670 thousand was allocated to two emergency funds that together provided support for 56 urgent situations.



### SOS AMAZÔNIA

Studies show that three out of four lethal attacks on activists in Brazil, target indigenous people or socioenvironmental rights defenders. The **Emergency Fund - SOS Amazônia** makes funds available to handle the emergencies experienced by indigenous organisations in the Brazilian Amazon. Measures eligible for funds include: protection of areas threatened by burnings, deforestation or the illegal activities of

outsider extractivists (gold miners, loggers, poachers and others), safeguarding indigenous defenders, the removal of these people from areas where they are under threat, legal assistance and denouncements.

This line of support was developed in a partnership with the Coordination of the Indigenous Organisations of the Brazilian Amazon (COIAB), who collaborated by pinpointing priorities and critical situations. An Indigenous Committee is supporting our team in the analysis of demands. See below, the 12 requests that were met in 2021. A total of R\$215 thousand was donated.

#### INDIGENOUS COMMITTEE

Gersem Baniwa  
Kleber Karipuna  
Paulo Pankararu



### Association of the Indigenous Women of the Upper Rio Negro in Manaus (Amazonas)

In a stand against attacks on the way of life and territories of the indigenous peoples in Amazonas, they proposed communications campaigns in indigenous languages.

### Association of Indigenous Family Agricultural Workers in Jabuti (Roraima)

Combatting burnings and legal aid to indigenous rights defenders.

### Association of the Juma Jawara Pina Indigenous People (Amazonas)

Support to combat land invasions and to promote food security.

### Association of the Indigenous Peoples in the State of Roraima

Tackling illegal invasions and activities in the territory and training leaders for this work.

### Association of the Indigenous Peoples in Terra São Marcos – APITSM (Roraima)

Strengthening the group Territorial and Environmental Security on the São Marcos Indigenous Land

### Nana Kali'na Association (Amapá)

Safeguarding actions against illegal extractivism on the Galibi Indigenous Land.

### Paiter Wagôh Pakob Indigenous Cultural Centre (Roraima)

Combatting invasions and strengthening the community by reviving the cultural centre and indigenous wisdom.

### Roraima Indigenous Council

Producing and organising information about threats to the integrity of indigenous lands in the state and raising awareness about the agenda of the indigenous peoples.

### The Amazonian Front for Mobilisation in Defence of Indigenous Rights – FAMDDI (Amazonas)

Defending Yanomami territory, facilitating denouncements and strengthening communities.

### Guardians of the Forest on the Araribóia Indigenous Territory (Maranhão)

Received support to strengthen the work of the Guardians of the Forest.

### Makarapy Institute (Maranhão)

Territorial safeguarding, food security and tackling the consequences of the pandemic are within the scope of this proposal.

### Union of the Indigenous Peoples of the Javari Valley – Univaja (Amazonas)

The focus of the request is territorial safeguarding and leadership training and strengthening.

**“We fight to be respected as black citizens whose rights are not violated”.**

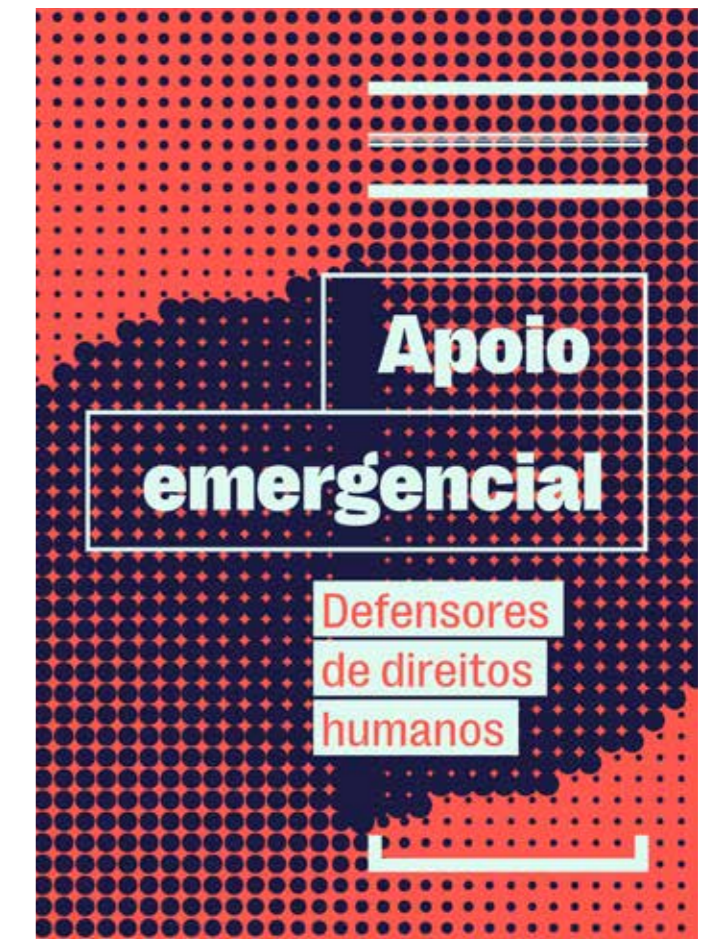
Dandara Costa, Kitara Rodrigues and Silvana Veríssimo, at the National Network for Black Women

\*Phrase submitted for the competition **I Am You: Human Rights for All**

## HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS

Also, in an effort to support defenders who are under threat we made available the **Emergency Fund – Human Rights Defenders**. Funds can be used to improve individual or collective safeguarding, to remove activists from their locations in the event of serious threat, to strengthen solidarity networks and to ensure legal assistance, as well as other needs.

In 2021, 44 emergency requests were met, of which 21 were direct threats to life. In 11 cases defenders were removed from the place where threats were taking place. A total of R\$455 thousand was allocated to this line of support.



# Partnerships for institutional strengthening

## **CONAQ** **Supporting quilombola communities, strengthening the infrastructure of CONAQ and the organisation of Negra Anastácia**

In 2021, Brazil Fund embarked on a collaboration with the National Coordination for the Articulation of Black Rural Quilombola Communities (CONAQ) in order to strengthen the quilombola political agenda in the medium term to support the defence of rights in the country. The Ford Foundation is providing financial support for this collaboration and a number of lines of action are expected, all of which are based on training and improving the infrastructure of the Negra Anastácia organisation, so they can share fund management and run their activities along with Brazil Fund. Support for CONAQ's representation in states is foreseen for the next three years through invitation letters, calls for proposals and joint emergency calls, strengthening quilombola agriculture, and other activities.

## **PODÁALI** **Support to set up the first indigenous fund in Brazil**

Brazil Fund provided support for institutional strengthening of Podáali - Indigenous Fund of the Brazilian Amazon. This is the first fund created and run by indigenous people in the country.

This partnership, started in 2020, was at the invitation of the Podáali Fund itself. Throughout 2021, work continued in a collaboration to put together the documentation and processes of the indigenous foundation, sharing skills to create and run projects and support programmes through calls for proposals and assistance with communications issues.

Through this collaboration Brazil Fund contributed to strengthening the indigenous political agenda and to the fight for socioenvironmental rights in the Amazon.

# Promoting articulation and strengthening skills

This line of Brazil Fund's work came about through activities to provide individualised mentoring for projects receiving support and to provide opportunities for training and articulation, which is a fundamental aspect of Brazil Fund's work, aimed at strengthening the impact of each proposal and of civil society as a whole, fostering a creative, diverse and far reaching field of work that is effective in the human rights struggle.

In the first half of the year, from January to June, we set up partnerships with specialists working on the agenda of safeguarding defenders, in order to provide specific training courses on this theme to groups that had been granted support through the call for proposals **Strengthening Organisations for the Defence of Rights and their Networks to Improve Safeguarding of Human Rights Defenders at Risk in Brazil**. We reflected on concepts and strategies for **physical safeguarding, digital security, care and self-care, safe communications, legal safeguarding and territorial safeguarding**.

The results of these debates are being organised into pamphlets in order to provide information to more organisations in the field of human rights.

In the second half of the year, groups receiving support through the call for proposals **Tackling Racism from the Grassroots Level** were invited to participate in a training course on **strategic planning**. Specialist consultants in institutional development ran workshops in which participants came up with tools to help them reach their objectives.

Under the umbrella of the same call for proposals, the groups receiving support participated in a training course on institutional strengthening run by the Oak Foundation/Intrac.

Groups receiving support through the criminal justice line participated in a meeting on racism in the Brazilian criminal justice system and a series of training sessions on advocacy and state legislation, facilitated by the Memory and Racial Justice Initiative, from the Baixada Fluminense region in Rio de Janeiro.

## **Monitoring**

Brazil Fund accompanies each organisation receiving support on a permanent individualised basis, with the objective of ensuring the execution of the projects that were selected by means of calls for proposals, as well as other selection methods. The mentoring also contributes to strengthening the skills of the groups receiving support and continued throughout 2021. During the pandemic they were carried out online.





## Rio Doce Programme

The Rio Doce Programme is a special line of action through which Brazil Fund provides support for the independent effective participation of people who were affected by the Fundão dam burst in Mariana, in the process of reparation for the damage they suffered. The leaking of mining waste into the Rio Doce river was one of the worst socioenvironmental disasters in history.

Acting as an expert participant at the Public Prosecutor's Office (MPF), the work of Brazil Fund started in November 2017 and has reached 42 municipalities spread out along the whole of the Rio Doce basin and the coastal region of Espírito Santo. The objective is to ensure that the voices of the communities affected are heard in the process of full reparation for the damage

caused, including to indigenous, quilombola and other traditional communities in the whole of the territory that was affected.

A central aspect of this role is hiring and providing methodological coordination regarding the institutions chosen by the communities affected and certified by the judiciary, to carry out technical consultancy (ATs), so they carry out their work independently of the companies responsible for the dam that burst.

A negotiation process between legal institutions, technical assistants and the companies responsible for the Fundão dam burst was set up in 2019 to decide on the hiring of the institutions. The matter was brought to court at the beginning of 2020 and became the object of legal deliberation at the 12th Federal Court of the Minas Gerais judicial system, in what is known as Priority Axis 10.

The reparation process entered a new phase in 2021, when a renegotiation process started. Negotiations are mediated by the National Justice Council (CNJ), via the National Observatory on Highly Complex Environmental, Economic and Social Issues of Great Impact and Repercussions, and involves justice institutions, federal agencies and corporations returning to discussions about the process, seeking effective paths for the full reparation of damages.

As such the work of Brazil Fund during this period has had an important focus in supporting the work of the Rio Doce Task Force, by putting together proposals and providing spaces for participation and access to information for the people affected. The focus has been on proceeding with the hiring

of technical assistants who are fundamental in ensuring the right of those affected to well-informed qualified participation at each stage of the reparation process.

### Transparency and Participation in the Renegotiation Process

In order to increase transparency in the renegotiation process and to allow for the communities' demands to be heard, Brazil Fund provided support to the Task Force during online meetings between the legal institutions, people affected, MPF experts, social movements and the Renova Foundation ombudsman. Between May and August 2021, 13 meetings were held with the people who were affected in the state of Minas Gerais and five in Espírito Santo. Over one thousand people participated. In addition, Brazil Fund worked on supporting legal institutions in holding three public hearings in September and October 2021 and in February 2022. The hearings were requested by the CNJ for the purpose of hearing the accounts of experts, leaders of social and movements and above all those of the people affected by the dam burst. Information presented at the hearings was organised into reports by Brazil Fund and will be used for CNJ mediation in handling the renegotiation process for reparation.

### Independent Technical Assistance in Territory 18 – the Krenak Indigenous People

In response to the Federal Public Prosecutor's Office's solicitation, based on a ruling by the 12th Federal Court of SJMG, and in response to a request from the Krenak people, Brazil Fund has been working on the new process for hiring independent technical consultants for Territory 18 – the Krenak indigenous people, as set out in the





ATAP and in the TAC-GOV, regarding their freedom, independence and self-organisation. With effect from the second half of 2021, we worked in collaboration with the Krenak people, the Federal Prosecutor's Office, the Federal Public Defender's Office and FUNAI to facilitate the process of accreditation and selection of independent technical consultants for the Krenak indigenous land.

### Impact estimate

Another task performed by the Brazil Fund team in meeting the MPF request, was to put together a proposal on the 'impact estimate' for 2022. This is an instrument that was set out in the judicial agreements underlying the reparation process in order to fund the functions and infrastructure of

the Commissions for the People Impacted in each territory, as well as their participation in the different governance meetings that will define the direction the lawsuit is to take. The result was a proposal that seeks total guarantee of the right to participation for the people impacted, who should be the central focus of the reparation process of their living conditions. The document was sent to the Renova Foundation, that is responsible for this coming to fruition.

### CIF Costing System

Since 2019, the Rio Doce team has been supporting the participation of people who were impacted, during the different phases of governance set up by the judicial agreements that underpin the full reparation

process: the Inter-federal Committee (CIF), the 11 technical boards for specific themes and other related forums. Support for the participation of the people affected involves a number of different aspects, such as producing and distributing information on the process, as well as assisting those who have to travel in order to participate in the meetings, by liaising with Flacso, the organisation responsible for transport and ensuring the best possible travelling conditions, food and accommodation.

### Communications

All Brazil Fund's work involves building and implementing communications initiatives that aim to mobilise and facilitate the participation of those affected in the reparation process for damage incurred by the Fundão dam burst. For example, the production of material containing information about a judgement issued by the 12th Federal Court of the SJMG concerning registration and compensation to which those affected have the right. This was in response

to an MPF demand. Information was also presented in audio format to allow access for the visually impaired and those with reading difficulties. In addition, cards were produced which were sent to WhatsApp groups, set up by the people affected. The Brazil Fund team also assisted in the production of pamphlets on specific themes, presenting the most important proposals of the renegotiation Task Force. To this end, we participated in around 60 meetings with other experts and members of the Task Force, maintaining our focus on defending the technical consultants and on ensuring the participation of the people impacted. This was the subject of two of the pamphlets coordinated by the Fund. Support for the participation of those affected in the CIF system consisted of sending over 200 messages with information on the 125 meetings that were held, as well as a much higher number of conversations to answer the queries of the people affected regarding the process.





### 3.

## Relationship with society

One of Brazil Fund's missions is to engage Brazilian society in the extensive promotion of human rights. In 2021, the actions we took in this sense were guided by our reflections surrounding the 15 years of this foundation. We presented our story and the trajectory of human rights in the country over the same period to a wide-ranging public, showing the impact of this work and the challenges ahead.

We worked in a range of languages and formats, using different information and entertainment platforms which meant we were able to invite a wide-ranging and diverse audience to find out more about human rights and to support the causes.

It is worth mentioning that around 50 human rights groups and collectives supported by Brazil on this journey joined in the commemorations and reflections. The activities used to inform and raise awareness about the cause of human rights are listed below.



# Communicating our values and work

The public conversation sparked by Brazil Fund in 2021 took place on a multitude of platforms and was experimental in nature. Based on reflections about the 15 years since its foundation, we talked to a variety of audiences by means of the press, entertainment podcasts, a magazine, videos telling the life stories and struggles of activists,

an online human rights festival, an on-site musical performance and performance art on the streets of São Paulo. Work on the Brasil de Direitos platform was reinforced and partnering groups got involved in seeking effective communication from the point of view of organised civil society concerning the important matters in the country.

## At the Brazil Fund, we are you

“At the Fund, I am You” was the slogan that underpinned our communications with the general public throughout the year, the objective being to present Brazil Fund as a partner in the people’s struggle for rights and to highlight the pertinence of collective action as a driver of change that benefits social groups whose rights are most violated.



**JOVANNA SPEAKS OUT AGAINST VIOLENCE SUFFERED BY TRANS PEOPLE AND TRANSVESTITES**

**GRECIA FIGHTS FOR IMMIGRANTS' RIGHTS IN SÃO PAULO**



**CLICK THIS LINK TO WATCH ALL THE VIDEOS IN THE SERIES WE DON'T FIGHT ALONE.**



THE BRAZIL FUND TEAM, AS WELL AS CURRENT AND FORMER CONSULTANTS ALSO RECORDED VIDEO TRIBUTES. YOU CAN WATCH THEM BY CLICKING OVER THE IMAGES.







**PAULO CÉSAR  
CARBONARI**



**RUBENS  
NAVES**



**KENARIK  
BOUJIKIAN**



**JACQUELINE  
PITANGUY**



**SERGIO  
HADDAD**



**FERNANDO  
FACURY**



## Resisting Together

The people's fight for rights leads to results in the long term, some of which are: increased proactivity by activists and social movements around the country; the emergence of new collectives; strength and diversity of causes; formation of discussion and collaboration networks among organisations and effective proactivity by people whose voices have been historically silenced. Over the past 15 years, Brazil Fund has supported this fight and has made these results possible. They are presented in the magazine Resisting Together.

The publication contains articles with accounts and analyses from over 30 grassroots groups and organisations whose projects received support over the years





## Stories of activism

The podcast *Não Inviabilize* ('don't make it difficult') was one of the most listened to in the country on the main streaming platforms in 2021. Over four episodes, in a collaboration with the creator of the podcast, we told four stories of women activists from groups that receive support from Brazil Fund. This action was aimed at involving and engaging a wide audience using the language of entertainment and it impacted thousands of people.

### READ THE MAGAZINE RESISTING TOGETHER ONLINE



### LISTEN TO THE EPISODES:

-  **Lilia, a teacher who makes art and builds futures with young people on the outskirts of Belém**
-  **Maria Leci, the first woman to become a leader in her quilombo**
-  **Alessandra, a mother taking a stand against the torture of teenagers in the youth correction system**
-  **Alexandra organised her people to combat fires on her indigenous land in Mato Grosso**

## What kind of world does your collective want to construct?

The competition "I Am You: Human Rights for all" invited groups and collectives that have been supported by Brazil Fund over the last 15 years to submit phrases in response to

the question: "What kind of world does your collective want to construct"? The fourteen most significant phrases were chosen in a popular vote on social media and by a committee of experts, formed of the journalist Letícia Leite and the poet Akins Kintê. In addition, to these phrases a 15th one was created by Brazil Fund's individual donors.

## Human rights on the streets of São Paulo

As a prize, the 15 phrases chosen in the cultural competition were projected onto buildings and public spaces in the city of

São Paulo for three nights in December 2021 at Roosevelt Square, The Copan Building, Vladimir Herzog Square, Largo da Batata and the Cimento Perus Factory. The action was broadcast live on Instagram.

Some of the phrases also appear in this Activities Report.






## The I Am You Festival

The I Am You Festival was held online in a partnership with Sesc São Paulo. It hosted three days of conversations among activists to discuss the agendas that underpin the structure of inequality in Brazil, the challenges to overcoming these inequalities and the role of organised civil society in this struggle. The themes of the discussion circles were: “Racism in Brazil: who is fighting it on a daily basis?”; “Justice in Brazil: does the system violate rights?” and “Human Rights Defenders in Brazil: the challenges of fighting for democracy”.



### WATCH THE DEBATES

-  **Racism in Brazil: who is fighting it on a daily basis?**
-  **Justice in Brazil: does the system violate rights?**
-  **Human Rights Defenders in Brazil: the challenges of fighting for democracy**

## Musical Dialogue on Human Rights

A show by the singer Assucena closed celebrations of Brazil Fund’s 15 year anniversary and marked Human Rights Day, on 10 December. This was the 13th Musical Dialogue on Human Rights, which has become a traditional part of Brazil Fund’s journey and has always been held in conjunction with Sesc São Paulo.

Assucena presented her first solo piece, “Rio e também posso chorar – Fatal 50: um tributo ao corpo e à voz livre” (“I laugh and I can cry too – Fatal 50: a tribute to free bodies and voices). It was a tribute to

the album, Fatal – Gal a Todo Vapor, by Gal Costa, whose 50th birthday was in 2021.

In a live performance at the Sesc Pinheiros theatre in the city of São Paulo (in compliance with public health safety norms that were in place in December 2021), we launched four calls for proposals in order to donate a total of 4.7 million in 2022. They were: general call for proposals, Resisting Together; A Way Out – the rights and citizenship of people coming out of prison; Human rights defenders: strengthening safeguarding skills and Mobilisation in defence of civil spaces and democracy.



# Raising voices for human rights

## Brasil de Direitos Platform

The platform, Brasil de Direitos is a communications project constructed in collaboration with groups supported by Brazil Human Rights Fund. It employs communications techniques and tools, journalism and digital influence to highlight and provide information about this work and the world views of human rights defenders' regarding the most important matters in the country.

Throughout 2021, the project sought to consolidate its working methods and to diversify strategies for distributing content. One hundred and two articles and opinion pieces were published by/or in collaboration with 56 civil society organisations.

The platform follows a working method that strives to be collaborative, starting at the level of selecting of themes and approaches. In keeping with the strategy of diversification of formats, four online debates were held on the Instagram profile [@brasildedireitos](https://www.instagram.com/brasildedireitos), and a series of videos on human rights concepts was launched.



The series “It’s great that you asked that!” contains four teaching-style videos that explain the meaning of recurring terms in public debates, with the help of activists.

In 2021, articles published by Brasil de Direitos were quoted and used as sources of information by news channels and tertiary sector institutions, such as the Patrícia Galvão Agency, the Amazônia Real Agency, The Tertiary Sector Observatory and The Group of Institutions, Foundations and Companies (GIFE).

Special and theme-based collections of analytical content on the important human rights agendas in the country meant a broad sector of the general public accessed content on the Brasil de Direitos platform. Theme-based specials on the housing crisis, made worse by the Covid-19 pandemic, International Women’s Day and the rights of the indigenous peoples and the LGBTQIA+ communities were seen by thousands.



## Media

For the third year running, Brazil Fund had a partnership with TV dos Trabalhadores (Rede TVT), with a fortnightly appearance on the programme Bom para Todos (Good for Everyone). The collaboration involved the participation of activists and leaders who have partnerships with Brazil Fund, in live debates about human rights causes. Throughout the year, 44 guests from all over the country participated in interviews in 20 episodes of the programme, contributing with the public debate on rights violations and their consequences. Topics like evictions during the pandemic, the precariousness of the health of the indigenous peoples, the hyper-incarceration of women, and other issues that are pertinent to the national debate.

## Blog

Brazil Fund’s site was turned into a blog in order to provide wide coverage of human rights issues. The texts on the blog explain fundamental aspects of the causes supported by our work. Articles attempt to go deeper into concepts, but in language that is understandable for a wide-ranging audience.



## Mobilising support

Fundraising among individuals is a strategic action to increase Brazil Fund's capacity to raise funds for organisations, collectives and grassroots groups that are dedicated to defending rights in Brazil as well as seeking the sustainability of its own foundation. This is also fundamental in order to maintain a group of people who, through support and donations, publicly attest to the importance and transparency of our work.

In 2021, fundraising actions with individuals resulted in an increase of around 118% in personal donations.

## International Support

Brazilians who live abroad, in countries like the UK, the Netherlands, Switzerland, Canada, the United States and others, joined forces to allocate funds to the Black Coalition for Rights campaign, There are Hungry People. The drive included **live broadcasts on social media** led by the activist and co-founder of Frente Preta UK, Elda Cardoso and Ana Cernov, from the Coletivo Por Um Brasil Democrático, in Los Angeles.



## São Paulo Tax Return Programme

Brazil Fund managed to raise R\$1 million through the São Paulo Tax Return Programme. This sum was enough to provide support to 25 projects of organisations that defend human rights in the country and was collected over 10 years of participation in the state-run programme.

The campaign was aimed at people living in the state of São Paulo who were encouraged to register on a system run by the state government that allows consumers to donate part of the tax they have paid for purchases of products and services to social organisations like Brazil Human Rights Fund.

## Volunteers

The São Paulo Tax Return Programme received the support of students who voluntarily opted to register their new CPFs (tax payer registration number) to donate through the state-run online system. Through the programme students receive a certificate

that testifies that they have completed the complementary hours required by the Ministry for Education in order to graduate on undergraduate and technical courses. This is an online action aimed at people over the age of 18 who live in the state of São Paulo.

## Events for individual donors

Our team held an online nationwide meeting for donors, the aim of which was to pay tribute to and thank the people who believe in and support the work of the Brazil Fund. By means of activities that stimulate creativity, the participants could think about how different forms of collaboration impact on building a better society in the world we want to construct.

Based on this collective reflection, donors created a phrase together, to be projected onto public spaces in the city of São Paulo, as part of the competition "I Am you: Human Rights for All".

On 8th March, International Women's Day was celebrated in another action – a group lunch which was held online because of the pandemic. Casa95, a culinary space in Vila Madalena, in São Paulo, carried out a community action in the form of a delivery service. Income from the action was allocated to projects that defend women's rights and that receive support from Brazil Human Rights Fund.



# Strengthening social justice philanthropy

Brazil Fund works towards strengthening the field of human rights in the country through dialogue and by producing and sharing knowledge about philanthropy at home and abroad. As a member of the Philanthropy Network for Social Justice and also on the management board of the group, Philanthropy for Social Justice and Peace, the Fund works relentlessly towards increasing discussions about the importance of supporting civil society organisations that are dedicated to defending rights.

Events for training and analysis of the current situation, publications and participation in panels and seminars are actions in this vein which also allow for an exchange of knowledge and bring other financial organisations closer.

## ABCR FESTIVAL

As an example of our active participation in forums aimed at strengthening the culture of donation in Brazil, we organised a panel called “Institutions + artists + individual donations = R\$2.4 million against Covid-19” at the ABCR Festival in 2021. The Brazilian Fundraising Association (ABCR) brings together professionals who collectively and continuously seek to increase donations for social causes around the country.

**“For a world that is open for all and is as light-hearted as a Sunday samba circle”**

Brazil Fund donors

\*Phrase submitted for the competition  
**I Am You: Human Rights for All**





## 4.

# Transparency: balance and auditing

The year 2021 was an important one for raising new funds at Brazil Fund. These funds led to a significant increase in the issue of theme-based calls for proposals, as well as other activities. Our accounts were approved by governance officials, were duly audited and have been submitted to the Foundations' Curator at the São Paulo Public Prosecutor's Office. The transparent nature of our work is evident in this section of the Report.

**Gislene Aniceto**  
*General Manager*



## FINANCIAL STATEMENTS ON 31 DECEMBER 2021 AND 2020 IN BRAZILIAN REAL

CURRENT ASSETS	2021	2020
Cash and Cash Equivalents	13,875,309	9,055,323
Funds linked to projects	19,521,616	18,503,133
Financial investments	11,644,698	11,700,406
Receivable funds	47,784,612	34,873,987
Other credit	125,917	106,114
Capitalising Bond	-	-
<b>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS</b>	<b>92,952,152</b>	<b>74,238,961</b>
<b>NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
<b>Long-term</b>		
Receivable Funds	9,776,439	33,239,893
	<b>9,776,439</b>	<b>33,239,893</b>
Fixed Assets	2,959,595	3,176,483
<b>Fixed Assets</b>	<b>3,176,483</b>	<b>3,176,483</b>
<b>TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b>	<b>12,736,034</b>	<b>36,416,376</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>105,688,186</b>	<b>110,655,337</b>

CURRENT LIABILITIES	2021	2020
Wages and Social Security Contributions	1,028,817	964,686
Fiscal Obligations/Contributions	19,365	13,855
Goods/Services Suppliers	29,084	42,985
Contingency Allowance	170,000	170,000
	<b>1,247,266</b>	<b>1,191,526</b>
<b>PROJECTS/PROGRAMME IN PROGRESS</b>		
Funds for Project in Progress	15,103,551	12,435,350
Funds for Programme in Progress	52,289,179	41,278,949
	<b>67,392,731</b>	<b>53,714,300</b>
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>	<b>68,639,997</b>	<b>54,905,825</b>

## NON-CURRENT LIABILITY

Long-term liabilities	2021	2020
Lease pending payment		
Funds for Programme in Progress	9,776,439	33,239,893
	<b>9,776,439</b>	<b>33,239,893</b>
<b>NET EQUITY</b>		
Social Equity	10,000	10,000
Endowment Fund - Donation	6,076,500	6,076,500
Accumulated Surplus	21,185,249	16,423,119
<b>Total Net Equity</b>	<b>27,271,749</b>	<b>22,509,619</b>
<b>TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITY</b>	<b>37,048,189</b>	55,749,512
<b>TOTAL LIABILITY</b>	<b>105,688,186</b>	<b>110,655,337</b>

INCOME STATEMENT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR  
ON 31 DECEMBER 2021 AND ON 31 DECEMBER 2020, IN BRAZILIAN REAL

	2021	2020
<b>OPERATING REVENUE</b>	<b>24,154,070</b>	<b>24,899,943</b>
<b>OPERATING EXPENSES</b>	<b>-20,949,126</b>	<b>-22,026,477</b>
Project Expenses	-10,619,857	-11,067,089
Rio Doce Programme Expenses	-6,327,006	-6,987,366
Project Expenses (unrestricted funds)	-3,270,540	-3,139,154
General and Administrative Expenses	-731,723	-832,867
<b>Surplus (Deficit) Corporate Transactions</b>	<b>3,204,944</b>	<b>2,873,466</b>
<b>NET FINANCIAL RESULT</b>	<b>1,557,186</b>	<b>1,392,443</b>
Financial Income	1,563,831	1,411,272
(-) Financial Expenses	-6,645	-18,829
<b>SURPLUS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR</b>	<b>4,762,130</b>	<b>4,265,909</b>





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