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Mission



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

Innovative philanthropy for a fairer country



I would like to start this presentation of Brazil Human Rights Fund's activities in 2022 on an optimistic note. We have more than one thousand reasons to continue to champion the cause of human rights in our country.

In fact, we really do have more than one thousand concrete reasons. Last year, the fund provided support to over 1.2 thousand projects, to promote and defend human rights. This means that, over the last 16 years, hundreds of groups, collectives and grassroots organisations have received support in continuing the fight against rights violations and ensuring access to basic guarantees of citizenship, in its many forms, in other words, seeking to strengthening democracy.

This is a very important landmark for a fund that was created to mobilise resources and get them to organised civil society. Seeking resources together with national and international partners, from institutional and individual donors is at the heart of our work. At the same time, providing support to human rights organisations through grant-making empowers groups and communities that are fighting for effective social transformation.

These are activities that Brazil Fund carries out with the aim of strengthening collaborative philanthropy for social justice, guided by a decolonial perspective. In this regard, 2022 was marked by innovative actions. In December, we launched Labora, a new fund to support the fight of Brazilian society for dignified work and social guarantees. This new fund is the result of a collective effort initiated by the Laudes Foundation, the Ford Foundation and Open Society Foundations, who selected Brazil Fund to co-create and manage the initiative. Through Labora, we will provide continuous, structured support to this fight in the coming years, with particular attention to the issues of race, gender and socioenvironmental justice, as we consider this cause to be one of the most important ones for reflection, in the reconstruction and advancement of the fight for rights in our country.

We consolidated a partnership with the National Coordination for the Articulation of Black Rural

Quilombola Communities (Conaq), which aims to strengthen the country's principal quilombola organisation and create the conditions for it to manage an autonomous quilombola fund in the near future, if it so desires.

Our work is centred around sharing knowledge and methodologies for fund management and also allows for direct support to quilombola organisations and communities around the country. In the same vein, we continue our institutional partnership to support training and consolidation at Podáali, the first indigenous fund in the country. We also created the Alliance of Funds which unites us with the Baobá Fund for Racial Equity and the Casa Socioenvironmental Fund in the pursuit of effective collaboration in the field of philanthropy.

We shared knowledge and participated in collective reflections in various spaces: at the 10-year seminar of the Comuá Network – Philanthropy for Transformation, of which Brazil Fund is a founder; at the Black Philanthropy Month of the Group of Institutes, Foundations and Companies (GIFE) and at thematic conferences of the European Parliament. We discussed the future of human rights, the relevance of grant-making for the promotion of social justice, decolonial philanthropy, the impact of climate change on vulnerable peoples and populations, as well as other current topics.

It is worth mentioning that this was a year that we donated

more resources to grassroots organisations – almost R\$ 12 million (an increase of more than 50% compared to the previous year), more than R\$ 2 million of which was within the scope of our partnership with CONAQ.

Another result in 2022 illustrates the reliability and innovative potential of Brazil Human Rights Fund. Following a series of dialogues on transparency and efficiency, we were one of the Brazilian organisations selected by the philanthropist, Mackenzie Scott to receive a donation. As a lawyer, writer and one of the top 25 donors in the United States, Scott allocated US\$5 million to the Fund. We are very grateful for this recognition. The funds are being used to strengthen our work and to create a new proposal to support civil society, which will be announced soon.

These positive results coincide with a period of immense challenges for Brazilian democracy. Throughout over two years of the Covid-19 pandemic, violations of the rights of specific segments of the population increased.

A particularly significant example is the case of the indigenous peoples. In recent years these people have been affected by a political project to concentrate wealth in the hands of a few, through invasive, predatory and lawless extractivism. Brazil Fund has always allocated resources to projects benefitting indigenous peoples. However, in 2022, we launched a call for



proposals exclusively aimed at projects for these communities in the context of the Alliance of Funds, which enabled a collaborative fundraising effort for this purpose. In addition to two emergency funds, one for territorial defence and another for the protection of the lives and integrity of indigenous leaders, this call for proposals allowed us to allocate more funds to the indigenous cause, in a comprehensive, focussed manner, in collaboration with two of the largest indigenous organisations in the country, APIB and COIAB.

Substantial progress has been made with the Rio Doce Programme. For the past four years, Brazil Fund has been acting as an expert for the Public Prosecutor's Office to ensure that the population affected by the rupture of the Fundão Dam in Mariana, MG, in 2015, has qualified assistance in their participation in the process of seeking full reparation for the damages suffered. In 2022, the judiciary ensured the conditions for Independent Technical Advisory Services to start work. These organisations were chosen by the affected communities living throughout the Rio Doce basin, to collectively assist them in their cause. These communities had been waiting for this since 2018.

I would like to thank our funding partners for their support and trust, which strengthens us and enables us to take increasingly robust steps on our journey.

These are: Climate and Land Use Alliance (CLUA), the Ford Foundation, InterAmerican Foundation, Instituto Meraki, Laudes Foundation, Open Society Foundations, Nia Tero, No Peace Without Justice, OAK Foundation, Pão para o Mundo (PPM), Porticus, Warner Music Group / Blavatnik Family Foundation Social Justice Fund and the Wellspring Fund. Not forgetting the fundamental support of individual donors who place their trust in Brazil Fund and attest to our dedication in fulfilling our mission. Thank you so much!

We will continue to fight, as we always have, alongside organised civil society in promoting human rights as the path to social justice. We hope this report will be an inspiring read for all those who, like Brazil Fund, believe in a fair and egalitarian country.

Ana Valéria Araújo
Superintendent



Our Impact

Over the
16 year

R\$ 50,2 million
granted to human rights
organisations

1.224

projects
supported

37

calls for
proposals:
16 general and
21 thematic

4

emergency funds

32

training sessions for
participants in supported
projects

167

visits to supported
projects, on location,
in the **5** regions of
the country

54

public awareness
events (seminars and
themed debates,
concerts and others)

86

communications campaigns and products
(publications, videos, a photographic exhibition and
a content platform)

In 2022

R\$ 9 million
granted to human rights collectives
and organisations

Supported Projects

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Together

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Mobilisation in Defence
of Civic Spaces and
Democracy

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and Citizenship of People
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Moving
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the Human Rights and
Criminal Justice call for
proposals

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Emergency Support
for Human Rights
Defenders

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Emergency Support for
Indigenous Defenders

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SOS Amazônia
Emergency Support

» 262 The total number of emergency projects and requests that received support over the year

The causes that received support

-  The right to fair and 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
-  Addressing racism
-  Addressing human trafficking and slave labour
-  The right to dignified work (through the Labora Fund)
-  The guarantee of rule of law and criminal justice



A Summary of 2022

January

- ▶ Submission period for four calls for proposals: Resisting Together, A Way Out, Human Rights Defenders and Mobilisation in Defence of Civic and Democratic Spaces

February

- ▶ Online meeting of groups that receive support under the umbrella of the Defence of the Rights of the Indigenous Peoples

March

- ▶ Launch of the campaign "You need to know: women's rights"

April

- ▶ Launch of the Emergency Support for Indigenous Defenders
- ▶ Results of the calls for proposals: Mobilisation in Defence of Civic Spaces and Democracy, A Way Out and Human Rights Defenders
- ▶ Publication of the special edition: "Where is democracy going?"

May

- ▶ Launch of the call for proposals: Addressing Racism from the Grassroots Level 2022

June

- ▶ Results of the call for proposals: Resisting Together

July

- ▶ Launch of the campaign: Defending Human Rights Leads to Results

August

- ▶ Visits to groups receiving support in Belém (Pará) and Oiapoque (Amapá)
- ▶ Participation in an event in Black Philanthropy Month
- ▶ Project Meeting, in São Paulo (SP)

September

- ▶ Results of the call for proposals: Addressing Racism from the Grassroots Level 2022
- ▶ Project Meeting, in Salvador (Bahia)
- ▶ Participation in the seminar: 10 years of the Comuá Network
- ▶ Launch of the photographic competition: "The collective cause: defending human rights"

October

- ▶ Announcement of support for 10 more collectives under the umbrella of the calls for proposals: Human Rights Defenders and Addressing Racism from the Grassroots Level 2022
- ▶ Federal Justice decides on the hiring of Independent Technical Services in the Rio Doce Basin

November

- ▶ Announcement of more support under the umbrella of the call for proposals: Addressing Racism from the Grassroots Level 2022

December

- ▶ Musical Dialogue on Human Rights with Tulipa Ruiz; launch of the call for proposal: Re-building Rights: paths to social justice
- ▶ Launch of Labora - Support for Dignified Work
- ▶ Second season of the video series "That's a great question"
- ▶ Result of the photographic competition "The collective cause: defending human rights"
- ▶ Meeting of organisations receiving support through the calls for proposals: A Way Out and Addressing Racism from the Grassroots Level 2022

New calls for proposals and a look at emergency issues

The year when we returned to in-person meetings was a special one in the Brazil Fund story. In 2022, with the easing of the Covid-19 pandemic, we returned to a hybrid system, working some days in the office and some remote. More importantly, however, we were again able to facilitate meetings between activists and leaders of human rights organisations for discussions, training sessions and collaboration.

We understand the task of providing spaces for articulation as a strategic way to amplify the transformative potential of social justice philanthropy. In September and October, after two years online, the National Meeting of Brazil Fund Projects, returned to an in-person format. There were two meetings, one in São Paulo (São Paulo) and another in Salvador (Bahia). This allowed us to dive deeper into regional conditions. Representatives from around 160 grassroots organisations attended and they debated the scenario of the pandemic and beyond, perspectives for democracy and the fight for rights.

Our team also went to events organised by groups receiving

support, to listen to their debates and proposals and to talk with them. We attended: the Pan-Amazonian Social Forum in Belém (Pará); the Guarani Kaiowá Youth Meeting in Douradina (Mato Grosso do Sul); the General Assembly of the Coordination of the Indigenous Organisations of the Brazilian Amazon (COIAB) and the Aquilombar political/cultural meeting in Brasília (Federal District).

Throughout the year we had nine calls for proposals to support projects, a significant number of which ensure institutional assistance to sustain the work of grassroots organisations that are still grappling with the consequences of the pandemic. Two general calls for proposals covered: the rights of black refugee women; the right to the city; addressing religious racism; obstetric violence; vulnerable workers' rights, and others. Other calls for proposals focussed on the protection and safety of human rights defenders, addressing racism and the rights of the LGBTQIA+ community.

It is worth mentioning that the calls for proposals are in response to the concerns and priorities that human rights activists signal in their daily work. These are activists who work both within groups receiving support and as members of our Administrative Board. Our connections mean we are able to allocate funds and provide technical support in an increasingly strategic way.

I would like to highlight that we have started going deeper into three causes that had not previously been addressed in Brazil Fund's thematic calls for proposals. The call for proposals, in Defence of the Rights of the Indigenous Peoples provided support to these peoples, who have been violently attacked in recent years. Proposals were selected for the call for proposals, A Way Out, that advocates for the citizenship of people coming out of the prison system. The call for proposals, Mobilisation in Defence of Civic Spaces and Democracy sought to strengthen popular participation in discussions on the defence of rights in the arena of democratic processes.

We have expanded our activities regarding emergency support. As well as Emergency Support for Human Rights Defenders and SOS Amazônia, we launched a partnership with the Articulation of the Indigenous Peoples of Brazil (APIB). This is emergency support for indigenous defenders and is aimed specifically at indigenous leaders who are under threat due to their role of fighting for and defending their peoples' lands and rights.

In addition, as previously mentioned in this report, we strengthened our partnership with Conaq, with a view to strengthening the independence of the country's largest quilombola organisation. We also launched Labora, an unprecedented fund in Brazil, dedicated to the cause of dignified work with racial, gender and socioenvironmental justice.

Throughout this period, we talked about democracy and social justice in communications and public awareness actions. The campaign "Defending Human Rights Leads to Results" highlighted the positive impacts of the efforts undertaken by groups supported by Brazil Fund. Fundraising campaigns targeting individuals reached 24.6 million social media accounts. Special features on the Brasil de Direitos platform provided insights into pathways to democracy, as defined by organised civil society and the basic concepts of human rights were explained in a video. In this report, you can also find out more about these activities.

These are just a few of the highlights from 2022. The following pages provide further information on the array of activities and collaborations, undertaken during this eventful year which reinvigorated our commitment to continue alongside civil society in our fight for human rights. There is much work to be done and Brazil Fund will steadfastly pursue its objective of being a reliable and impactful support system for grassroots mobilisation in combatting institutional violence and striving for racial, gender and socioenvironmental justice.

Having you with us is very important.

Allyne Andrade
Assistant Superintendent





1. Supporting civil

Brazil Fund's principal method for supporting organised civil society is through calls for proposals which are public and open to all grassroots organisations, groups and collectives that are interested, whether they are registered as a legal entity or not.

Other support methods are the emergency funds which provide rapid response to requests for assistance for measures to protect the lives and integrity of human rights defenders and their territories. Another method is the invitation letters, which are tools used in the area of support for criminal justice, providing resources to organisations with highly strategic agendas. The organisations are invited to

present proposals for work to be supported by Brazil Fund. It is important to mention that within these two formats external experts and committees are called upon to assess requests, give their opinions and make recommendations for support.

As well as providing resources, we also conduct visits and actively listen to the groups receiving support. We monitor the implementation of projects while respecting the autonomy of each group. We also promote opportunities for training programmes and collaboration.

In this section, you will find an overview of the activities carried out to support civil society in 2022.



Providing Resources

CALLS FOR PROPOSALS

Brazil Fund's calls for proposals are public solicitations. They are widely disseminated and are open to organisations, groups and collectives that work to promote human rights around the country. Through them we receive proposals that provide a wide diversity of independent strategies created by activists and grassroots groups to address rights violations.

The selection process for proposals to receive support from Brazil Fund resources is initially carried out by an external Selection Committee, made up of experts in the relevant fields, and rights defenders whose work is respected and recognised. The Committee evaluates and recommends the projects to receive support, which are then approved by the governance of the Fund.

See below the calls for proposals that were active in 2022. Those that started to receive support this year also contain information from components of the Selection Committee and the list of groups selected.



GENERAL CALL FOR PROPOSALS 2022 - RESISTING TOGETHER

The General Call for Proposals receives projects to combat institutional violence and discrimination across a wide variety of causes in the context of defending human rights. As such it is a tool that allows Brazil Fund to continually understand the priorities and action strategies of organised civil society. It is launched every year in December and results are released in June of the following year.

Through the General Call for Proposals, **Resisting Together**, launched in December 2021, Brazil Fund continued to prioritise sustaining human rights organisations grappling with the consequences of the Covid-19 pandemic. This is a call for proposals

aimed at institutional support, with flexible resources for organisations to develop their work.

Thirty groups were selected to receive up to R\$40 thousand each, totalling R\$1.2 million in grants. The groups selected are from 14 states, from the five regions of Brazil.

SELECTION COMMITTEE

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 Ana Beatriz Silva (Bia Onça)
 Carolina Motoki
 Dalila Negreiros
 Guilherme Gomes Ferreira
 Marcelo Morais
 Paulo Pankararu
 Sabrina Nascimento

Groups Selected	State
Centro Cultural for the Dissemination and Valorisation of Afro-Brazilian and African Cultures of Dourados - Quintal de Palmares	MS
Community Association of Mangabeira and Surrounding Villages	BA
Quilombola Association of Conceição das Crioulas - AQCC	PE
Que Ladeira é Essa? Cultural Centre	BA
Semear Centre	PB
Collective in Defence of Work in Feira de Santana	BA
Centre Tupinambá Indigenous Women's Group of Acuípe de Baixo KUIÁ ATÁ - Strong Women	BA
I Renascer Aldeia	PE
Maranhense Society of Alternative Media and Mutuca Popular Education	MA
Association of Human Rights, Family, Friends and Inmates of the State of Acre	AC
Association of Black Women of Acre	AC
Association of Quilombo Survivors in Bom Jardim - ARQBOMJA	PA
Association of Remnants in the Tingu Quilombo - ARQUITINGU	PA
Bahsekowi Indigenous Medicine Centre (Carla Fernandes)	AM
Kizomba	PA
Manxinerune Tsihi Pukte Hajene - MATPHA	AC
Xingu Alive Forever Movement	PA
Brazilian Institute of Lesbians (Michele Seixas)	RJ
National Agenda for Decarceration	MG
Association of Residents and Friends of Vila Mimosa	RJ
Centre for Immigrant and Refugee Women - CEMIR	SP
Antifascist Delivery Workers	SP
TransRevolution Group - Casa Nem	RJ
LGBT+ Movement	RJ
National Network of Black Women in the Fight Against Violence	SP
Zacimba Gaba - Collective of Black and Afro-Indigenous Women	RJ
Acaro LBT Negritude	RS
Alamoju Interdisciplinary Studies and Extension Collective	RS
N n Ga Collective - Kaingang Indigenous Youth Organization	PR
Guiding Star	SC



MOBILISATION IN DEFENCE OF CIVIC SPACES AND DEMOCRACY

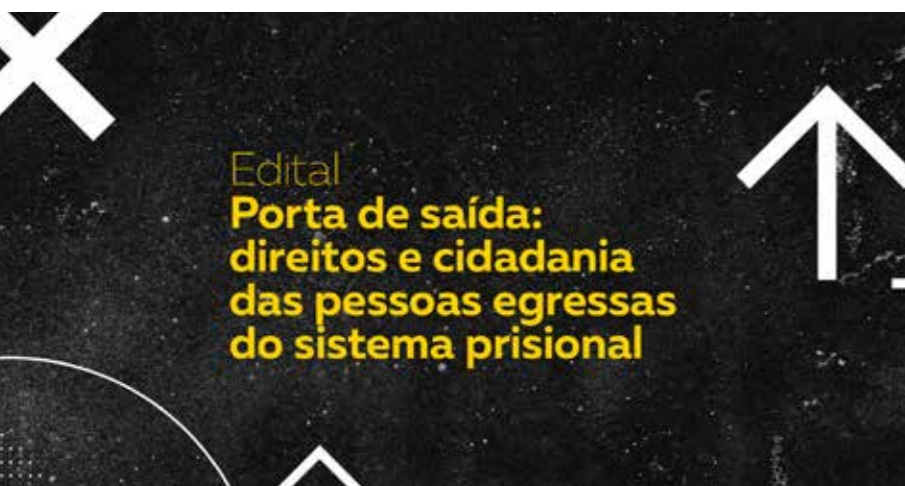
In Brazil, the most acute period of the Covid-19 pandemic was aggravated by the denialist stance adopted by a government with a strongly conservative agenda, characterised by antidemocratic initiatives. Amidst the deepening social inequality during this time, the actions of the government aimed to hinder the participation of civil society in debates and democratic processes. Research in the second half of 2021 showed the shrinking of spaces for community participation in several government spheres.

The call for proposals, **Mobilisation in Defence of Civic Spaces and Democracy** focussed on supporting the fight to maintain and reconstruct these spaces, as they are considered to be fundamental in the face of the public health and socioeconomic emergencies. Thirty five projects received support, in 16 Brazilian states, with up to R\$60 thousand each – a total of R\$2 million in grants. The call for proposals had the support of the Oak Foundation and Open Society Foundations.

SELECTION COMMITTEE

José Moroni
Maíra Vida
Raull Santiago
Roseli Faria

Groups Selected	State
State Association of Small Farmers in Goiás – AEPAGO	GO
Indigenous Association	MT
Drag District	DF
Kuñangue Aty Guasu – Assembly of Kaiowá and Guarani Women	MS
Black Women of Angola	GO
AMES Salvador	BA
Bahian Association of Transvestite, Transsexual and Transgender People in Action – Attraction	BA
Northeast Association of Young Farmers – Terra Livre	PE
Association of Black Researchers of Bahia	BA
Bigu Comunicativismo	PE
Casa Preta Zeferina	BA
Luiz Freire Cultural Centre	PE
Aroeira Indigenous Collective of the Pankararu People	PE
Commission for Coordination and Mobilisation of Residents of the Itapagipe Peninsula – CAMA	BA
Ecos Feministas	PE
Forum Marielles	BA
National Forum of Transvestite and Transsexual Black Men and Women – FONATRANS	PI
Women's Group of Alto das Pombas	BA
PositHIVE Prevention Working Group	PE
Institute of Community Activism – Mobilise Network	CE
Nucleus of Educators of the Sertão of Pernambuco – NEPS	PE
Núcleo Soledad Barrett	PE
Popular Youth Uprising – Paraná	PR
Network of Black Women of Bahia	BA
Tapajós de Fato Popular Communications Collective	PA
Association of Gays, Lesbians and Transvestites of Parintins	AM
Human Rights Centre of Palmas	TO
Indigenous Council of Roraima	RR
Popular Advisory Service Maria Felipa	MG
Indigenous Guarani Community Association of the Rio Pequeno Village – ACIGARP	RJ
Favelize-se	RJ
Evangelical Front for the Rule of Law	RJ
EIG Women	SP
Agência Diadorim	SP
Kaingang Youth Group of Rio Grande do Sul	RS



A WAY OUT: THE RIGHTS AND CITIZENSHIP OF PEOPLE LEAVING THE PRISON SYSTEM

The country has witnessed an exponential growth in the number of incarcerated people in recent decades. Currently, Brazil has the third largest prison population in the world – around 750 thousand people, who are subjected to violence on a daily basis, in a system that perpetuates racism and class inequality. The systemic choice of prioritising deprivation of liberty as the primary response to situations involving conflicts with the law, violates fundamental constitutional and democratic principles. As a consequence there is overcrowding, inhumane conditions in prison and torture which predominantly affect black individuals, the poor, young people and those with low incomes and education levels. This cycle of violence is not limited to the confines of the prison walls but also affects the families and communities of prisoners.

There is a need to address an important factor in tackling mass incarceration in Brazil – the lack of support given to those who have been through the experience of being in prison in returning to normal life and reuniting with their families, earning a wage and ensuring their rights to citizenship. Sadly, the prospects for social integration for those who have been in conflict with the law could not be further from the reality of our country. This, coupled with the selective bias of the criminal justice system, fosters recidivism and makes it challenging to break the cycle of re-incarceration.

This call for proposals, in partnership with Porticus, selected initiatives led by people who have come out of the prison system or with their wide participation, as well as initiatives involving their families and close relationship network, with the purpose of guaranteeing their rights and addressing mass incarceration. Grants for each group ranged up to R\$50 thousand for institutional support and up to R\$100 thousand for proposals aimed at influencing policies promoting the rights of people who have been incarcerated. In total around R\$900 thousand were granted for these initiatives.

SELECTION COMMITTEE

Felipe Freitas
Luanna Marley
Paulo Malvezzi
Thandara Santos

Groups supported	State
Desert Rose Collective	DF
Prios Institute of Public Policy and Human Rights	DF
Association More Freedom	MT
Association We Are Together	BA
State Front for the Decarceration of Piauí	PI
Collective of the Family and Friends of Detainees of Amazonas	AM
Institute for Socioenvironmental, Cultural, Artistic, Legal, Educational and Economics Matters	PA
Indigenous Council of Roraima	RR
I Am Me – Ferrugem	RJ
Instituto Phoenix	RJ
Everyone Together	RJ
Association of Friends and Family of Detainees – AMPARAR	SP
Instituto Flores (Casa Flores)	SP
Libertas Cooperative of Women Against Incarceration	SP
Sociedade Santos Mártires	SP
Association for Human Development and Cultural Promotion	PR



HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS: STRENGTHENING SKILLS IN PROTECTION AND INTEGRAL SAFETY

Violence against human rights defenders, in various contexts, is on the rise worldwide. This is undermining the fight for social justice. Brazil is among the countries with the highest number of defenders killed and threatened for their work. This solicitation for projects was launched at a time marked by the militarisation of politics and systemic attacks on social causes. This has been seen in threats and attacks on Black people, women, LGBTQIA+ people, indigenous people and quilombola and traditional communities.

This call for proposals supported grassroots organisations in the field of human rights, in developing their institutional skills in protecting their members and their relationship and coordination networks and ensuring their safety.

Twenty nine projects were selected. In partnership with CLUA, the Ford Foundation, Oak Foundation and Porticus up to R\$60 thousand were granted to each, totalling R\$ 1.2 million.

SELECTION COMMITTEE

Marcelo Marquesini
Mariana Magalhães
Luciana Pivato

Groups Selected	State
Association for Popular Advocacy Esperança Garcia	AM
Coletivo Ponta de Lança	AM
Network of Indigenous Women in the State of Amazonas – Makira Eta	AM
Association of the Quilombola Fisher People of Graciosa	BA
Landless Rural Workers Human Rights Collective in the Far South of Bahia	BA
Black Women Connections	BA
Women of the Waters / Group of Women Quilombolas, Shell Fish Gatherers and Fisherwomen of the Island of Maré	BA
Popular Public Security Forum of Ceará	CE
Cumbe Quilombo: Quilombola Association of Cumbe/Aracati	CE
Federation of the Indigenous Peoples and Organisations of Ceará – Fepoince	CE
Coletivo Comuna Panteras	DF
Quilombola Association of Producers of Native Seedlings and Organic Agriculture of Angelim II	ES
Collective for Strengthening of the Black Population in the South	ES
Pride, Freedom and Dignity Group – GOLD	ES
Carrapatos da Tabatinga Quilombola Community	MG
Geraldo Garcia Training and Research Centre	MS
Association of Remnant Residents of the Quilombo of União São João – ARQUISAJO	PA
Instituto Zé Claudio e Maria	PA
Marajó Observatory	PA
Suape Environmental Forum Association	PE
Popular Centre of Human Rights	PE
Lesbian Resistance Collective of Maré	RJ
Institute for the Defence of the Black Population	RJ
Paiter A Soe Museum	RO
Elza Soares Feminist Collective	RS
Kaingáng Institute – INKA	RS
Acaro LBT Negritude	RS
Quilombola Association of the Patioba Village	SE
National Network of Black Women Against Violence	SP



ADDRESSING RACISM FROM THE GRASSROOTS LEVEL

The Black population in Brazil were particularly affected by the Covid-19 pandemic, as well as by policies that stripped away rights, under an increasingly authoritarian government that facilitated the concentration of wealth. Racism appeared in multiple forms: through intolerance and discrimination against Afro-Brazilian religions; through state violence against the Black population, such as police operations in peripheral neighbourhoods; through high unemployment rates among Black women and Black LGBTQIA+ people; through attacks on the ancestral territories of quilombola communities; through evictions and displacements; through environmental racism that denied the right to safe housing, among others.

The call for proposals, **Addressing Racism from the Grassroots Level** aimed to respond to the need for institutional support for groups, collectives and organisations led by Black people, enabling them to continue their work in combatting racism in the country, across various agendas. This was the third call for proposals on this topic by Brazil Fund. Twenty five organisations were selected, from 15 Brazilian states, to receive up to R\$50 thousand, totalling R\$ 1.25 million in grants, with the support of Warner/Blavatinik Social Justice Fund.

SELECTION COMMITTEE

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Projects selected	State
Coletivo Iya Akobiode	BA
State Front for the Decarceration of Bahia	BA
Hilda Jitolu Institute of Black Mothers and Women	BA
Reparation Institution	BA
Instituto Luízas	BA
Association of Quilombo Remnant in Serra dos Mulatos	CE
Network of Black Women of Ceará	CE
Afro-power Institute	DF
State Forum of Black Youth in Espírito Santo	ES
ATRACAR – Association of the Afro-Brazilian and Amerindian Cultural and Social Conditions of the State of Goiás	GO
Black Women's Collective	GO
Black Women's Group Dandara in the Cerrado	GO
Decarcerate Minas Gerais!	MG
Kilombo Manzo	MG
Caboclo Flecheiro Social Centre and Umbanda Temple	PE
Grupo Conexão G	RJ
Black Women's House Institute	RJ
Domestic Workers Trade Union of Nova Iguaçu	RJ
ANFA – Feliciano do Alto Association of the Black Community	RN
Cirandas Advisory Collective	RN
Quilombola Community Association of Teixeiras	RS
Unified Black Movement of Santa Catarina	SC
Sergipe Front for Decarceration	SE
Articulation and Advisory Team for the Black Communities of the Vale do Ribeira SP/PR	SP
ALAGBARA – Articulation of Black and Quilombola Women in Tocantins	TO



LGBTQIA+ DEFENDING RIGHTS

The period of conservatism and authoritarianism of recent years, particularly impacted the LGBTQIA+ community who faced continuous attacks in public discourse and attempts at violating their rights. Twenty initiatives were selected for this call for proposals in 2021 and they continued their work in 2022.

With the support of Wellspring Philanthropic Fund, this specific call for proposals for organisations that

defend LGBTQIA+ rights prioritised support for groups working in the following areas: citizenship of transsexual and intersexual people; LGBTQIA+ youth; LGBTQIA+ people experiencing homelessness or who have been in prison; the sexual and reproductive rights of this population, among others.

With the purpose of institutional strengthening, each group received up to R\$40 thousand, in total R\$800 thousand in grants.

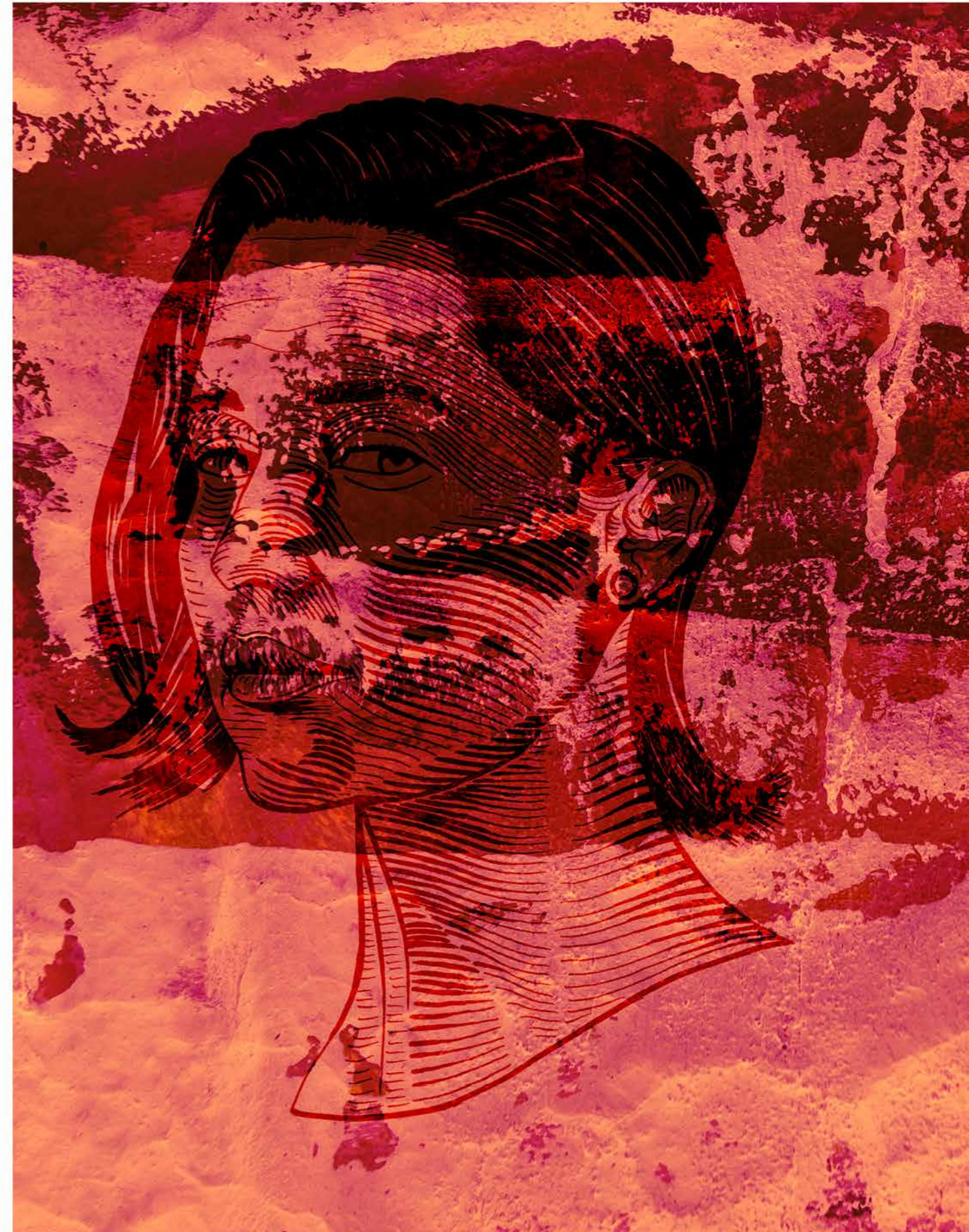
[Click here](#) to see the projects selected.

GENERAL CALL FOR PROPOSALS 2021 - MOVING FORWARD WITH RIGHTS

This call for proposals was launched in the previous year and also aimed to promote institutional support for grassroots human rights organisations, selecting projects that would enable resistance against the intensifying

authoritarianism and criminalisation of popular movements in the country. The support provided to the groups continued until mid-2022. A total of 20 organisations, from 13 states were selected, with each organisation receiving up to R\$40 thousand. A total of R\$800 thousand was provided in support.

To see the projects click on this [link](#).





IN DEFENCE OF THE RIGHTS OF THE INDIGENOUS PEOPLES

In the field of indigenous rights, in recent years, the country has seen successive attempts to hinder recognition of the guarantees set out in the 1988 Constitution. The suspension of demarcations of indigenous lands is just one example of this. The violations have reached extreme levels with an increase in land invasions, illegal mining and other forms of illegal exploitation of natural resources, armed violence and outbreaks of disease and hunger imposed on the indigenous people, around the country.

With a view to supporting the autonomous fight of indigenous organisations for the deployment of their rights, the call for proposals, **In Defence of the Rights of the Indigenous Peoples** selected 10 projects to receive support of up

to R\$50 thousand each – a total of R\$500 thousand in grants.

This call for proposals is a Brazil Human Rights Fund initiative, within the framework of the Alliance of Funds, which is also composed of the Baobá Fund for Racial Equity and the Casa Socioenvironmental Fund, supported by the Inter-American Foundation (IAF) and Instituto Meraki. Brazil Fund's support of the indigenous cause, in 2022, also involved two emergency funds that are outlined in the following section.

SELECTION COMMITTEE

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Groups Selected

Groups Selected	State
Tumuné ũti – Our Future	MS
Aty Kaiowá and Guarani Youth (RAJ)	MS
FEPOINCE	CE
Association of Indigenous Women of Eirunepé	AM
Forum for Indigenous Education and Health in Amazonas – FOREEIA	AM
Organisation of Indigenous Women of Roraima	RR
Organisation of Kaxinawa Farmers in Colônia 27 Indigenous Land	AC
Indigenous Community Association of Guarani in Rio Pequeno Village	RJ
Indigenous Community Association of Pankararu	SP
Xokleng Youth	SC



ALLIANCE OF FUNDS

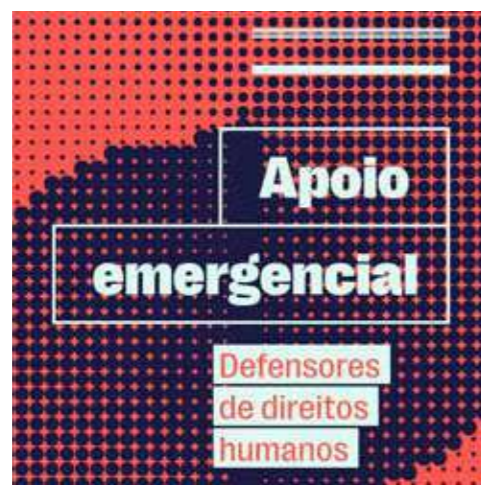
Alliance of Funds is a collaborative philanthropy initiative that involves joint efforts to raise and allocate funds to indigenous peoples, quilombola communities and other traditional populations that have been made vulnerable

by the Covid-19 pandemic and the widespread rights violations they are suffering.

To find out more about Alliance of Funds, [click here](#).

EMERGENCY FUNDS

This support involves a simplified process for requesting funds, as well as rapid response to applications for support. Support is for urgent measures to protect life and integrity and to sustain

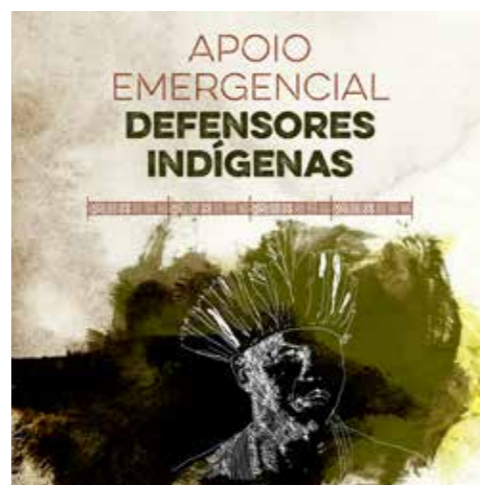


HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS

The Emergency Fund for Human Rights Defenders provides funding to improve measures for individual and collective security, relocate activists in cases of serious threat, strengthen solidarity networks and ensure timely legal assistance, among other needs. This initiative receives support from Climate and Land Use Alliance (CLUA), the Ford Foundation, Oak Foundation and Porticus. In one year, 26 requests were answered with a total of R\$232.7 thousand in support.

the work of human rights activists and leaders who are under threat because of their work as defenders, and their territories and close relationship network.

In 2022, we operated the following three funds (see below for details) and granted a total of R\$1 million in emergency support.



INDIGENOUS DEFENDERS

To address the specific threats to indigenous people, we created the Emergency Fund for Indigenous Defenders. This Fund receives support from the Ford Foundation and an operational partnership with the Coordination of Indigenous Peoples of Brazil (APIB), which supports the analysis of requests received. It is aimed at supporting indigenous leaders under threat. In 2022, 24 emergency requests were answered, totalling around R\$275 thousand in grants.

SOS AMAZÔNIA

The SOS Amazônia Emergency Fund quickly provides resources to address territorial emergencies, that are the focus of the work of indigenous organisations in the Brazilian Amazon, such as land invasions, deforestation, wildfires (provoked), attacks on communities and organisation headquarters and illegal mining, fishing and logging.

The Coordination of Indigenous Organisations of the Brazilian Amazon (COIAB) is an operational partner of Brazil Fund in this initiative and participates in the Indigenous Committee which not only assists in identifying priorities and critical situations but also evaluates and recommends the approval of requests that are received. In 2022, R\$495 thousand was granted to support 10 requests.



INDIGENOUS COMMITTEE

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Check below the list of organizations that had the emergency requests answered.

Groups supported	State
Amazon Front for Mobilisation in Defence of Indigenous Rights – FAMDDI	AM
Coordination of Indigenous Peoples of Manaus and Surrounding Area – COPIME	AM
Network of Indigenous Women of the State of Amazonas – Makira ËTA	AM
Tapajós and Arapiuns Indigenous Council – CITA	PA
Association of Sateré-Mawé Indigenous Women – AMISM	AM
Pariri Indigenous Association	PA
Ká'a Iwar Indigenous Association	MA
Indigenous Council of Roraima – CIR	RR
Nunerimanê Association of the Apurinã Indigenous People of Rondônia – ANPIAR	RO

INVITATION LETTERS

HUMAN RIGHTS AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE

The invitation letters are a strategy within the special Human Rights and Criminal Justice line, developed by Brazil Fund with resources from Oak Foundation. They are part of an effort to provide continuing support to the work of relevant actors in the fight to guarantee rule of law in the field of criminal justice, with particular focus on

fighting mass incarceration, torture in prisons and the repercussions of these violations on families and the relationship networks of imprisoned people.

Nine organisations that work in this area received support in 2022, by means of invitation letters. The total value was R\$967.5 thousand in grants.

Groups supported	State
Association of Friends and Family of Prisoners – AMPARAR	SP
Maranhão Society for Human Rights – SMDH	MA
Global Justice	RJ
Institute of Land, Labour and Citizenship – ITTC	SP
National Prison Ministry – CNBB/Association of Support and Accompaniment – ASAAC	SP
Institute of Religious Studies – ISER	RJ
Office of Legal Assistance to Popular Organisations – GAJOP	PE
I Am Peace Institute	SP
Institute for the Defence of the Right to Defend – IDDD	SP

CALL FOR PROPOSALS

Another strategy was deployed in 2022 in the criminal justice line. It also received the support of the Oak Foundation. This was the Human Rights and Criminal Justice call for proposals. The 15 groups selected started work in addressing mass incarceration in 2021. [Click here](#) to find out more about the projects.



Partnerships for institutional strengthening



CONAQ

This project is a partnership between Brazil Fund and the National Coordination of the Articulation of Black Rural Quilombola Communities (CONAQ), with the support of the Ford Foundation. The partnership aims to strengthen CONAQ institutionally, so that it, in turn, can broaden its skills and strengthen the quilombola fight for rights.

This is an initiative to share knowledge with CONAQ in order to

boost its management capacity and encourage the continuation of this, the biggest quilombola organisation in the country, and also to provide the impetus for a possible quilombola fund to support the projects of these communities.

The objective is to enable CONAQ to appropriate itself of this knowledge and develop further expertise so it can independently advance with its strategies and methodologies, to build a specific

fund to provide support to the quilombola fight for rights, land, sovereignty and food security as well as the resilience of its organisations throughout the country.

In 2022, in accordance with priorities defined by CONAQ for the project, invitation letters were sent to quilombola organisations

in different states to support their institutional strengthening. Brazil Fund provided support to CONAQ in crafting the invitation letters and managing support given.

See below the state-run organisations invited to submit projects for institutional strengthening.

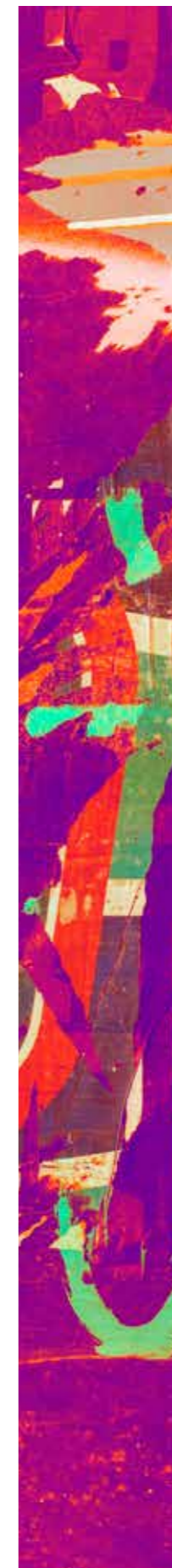
State-run organisations	States
Coordination of Remnant Quilombola Communities of Alagoas	AL
Sacred Heart of Jesus of Lago do Serpa	AM
Coordination of Black Rural Communities of Amapá	AP
State Council of Quilombola Communities and Associations of Bahia - CEAQ	BA
Community Association of Remnant Quilombola Residents of Curalinhos	CE
State Coordination of Quilombola Communities of Espírito Santo	ES
State Coordination of Quilombola Communities of Goiás	GO
Union of Rural Black Quilombola Communities in the Municipality of Itapecuru Mirim - Unicquita	MA
State Coordination of Quilombola Articulation of Minas Gerais	MG
Quilombola Women's Coordination of Minas Gerais - Mariana Crioula	MG
State Coordination of Quilombola Articulation of Mato Grosso do Sul	MS
State Quilombola Coordination of Mato Grosso	MT
State Coordination of Quilombola Articulation of Pará	PA
State Coordination of Quilombola Articulation of Pernambuco	PE
State Coordination of Quilombola Articulation of Piauí	PI
State Federation of Quilombola Communities of Paraná - FECOQUI	PR
North/Northeast Fluminense Afro Development Institute	RJ
Community Development Association of Boa Vista dos Negros	RN
Fort Quilombola Association - ASQFORTE	RO
State Coordination of Quilombola Articulation of Rio Grande do Sul	RS
State Federation of Quilombola Communities of Sergipe	SE
State Coordination of Quilombola Articulation of São Paulo	SP
State Coordination of Quilombola Communities of Tocantins - COEQTO	TO



Quilombola march organised by CONAQ in Brasília; roundtable discussion, also held during Aquilombar; and fishing in the Santa Rosa dos Pretos quilombo in Maranhão. Photos by Mariana Rodrigues and Yuri Azevedo/Brazil Fund Archive

This project is expected to last for at least three years. It also includes the launch of a call for proposals for strengthening family farming and an emergency fund to support quilombola activists and leaders under threat because of their fight for rights.

As part of the project, CONAQ held the political/cultural event, Aquilombar, in August, in Brasília, with over 3 thousand quilombolas, from 22 states and the Federal District. They met to discuss the regularisation of their territories and strategies to assert the basic rights for these communities. [Click here](#) to read more about the action.

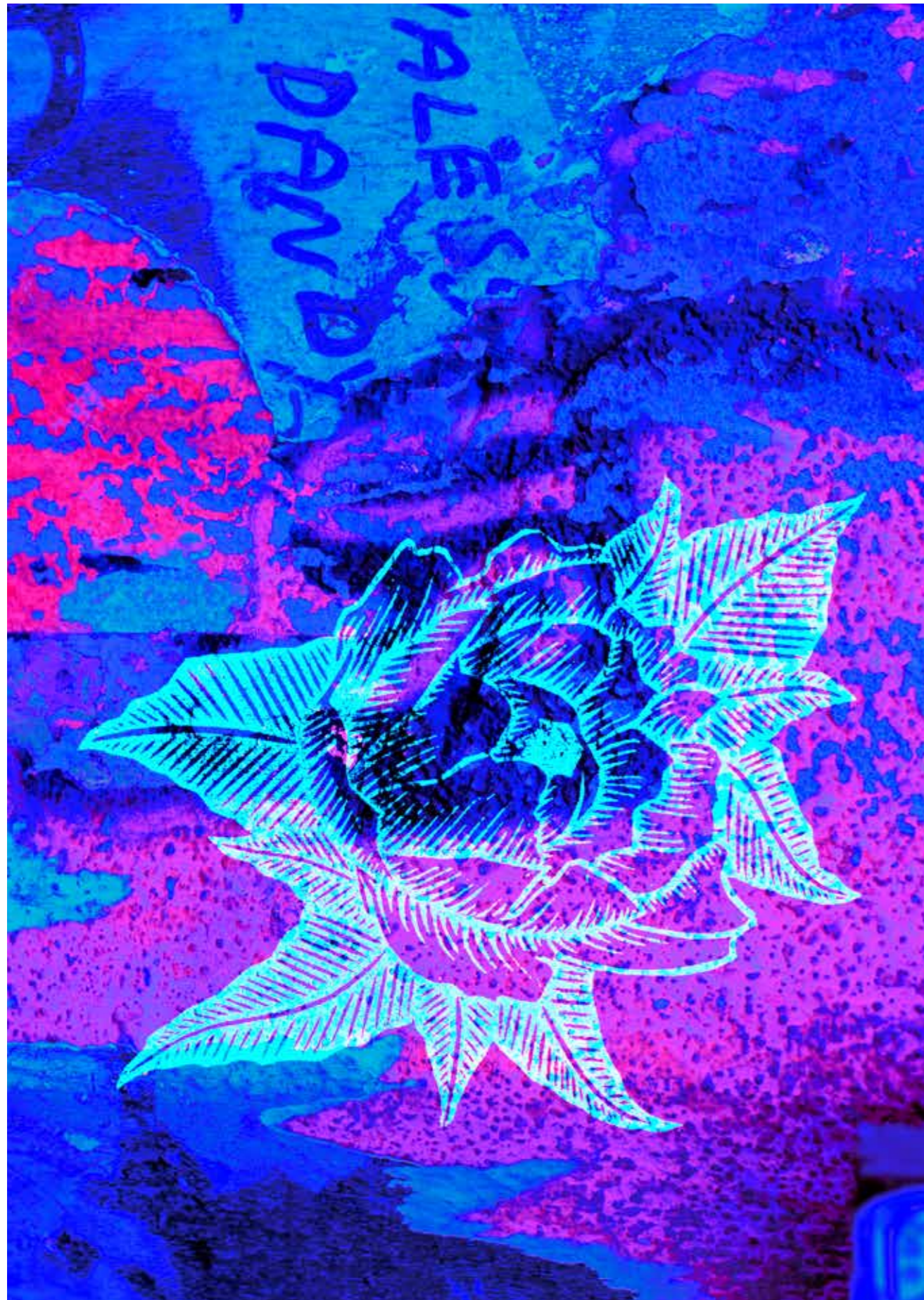


PODÁALI



Brazil Fund continued its partnership aimed at the institutional strengthening of Podáali – the Indigenous Fund of the Brazilian Amazon. This is the first fund to be created and run by indigenous people in the country. This partnership started in 2020 and was by invitation of the Podáali Fund itself. From then on, Brazil Fund has continued to collaborate in putting together documents and the Fund’s procedures, sharing knowledge to create and manage projects through calls for proposals and providing support on publicity. Through this partnership, Brazil Fund is contributing to strengthening the indigenous political agenda and to the cause of socioenvironmental rights in the Amazon.

Teams from Podáali Fund and from Brazil Fund. Photo: Airan Albino/Brazil Fund archives I



Promoting coordination and strengthening skills



Providing training and networking opportunities, as well as supporting institutional strengthening are areas of action that make up the support methodology of Brazil Fund, in addition to monitoring the implementation of activities. This methodology is built on the basis of the demands expressed by the groups who receive support, respecting their autonomy and the objectives they have defined for their projects.

TRAINING AND COORDINATION

In 2022, following two years of working online, the Brazil Fund Project Meeting returned to an in-person format. This meeting brings together the collectives and organisations that receive support for ongoing projects, to discuss the current context, strategies and specific challenges related to their causes in theme-focused discussion circles, as well as training sessions.

Project Meeting in São Paulo.
Photo: Júlio César Almeida/Brazil Fund archives

Encontro de projetos em Salvador (BA). Foto: Fernanda Maia/ Acervo Fundo Brasil



The 2022 meeting took place in two stages. Organisations from the North and North-East regions met in August, in the city of São Paulo. The second stage took place in September, in the city of Salvador. In total, 130 groups participated in the activities.

The following groups that were supported under the umbrella of 2021 calls for proposals participated: – Moving Forward with Rights; Human Rights and Criminal Justice; Addressing Racism from the Grassroots Level 2021; LGBTQIA+ Defending Rights; Human Rights Defenders; In Defence of the Rights of the Indigenous Peoples; Mobilisation in Defence of Civic Spaces and Democracy and the SOS Amazônia Emergency Fund.

In February, 10 groups receiving support under the call for proposals, In Defence of the Rights of the Indigenous Peoples met in an online meeting, specifically to share their experiences, to talk about

the challenges they routinely face in indigenous territories all over the country and explore potential alignment of actions.

In November, 30 organisations, from 9 states, from all the regions of the country, that are supported under the call for proposals: A Way Out: The Rights and Citizenship of People Leaving the Prison System and Addressing racism from the Grassroots Level 2022, participated in a training session and a debate on the current situation regarding mechanisms to fight for the end of torture, punitive measures and racism in the Brazilian prison system. Also participating in this meeting were groups supported by Brazil Fund on the matter of criminal justice, with the joint objective of identifying collaboration opportunities among organisations and collectives. Brazil Fund is a member of the Comuá Network which enables us to coordinate efforts to enhance the work carried out in this area.

MONITORING

In 2022, monitoring of activities was carried out online and in-person.

For groups supported under the call for proposals, In Defence of the Rights of the Indigenous Peoples, we adopted the strategy of not only visiting the projects receiving support but also, whenever possible and when invited by these partners, of attending political events and networking spaces that they participated in and helped to put on.

In July, members of the Brazil Fund team went to the 10th Pan-Amazon Forum, in Belém where we participated in the activities of the forum and also conducted individual monitoring discussions with two indigenous groups that receive support and attended the event.

Another two groups were visited in-person on the Uaçá Indigenous Land, in Oiapoque (Amapá), in August. Our team also attended the COIAB Assembly as guests and listeners, while on the Indigenous Land. This is a political gathering of the largest indigenous collective in the Amazon and COIAB is our operational partner on the SOS Amazônia Emergency Fund.

In October we were also invited to the Guarani Kaiowá Youth Assembly that brought together over 600 indigenous people in the municipality of Douradina (Mato Grosso do Sul) and we held monitoring meetings with two groups of young indigenous

people that receive support from the Fund.

From October to December, 18 online monitoring meetings were held with groups from the call for proposals, Mobilisation in Defence of Civic Spaces and Democracy.

In December 2022, online monitoring meetings were held with 29 organisations from the call for proposals, Human Rights Defenders: Strengthening Skills in Protection and Integral Safety, with three objectives: to verify the progress of the projects, to establish a baseline, according to the groups' understanding of safety and prepare a training programme for 2023 on the basis of the information gathered. The meeting had the support of the Escola de Ativismo (School of Activism).

Isabel Dessena and Clarice Arbela, leaders of the Association of Women from Alto Rio Negro. Photo: Airan Albino/ Brazil Fund archive



Labora – Support for Dignified Work



Labora – Support for Dignified Work is an initiative to support the cause of Brazilian workers in seeking fair working conditions and social guarantees for all.

This is a collective creation effort launched by the Laudes Foundation, the Ford Foundation and Open Society Foundations, who selected Brazil Fund to implement and manage the new fund.

The initial investment in the project was US\$8.5 million (around R\$45 million) and its objective is to support and strengthen civil society in the many different ways it fights for dignified work, seeking to overcome the inequalities in race

and gender that permeate Brazilian society and which are palpable in the workplace. In addition the project also aims to consolidate a robust, autonomous social field in this fight.

Labora was launched in December 2022, in an event organised by Brazil Fund at the Museum of Modern Art (MAM) in São Paulo. Leaders and teams from the three foundations that fund the project participated in the event. The opening panel of the event discussed the role of philanthropy in the fight for dignified work and the priorities of this agenda.

With the presence of around 140 guests, among them leaders from

Mafoane Odara (Brazil Fund), Pedro Abramovay (Open Society), Átila Roque (Ford Foundation), Anil Mehra (Laudes) e Cássio França (GIFE) on the opening panel of Labora. Photo: Isabel Praxedes (Alma Preta)/ Brazil Fund archives



Brazil Human Rights Fund team and people attending the Labora launch event, at the Museum of Modern Art in São Paulo. Photos: Isabel Praxedes (Alma Preta)/Brazil Fund archive

the field of philanthropy and non-governmental organisations that fight for human rights, Labora launched its first call for proposals, **Strengthening Informal Workers in the Fight for Rights**. The priority target group for this first solicitation included, although not exclusively, the following: domestic workers; app-based workers; immigrants; waste pickers and workers in the fashion industry.

Labora provides support to people and non-governmental organisations in their efforts to eradicate structural discrimination based on race and gender, through: advocacy actions to formulate fairer public policies

in the field of work and social security; the promotion of political participation; the reorganisation and renegotiation of workers movements and the reaffirmation of the frameworks of labour rights, adapting them to current socioeconomic changes as well as other initiatives.

At the outset of activities, Labora added to its grant portfolio a group of 15 medium and large-sized organisations, that work in the area of dignified labour, on diverse fronts and that have previously received support from the Laudes Foundation in Brazil.



Rio Doce Programme



the Rio Doce Programme team during a planning meeting on the work of the Independent Technical Advisors in Bom Jesus do Galho. Photo: Brazil Fund Archive

The Rio Doce Programme is a special line of action through which Brazil Fund is supporting the autonomous and effective involvement of the people affected by the Fundão dam burst in Mariana (MG) in the reparation process. The leak of mining waste into the Rio Doce River is one of the biggest socioenvironmental disasters to date.

Brazil Fund has acted as an expert for the Public Prosecutor's Office since November 2017 and its work reaches 42 municipalities in Minas Gerais and Espírito Santo, situated along the Rio Doce basin and in

the coastal region. The objective is to guarantee that all affected populations have their voices heard in the comprehensive reparation for the damage caused, including river communities, indigenous peoples and quilombola and other communities throughout the entire territory affected.

An important part of this work is the methodological coordination of the organisations that the communities have chosen and which have been approved by the Judiciary, to act as Independent Technical Advisors (ATIs), ensuring that they carry out their work

autonomously and independently from the companies responsible for the breached dam.

In 2019, a negotiation process was opened between the Judiciary, Technical Advisors and the companies responsible for the breach of the Fundão dam, to define the hiring of the organisations. The issue was brought to court in early 2020 and became the subject of judicial deliberation by the 12th Court of the Judicial Section of Minas Gerais (nowadays the 4th Court), under the so-called Priority Axis 10.

A possible new agreement between Judicial Institutions, federal entities and the companies began in July 2021, with the start of the renegotiation process. The matter of the Independent Technical Advisors was discussed in these negotiations, which took place under the mediation of the National Observatory of Highly Complex and High-Impact Environmental, Economic and Social Issues of the National Council of Justice (CNJ).

The year saw some advances. In June a new judge, Dr Michael Procópio Avelar, took over the 4th Federal Court of Belo Horizonte/ MG. In an effort to overcome divergences and to enable an urgent response to the case, he ordered a Conciliation Hearing on the Independent Technical Advisors. The hearing took place in October, bringing together the people affected, Justice Institutions, Brazil Fund, Technical

Advisors and Fundação Renova and its sponsoring companies. As a result, on October 13, the Judge decided on the immediate start of the activities outlined in the Work Plans of the Independent Technical Advisors in 14 territories that were affected. The Judge stated that discussions that directly involve the population affected assume that they are properly and technically supported, given their vulnerable situation in facing organisations with considerable financial resources.

In November, another important step was taken. The Independent Technical Advisors signed a Commitment Agreement that regulates the provision of services by these organisations. Brazil Fund also signed an Agreement, acting as an intervening party and expert for the Public Prosecutor's Office, in charge of Methodological Coordination of the Independent Technical Advisors.

Following this it was the responsibility of Brazil Fund to support the installation and arrival of the organisations in the affected territories, as well as monitoring the implementation of the work of the Independent Technical Advisors and the processes of the independent external audits outlined in the Work Plans and in the Commitment Agreement.

Rio Doce Programme team in discussion with inhabitants of Aracruz and Itueta about the Work Plans of the Independent Technical Advisors. Photos: Brazil Fund archive



SUPPORT IN THE HIRING OF INDEPENDENT TECHNICAL ADVISORS AND METHODOLOGICAL COORDINATION

In the first quarter of 2022, Brazil Fund provided technical support to the Rio Doce Task Force to facilitate the hiring of Independent Technical Advisors. We mediated eight meetings to comply with the court ruling regarding the revision of the scope of the Work Plans of the organisations selected by the people affected to act as Technical Advisors.

Between July and September, Brazil Fund organised 22 meetings in the states of Minas Gerais and Espírito to re-submit the Plans to the individuals affected. The final version of the Work Plans was

passed to the court in September by the judicial institutions, following analysis and approval by Brazil Fund regarding their compliance with the agreements that had been validated, decisions of Priority Axis 10 and compatibility of the budget with actual market values.

In October, Brazil Fund attended five legal conciliation hearings at the 4th Federal Court, providing logistic support to representatives from the territories affected and presenting information to the Judge regarding the accreditation and selection process of the Independent Technical Advisors.

Following the court decision on October 13, five organisations started work in 14 affected territories: Associação de Desenvolvimento Agrícola Interestadual (Adai), Associação

Estadual de Defesa Ambiental (Aedas), Cáritas Diocesana de Governador Valadares, Cáritas Diocesana de Itabira and Centro Agroecológico Tamanduá (CAT). The work of these organisations with the communities affected is expected to last 24 months, with the possibility of 12-month extension, if this can be justified.

In 2022, at the request of the Krenak people, Brazil Fund also supported and accompanied the National Indian Foundation (FUNAI) in 12 online and in-person meetings held on Indigenous Land in order to carry out the participative construction of the

Terms of Reference that establish the guidelines for the Work Plan of the Technical Advisory Services. In November of the previous year, the Krenak people had decided to set up Technical Advisory Services led by the Atorã Indigenous Association.

TRANSPARENCY AND PARTICIPATION IN THE PROCESS OF RENEGOTIATION

To increase transparency in the negotiations for the reparation process and to allow the demands of the communities affected to be heard, Brazil Fund worked to



support Justice Institutions in holding three Public Hearings in September and October 2021 and February 2022.

The hearings were requested by the CNJ so that the body could hear the statements of experts, leaders of social movement and principally the people affected by the dam breach. The information provided during the hearings was organised by Brazil Fund and will serve as input in the negotiations for the reparation process.

At the request of the Justice Institutions, Brazil Fund held seven online meetings in February and March 2022, which were attended by people affected in territories in Minas Gerais, representatives of the Federal Public Prosecutor's Office, the Federal Public Defender's Office and the Public Prosecutor's Office of the state of Minas Gerais, with the aim of clarifying any questions that the population affected may have during the renegotiation process.

BUDGET FOR THOSE AFFECTED

Another task carried out by the Brazil Fund team in meeting the request of the Public Prosecutor's office, was putting together a proposal for the 2023 Budget for the Affected (Orçamento Atingidos). This is an instrument provided for in the judicial agreements that underpin the reparation process to fund the operation and infrastructure of the Commission of Affected Individuals

in each territory, as well as their participation at the different levels of governance that define the course of the reparation process.

The aim of this work was to fully guarantee the right to participation for the people affected who should be the central focus in the process of providing reparation concerning their living conditions. The document was submitted to Fundação Renova, which is responsible for ensuring funding within the timeline established in the legally-binding agreement.

CIF SYSTEM: PARTICIPATION OF PEOPLE AFFECTED AS LISTENERS

Given the failure to deploy the structure of governance outlined in the agreements and based on deliberations in the Inter-Federative Committee (CIF) and directives from Justice Institutions, the Rio Doce Programme has been supporting the participation of the people affected, since 2019, in the role of listeners, on the Inter-Federative Committee (CIF) and in 11 specialised working groups.

Throughout 2022, we facilitated the participation of the individuals affected in 103 meetings within the CIF system. Supporting this participation involves several different stages, starting with the production and dissemination of communications material. Brazil Fund records the participation requests and coordinates people's transportation to the meetings



with Flasco, the company responsible for logistics, ensuring the best conditions for travel, food and accommodation.

COMMUNICATIONS

All the work carried out by Brazil Fund involves the construction and deployment of communications initiatives aimed at mobilising and enabling the participation of the people affected in the reparation process for the damages caused by the Fundão dam breach.

In 2022, information material was produced on the court decision that mandated the immediate hiring of Technical Advisory Services and on the steps needed for the organisations to start work. Audio material was put

together, to ensure access for people with visual impairments and literacy issues. Cards were also created and shared on WhatsApp groups set up by the affected individuals themselves.

Supporting the participation of affected individuals in the CIF system involved sending out over 200 informative messages about the 103 meetings held. Many more dialogues were held to address the questions raised by the people affected regarding the process.



2. Relationship with Society

One of Brazil Fund's mission is to engage people and institutions in the defence of human rights. Therefore, we engage with Brazilian society as a whole, aiming to spread messages that contribute to building a culture that is supportive of these rights, garnering widespread support for causes that are fundamental in strengthening the advance of Brazilian democracy.

Our communication is a strategic tool to promote reflection and to position the viewpoints of collectives, grassroots organisations, networks and social movements as being significant to the public debate. We invite a broad audience to participate in the fight for a country with social justice by sharing reliable information and providing grants to ensure the continuity and reach of the work of organised civil society.

As such, fundraising among individuals is strategic. Donations from individuals expand our ability to provide resources to groups that defend human rights across the country, ensuring they reach places where they make a difference. These donations are also a testament to the trust people have in our work.

See below highlights of actions in 2022 that enabled Brazil Fund to convey the message of human rights to 27.6 million people and accounts through our own digital information distribution channels, as well as more than 240 mentions in information and journalistic media outlets.

Communicating about human rights



THE CAMPAIGN DEFENDING HUMAN RIGHTS LEADS TO RESULTS

This campaign was part of Brazil Fund's set of strategies to publicly affirm the importance of organised civil society in a full democracy and to defend this narrative in a scenario in which activists and groups that defend human rights are criminalised.

The central idea of the campaign **Defending Human Rights Leads to Results** is that this is a long-term endeavour that benefits all Brazilians. It featured striking quotes from activists and leaders from the groups supported by Brazil Fund, highlighting the positive effects of the work of these collectives on their communities and on Brazilian democracy.

PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE COLLECTIVE CAUSE

Brazil Fund's photography contest reached its third edition with some new features. In 2022, in addition to the category for groups that are currently receiving support from the Fund or have done in the past, we introduced a category for activists and human rights

collectives in general, thereby increasing the promotion of human rights issues and actions.

This was the most successful edition of the photography contest, **The Collective Cause: The Defence of Human Rights** so far, with three times as many submissions as the previous one.

See the winning pictures:



The winning photograph in the Groups Supported Category is by Association for Cooperation among Quilombola Communities in Pernambuco. By Weverton Santos/ Brazil Fund archive



In the General Category the winning photograph is Praiá, ritual of the Pankararu People. By Rafael Martins/ Brazil Fund archive



Felipe Brito, Nathalia Oliveira, Preta Ferreira and Rosane Borges discuss the matter of addressing racism at Aparelha Luzia, in São Paulo. Photo: Júlio César Almeida/Brazil Fund archive

ADDRESSING RACISM

Brazil Fund resumed in-person events with an impactful action in May. The call for proposals, Addressing Racism from the Grassroots Level 2022 was launched at an event in the city of São Paulo, at the Aparelha Luzia Cultural Centre, a space that defines itself as an urban quilombo. At this significant meeting place of Black people and the anti-racist cause, a panel composed of the journalist and professor, Rosane Borges, the writer and activist, Preta Ferreira and the coordinator of the Black Initiative for a New Drug Policy, Natália Oliveira as well as the creator and director of Jeholu Cultural Occupation, Felipe Brito proposed a reflection on the pathways of this cause. The event was attended by a hundred activists and leaders from anti-racist causes in the Greater São Paulo region.

GOOD FOR EVERYONE

Bom para Todos is a TV programme on the channel TV dos Trabalhadores, a broadcaster that Brazil Fund has been in partnership with for three years. It broadcasts human rights debates that are promoted by the Fund and the groups it supports.

In July 2022, we reached the milestone of 100 activists participating live in the programme, em 60 edições, with a total audience of 1 million viewers on YouTube and on the television. The following subjects were among those discussed: **quilombola resistance, combatting hunger and democracy, violence against indigenous peoples, health vulnerability of the indigenous peoples, sexual and reproductive rights, addressing religious racism** and other issues currently under discussion in the country.



MUSICAL DIALOGUE

The traditional event **Musical Dialogue on Human Rights**, a partnership between Brazil Fund and Sesc São Paulo, took place for the 14th year. During a performance by the singer Tulipa Ruiz at the Belenzinho Sesc, we

launched the General Call for Proposals 2023, Rebuilding Rights: Paths to Social Justice. Support for activities and institutional strengthening will be of up to R\$40 thousand per project, for at least 20 collectives and organisations.



At Sesc Belenzinho, the singer Tulipa Ruiz sings from her record Habilidade Extraordinárias; left, Ana Valéria Araújo launches the call for proposals, Rebuilding Rights. Photos: Júlio César Almeida/ Brazil Fund archive

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No Brasil, quem defende a democracia virou alvo, diz ativista

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BRASIL DE DIREITOS PLATFORM

The platform, Brasil de Direitos is a communications project aimed at strategically amplifying the voices of organised civil society in the public debate on Brazilian democracy and strengthening the communications skills of groups receiving support.

It is a multi-platform collaborative project with the active participation of the organisations supported by Brazil Fund, who work on defining agendas, creating content,

interviews, testimonies, videos and other projects. The platform holds monthly meetings with activists and the Brazil Fund communications team to discuss topics and approaches, suggest stories and perspectives to feature on the site and on social media. They also hold individual meetings between each organisation and the project team that serve as dialogue sessions and knowledge transfer opportunities.

Using communications, journalism and digital marketing techniques, Brasil de Direitos aims to inform and educate Brazilian society by

highlighting the work and world-views of human rights activists on the country's major issues.

In 2022, the third year of the project, Brasil de Direitos achieved its best performance. One hundred and eighty two thousand users accessed contents on the website and 210 thousand pages were visited, a 68% increase compared to the previous year. One in every three hits resulted from active searches by internet users, indicating that the platform has improved its reputation as a source of information on matters such as combating racism on multiple fronts, state violence against Black and marginalised communities and the rights of indigenous peoples. This performance reflects the engagement of a significant number of organisations working on these issues, with the activities of the platform.

The platform sought news to tell and disseminate stories. The website layout was updated to improve access. A web stories section was created to enable in-depth discussions through photos and video. Throughout the year, we published 114 pieces of content, including audio-visual material, news, reports and analysis and opinion pieces, all created by – or in partnership with – 50 grassroots organisations that collaborated with the project.

In April the special **“Where is democracy going”**, went online. This is a series of seven pieces in which activists point the way ahead for Brazil in the coming years.

In December, Brasil de Direitos published a special edition featuring four reports that detailed the work carried out by groups of mothers whose children had been victims of state violence in Brazil. In the same month, we launched a second season of the series **“Glad You Asked”**: four videos in which human rights defenders explain the meaning of terms and concepts related to human rights that are currently prominent in the public debate.



Mobilising support

DIGITAL CAMPAIGNS

Digital fundraising campaigns are a tool to engage a wide audience in urgent human rights causes and to invite them to take effective action through grants.

In 2022, five digital campaigns were created to inform the public debate on matters of collective interest. The campaign, *Você Precisa Saber: Mulheres* (You Need to Know: women's rights) was introduced in March, showing the conditions faced by many Brazilian women: indigenous, Black, workers, mothers, among others. During this period, we also deployed a marketing initiative related to the same cause: a partnership with restaurants run by women. A percentage of the amount spent by customers in these restaurants was directed to Brazil Fund, for the period of the campaign. The action involved businesses and consumers and rallied more people to support the human rights cause.

In the middle of the year, when the seriousness of the violations faced by the indigenous peoples became a matter of heightened national concern, we launched the campaign, *The Rights of the Indigenous Peoples*.

At the end of the year, the campaign *+Dignidade* (More Dignity) addressed the issue of hunger and the urgent need to ensure basic rights, including food, for all Brazilians. Within the context of the *+Dignidade* campaign, we also initiated an offline fundraising action. In October, we began sending mail shots to a contact list, inviting more people to contribute to social causes.

24.6 million people saw the campaigns on our social media accounts. The actions led to new grants and an 18% increase in individual donations.

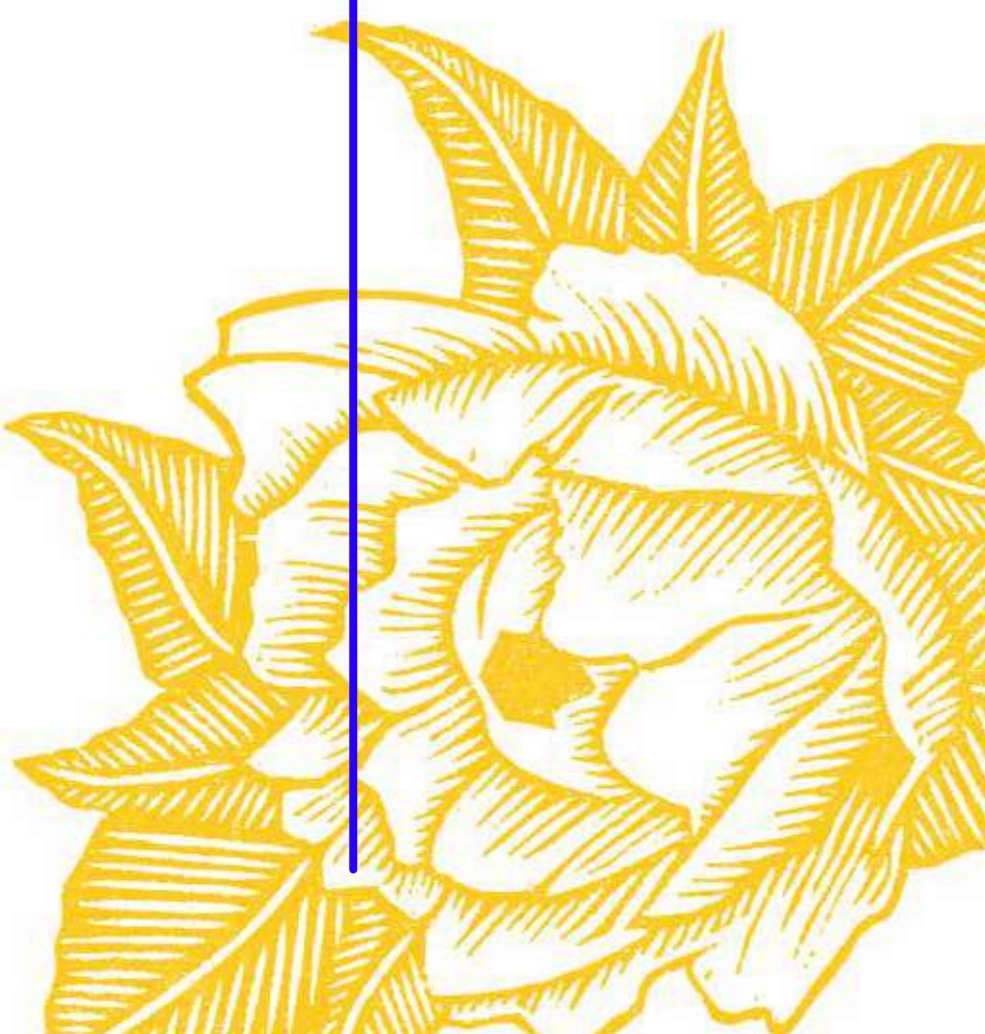


INDIVIDUAL GRANTMAKERS

Every year Brazil Fund holds the Grantmakers Meeting. The 2022 meeting emphasized the importance of stories in fostering connections among people from different places and realities. During the online event, real-life stories of organisations and activists, whose journeys have been transformed with the support of Brazil Fund, were shared first hand by volunteers.

The meeting is a way of paying tribute and thanking the people who believe in and support the work of the Fund in promoting human rights in the country.

Brazil Fund supporters show their grant certificates. Photos personal archivél



VOLUNTEERING ON THE SÃO PAULO TAX RETURN PROGRAMME

The São Paulo Tax Return Programme had 18 volunteers involved in registering new donors in the state’s digital system. In addition to students, residents of São Paulo state who identify with human rights causes and are over 18 years of age, were also allowed to participate in the fully online action.

The campaign aims to encourage consumers to register on the state government system so that they can donate a portion of the taxes paid, when purchasing products and services, to social organisations like Brazil Human Rights Fund.

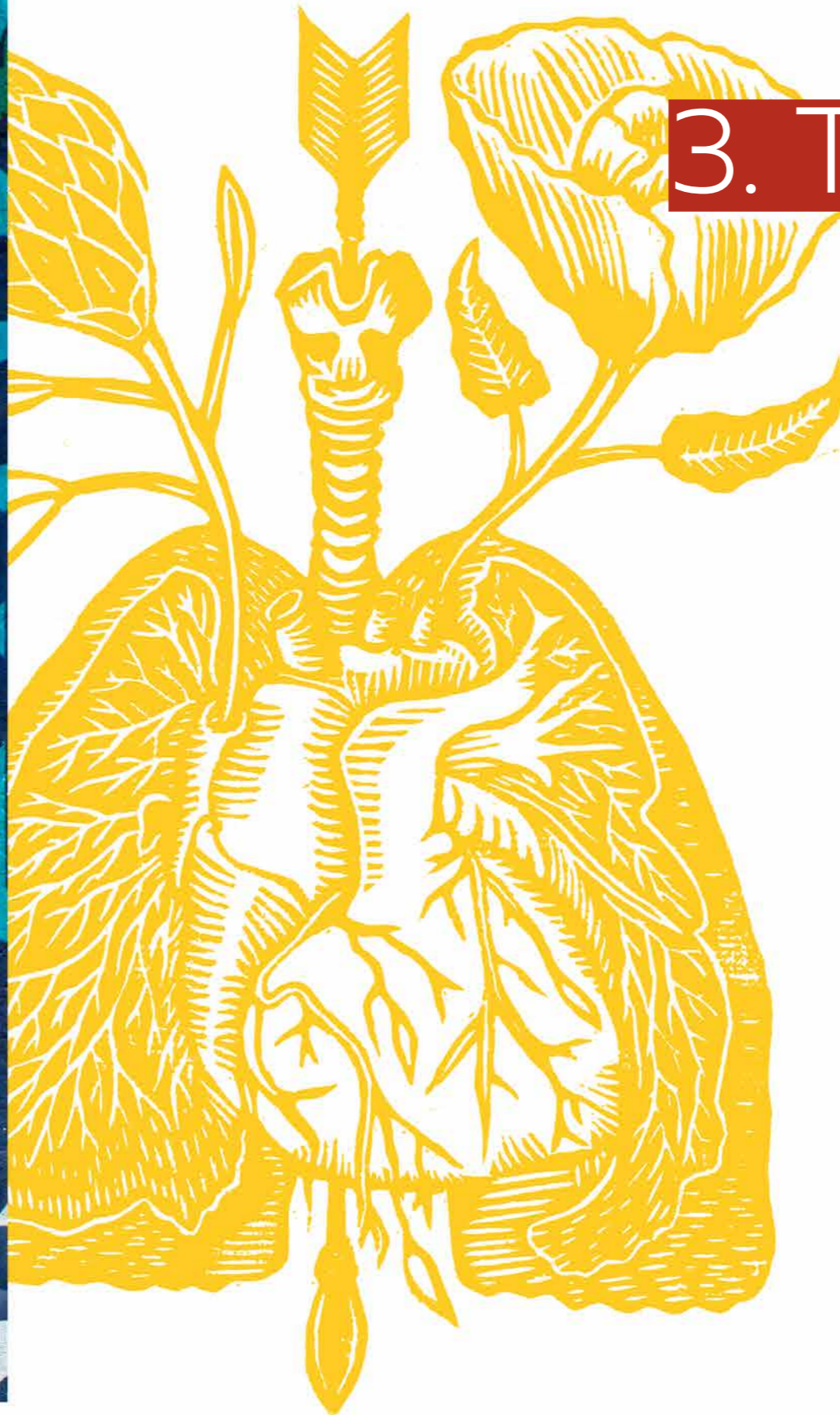


SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE

Photo: Brazil Fund Archive

The Sustainability Committee is a group of volunteers who seek to mobilise their contact networks to contribute funds to support the work of Brazil Fund. The group was created in 2022 and proposes and supports the organisation of events, meetings and other ways of presenting and recommending the Fund’s work to their relationship networks, resulting in new grants throughout the year.





3. Transparency

New resources, efficient management

The year 2022 was highly significant for the Brazil Fund team in terms of fundraising, enabling us to plan to open up new support projects for organised civil society.

Part of our work involves ensuring efficient and transparent resource management, making Brazil Fund a safe option for social investors and individuals who want to see their grants directed to causes and regions where they will have the greatest impact.

Our accounts were approved by governance bodies, properly audited and submitted to the Curatorship of Foundations at the Public Prosecutor's Office in São Paulo. The care taken and the transparency of this work can be seen in the following section.

Gislene Aniceto
General Manager

Statement and Auditing



FINANCIAL STATEMENTS ON 31 DECEMBER 2022 AND 31 DECEMBER 2021 IN BRAZILIAN REAL

CURRENT ASSETS

	2022	2021
Cash and Cash Equivalents	29.511.251	13.875.309
Funds linked to projects	35.750.210	19.521.616
Receivable funds	86.750.473	47.784.612
Other credit	229.445	125.917
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	152.241.379	81.307.454

NON-CURRENT ASSETS

	2022	2021
<i>Long-term</i>		
Financial Applications	31.155.884	11.644.698
Receivable Funds	19.197.514	9.776.439
Fixed Assets	2.840.529	2.959.595
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS	53.193.926	24.380.732

TOTAL ASSETS	205.435.306	105.688.186
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CURRENT LIABILITIES

	2022	2021
Wages and Social Security Contributions	1.204.443	1.028.817
Fiscal/Contributions	19.958	19.365
Goods/Services Suppliers	164.163	29.084
Contingency Allowance	240.000	170.000
	1.628.564	1.247.266

PROJECTS/PROGRAMME IN PROGRESS

	2022	2021
Funds for Project in Progress	35.025.928	15.103.551
Funds for Programme in Progress	48.869.267	52.289.179
Labora Fund in Progress	38.605.487	-
	122.500.683	67.392.731

TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES

	124.129.247	68.639.997
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NON-CURRENT LIABILITY

	2022	2021
<i>Long-term obligations</i>		
Funds for Programme in Progress	-	9.776.439
Funds for Project in Progress	19.197.514	-
	19.197.514	9.776.439

NET EQUITY

	2022	2021
Social equity	10.000	10.000
Endowment Fund - Grant	16.076.500	6.076.500
Accumulated Surplus	46.022.045	21.185.249
Total Net Equity	62.108.545	27.271.749

TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES

	81.306.059	37.048.189
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TOTAL LIABILITIES	205.435.306	105.688.186
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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS ON 31 DECEMBER 2022 AND 31 DECEMBER 2021 IN BRAZILIAN REAL

	2022	2021
OPERATING REVENUES	57.580.056	24.154.070
OPERATING EXPENSES	(29.790.186)	(20.949.126)
Project Expenses	(18.022.687)	(10.619.857)
Rio Doce Programme Expenses	(7.389.762)	(6.327.006)
Project Expenses (unrestricted funds)	(3.136.997)	(3.270.540)
General and Administrative Expenses	(1.240.740)	(731.723)
Surplus (Deficit) for Social Operations	27.789.870	3.204.944
NET FINANCIAL RESULT	7.055.572	1.557.186
Financial Revenues	7.055.572	1.563.831
(-) Financial Expenses	(8.646)	(6.645)
SURPLUS FOR THE PERIOD	34.845.442	4.762.130



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