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"If you have rights, so do other people, as they are equal to you in their dignity; no one is superior to anyone. That is why you have to fight for your rights, but also for the rights of others. Rights are interconnected."

Margarida Genevois, a Brazil Fund founder, turned 100 years old in 2023.



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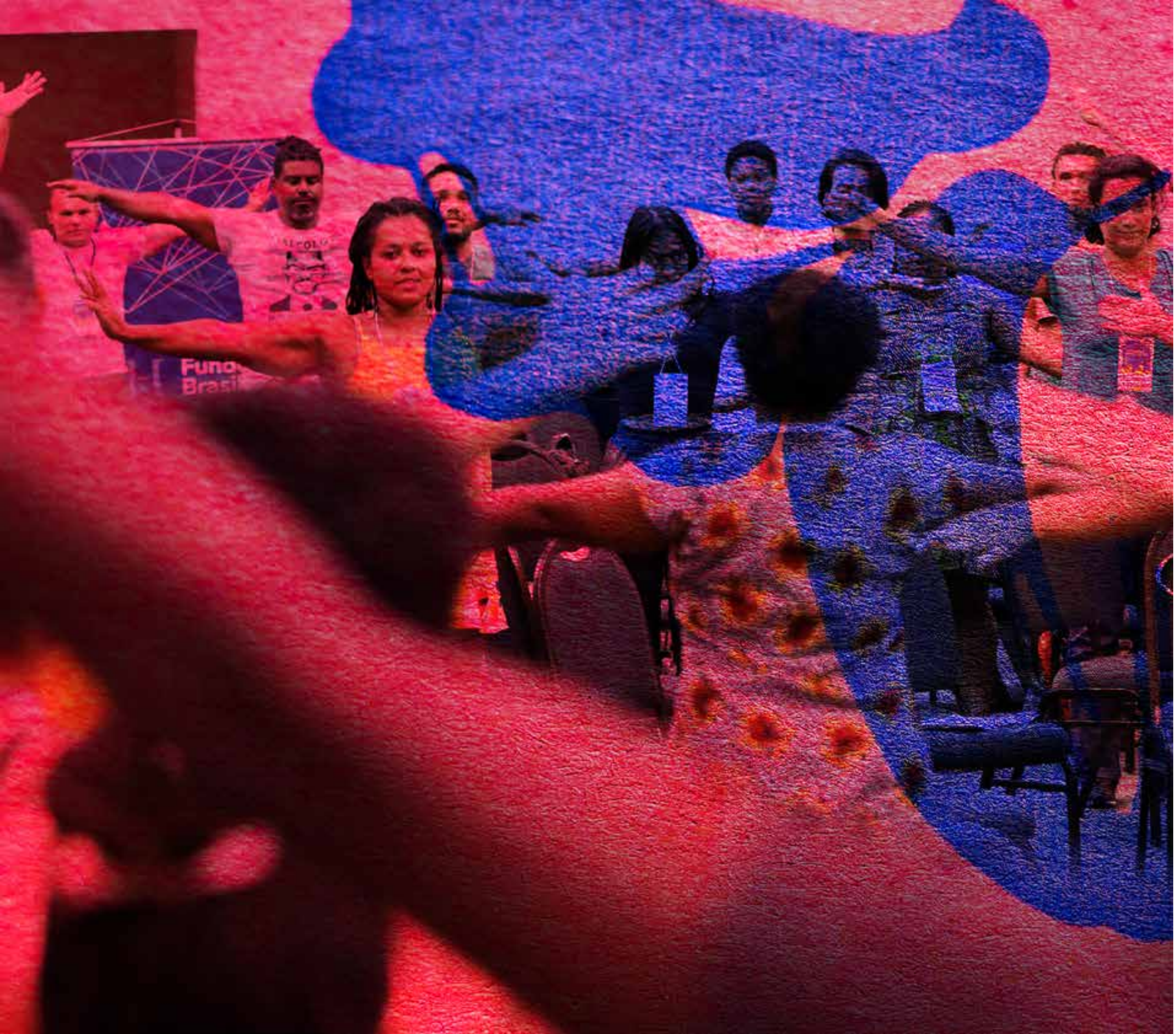
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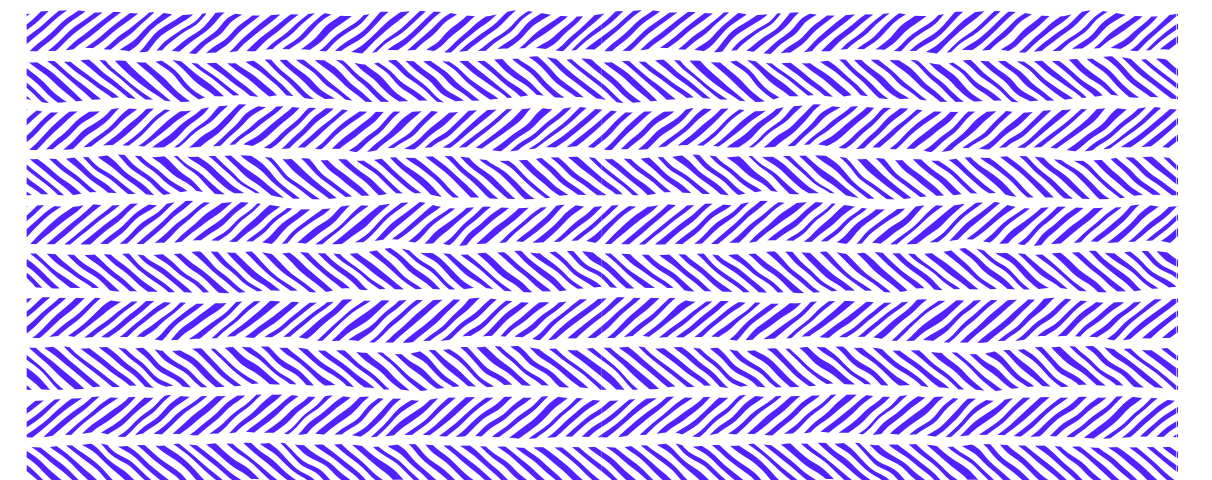


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Welcome

From philanthropy, we expect innovation

The year 2023 was rather unique and intense for the Brazil Human Rights Fund. Our achievements attest to the strength and relevance of our work: we grew by 29 percent, having surpassed the mark of 1,350 projects supported and R\$67 million granted to human rights protection initiatives in 17 years. We did this by expanding our fund-raising capacity and bringing in new partners, so as to increase our support for organized civil society and create more social justice in our country. We also advanced in the area of innovative philanthropy, which effectively aims to be a tool for transferring power and redressing historical injustice.

Regarding this third point, it is worth highlighting some rather significant actions. This was Labora's first year of activities. The Labora Fund for Decent Work, launched in late 2022, has so far supported 39 organizations and provided R\$7.3 million in grants. In 2023, we managed to effectively implement this pioneering proposal to strengthen civil society in its efforts to overcome inequality, including in the field of work and access to basic social guarantees. Initial evidence shows that this idea finds an echo on the ground, enabling wider dialogue with worker collectives and organizations across the country.

We also created and started operating the Raízes Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities Fund for Climate Justice, which issued its first call for proposals at the end of 2023, and the second one in early 2024.

Raízes is an effort to bring together several initiatives that the Brazil Fund has promoted for so long, multiplying resources and expanding our focus on the Amazon and the Cerrado, while also accounting for other biomes' specific needs. The aim is to contribute to amplifying the voices of Indigenous peoples and dozens of traditional communities in Brazil, who are disproportionately affected by the current political and natural reality known as the climate crisis. However, these same communities' ancestral

knowledge and practices endow them with profound knowledge about potential pathways for the future—so much so that, to a large extent, we look upon them for our future salvation.

Therefore, may they have a leading role in shaping the decisions that will determine the future for all of us! This is the kind of leadership and agency that the Brazil Fund supports.

Our support for the strengthening of CONAQ, the main *quilombola* organization in the country, also falls within this scope. This initiative saw progress in its third year through our support for remaining *quilombola* communities across the country, and opened doors for our new funding partner, the Tenure Facility. We have thus raised our work to a new level, with even stronger emphasis on securing rights—especially territorial rights for *quilombola* communities in the Amazon—and on the construction of a territorial fund to support the protection of *quilombola* rights throughout the country.

These three initiatives adopt an intersectional approach involving race, gender, territorial, and climate justice, while fostering the autonomy of organized civil society in all its diversity. These are the underlying principles for all the work carried out by the Brazil Fund. This report provides details on all the causes we support and promote.

One of our milestones in 2023 is, in fact, related to the end of a cycle. After five years, we have completed our activities under the Rio Doce Program. Acting as experts for the Federal Prosecutor's Office, we were tasked with supporting people's mobilization for the selection and implementation of independent technical advisory services (ATIs, in the Portuguese acronym). In order to do that, we engaged with affected groups in the Doce River basin area, listened to their demands, and





systematized such demands to support the compensation claims related to the Fundão Dam failure. This was a key step in securing people's rights to full reparation. We closed the program with a feeling of mission accomplished: the ATIs were created and implemented, and are now working on the demands of the affected communities across the basin.

This past year was also one of intense learning, and national and international engagement. We joined discussions in a range of very relevant forums, such as the Conference of the Parties in Dubai (COP28); Climate Week in New York; and meetings with foundations and institutes that are relevant to international philanthropy (for example, the annual conference of the EDGE Funders Alliance, the alliance of philanthropic entities globally committed to equity).

I am grateful for the support and trust of our funding partners, who strengthen us and enable us to robustly stay on track: Climate and Land Use Alliance (CLUA), Ford Foundation, OAK Foundation, Meraki Institute, Laudes Foundation, Nia Tero, No Peace Without Justice, Open Society Foundations, *Brot für die Welt* (Bread for the World), Porticus, Comuá Network, Tenure Facility, Warner Music Group/Blavatnik Family Foundation Social Justice Fund, and Wellspring Fund. Last but not least, I would like to thank the vital support of our individual donors: women and men who place their trust in the Brazil Fund and attest to our seriousness in fulfilling our mission.

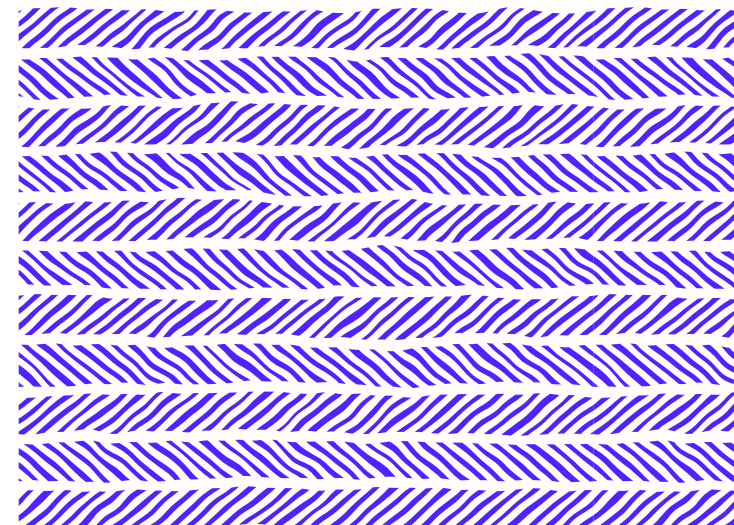
Thank you very much!

The Brazil Human Rights Fund wants to lead us on a path toward a better future, despite the many challenges that our country and the world face today. In order to do that, we must empower organized civil society as an autonomous agent in the fight for a fairer world, where racial and gender equality, freedom from institutional violence and discrimination, and with climate justice prevail. In this context, boldness and innovation are key elements in the field of philanthropy. This is our commitment, and this is our practice.

Ana Valéria Araújo
Executive director

Our Impact

In 17 years



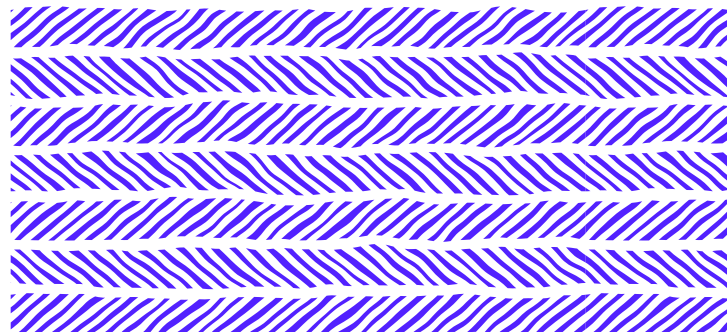
R\$ 71.6 millions in grants to human rights organizations (US\$ 15 million)

of which

R\$ 60 millions granted via calls for proposals, emergency support funds, invitation letters, and mobilization/networking (US\$ 12,5 millions)

R\$ 7.3 millions granted by the **Labora Fund for Decent Work** (US\$ 1,520 million)

R\$ 4.3 millions granted under our partnership with the **National Network of Black Rural Quilombola Communities (CONAQ)** (US\$ 1 million)



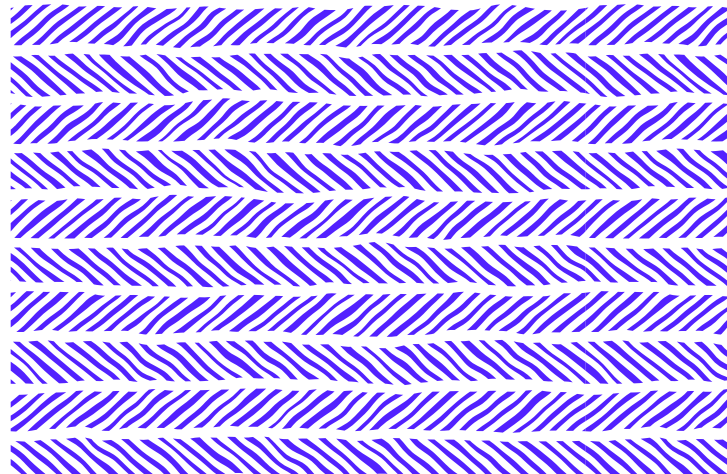
1,497 projects supported

of which

1,385 via calls for proposals, emergency support funds, invitation letters, and mobilization/networking

42 by **Labora** (direct support, call for proposals, and mobilization/networking)

70 under our partnership with **CONAQ** (invitation letters and emergency support funds)



42 calls for proposals:

17 general

27 themed

4 emergency support funds

1 mobilization and networking fund

36 training meetings for members of supported projects

209 on-site visits to supported projects across the five regions in the country

61 awareness-raising events (thematic seminars and debates, musical events, and others)

93 communication products and campaigns (publications, audiovisual series, photo exhibitions and contests, and content platform)



Our Impact

In 2023

R\$ 18.4 millions
in grants to human rights
organizations and collectives
(US\$ 3,835 millions)

of which

R\$ 9.6 millions
granted via calls for proposals, emergency
support funds, invitation letters, and
mobilization/networking (US\$ 2 millions)

R\$ 7.3 millions granted by the
Labora Fund for Decent Work
(US\$ 1,52 million)

R\$ 1.5 million
granted under our partnership with
National Network of Black Rural
Quilombola Communities (CONAQ)
(US\$ 312,500)

348
projects supported

of which

260
via calls for
proposals,
emergency
support funds,
invitation letters,
and mobilization/
networking

42
by Labora (direct
support, call for
proposals, and
mobilization/
networking)

46
under our
partnership with
CONAQ (invitation
letters and
emergency support
funds)

CALLS FOR PROPOSALS

Active

Rebuilding Rights: Paths to Social Justice - **20 projects**

Resisting With Those Who Resist - **22 projects**

Human Rights Defenders: Institutional Development for Comprehensive Security - **20 projects**

Mobilization in Defense of Civic Spaces and Democracy 2023 - **25 projects**

Mobilization in Defense of Civic Spaces and Democracy 2022 - **9 projects**

A Way Out: Civic Rights for People Released from the Prison System - **12 projects**

Tackling Racism from the Basis - **25 projects**

LGBTQIA+ Defending Rights 2023 - **20 projects**

In Defense of the Rights of Indigenous Peoples - **10 projects**

Selected*

Human Rights Defenders: Building Capacity for Comprehensive Protection and Security - **20 projects**

Human Rights and Criminal Justice: Fighting Torture and Mass Incarceration - **10 projects**

**Grants start in 2024*

Issued*

Traditional Communities Fighting for Climate Justice - **20 projects**

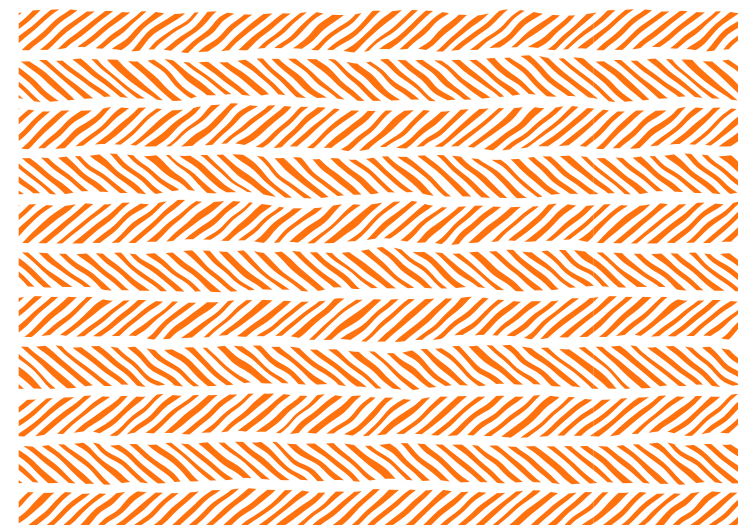
Voices for Rights and Justice: Strengthening Civil Society's Autonomy and Agency - **20 projects**

Strengthening Informal Workers' Fight for Their Rights (Labora) - **40 projects**

**Applications open, results announced in 2024*

Our Impact

In 2023



INVITATION LETTERS

11
projects supported

EMERGENCY SUPPORT

60
applications granted (Human Rights Defenders, Indigenous Defenders, and SOS Amazon)

MOBILIZATION AND NETWORKING

26
applications granted

LABORA FUND FOR DECENT WORK

39
projects supported

25
selected under the call for proposals on Strengthening Informal Workers' Fight for Their Rights

14
first generation*

2
calls for proposals (the second with results announced in 2024)

10
applications granted under the complementary line for Collective Mobilization, Political Advocacy, Social Participation, and Networking (MIPA)

1
training event

3
conversation circles with leaders

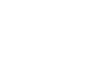
** Organizations previously supported by the Laudes Foundation that became part of the Labora portfolio; seven of them received financial contributions.*

CONAQ

33
projects selected under the call for proposals on Strengthening Quilombola Agricultural Knowledge and Practices

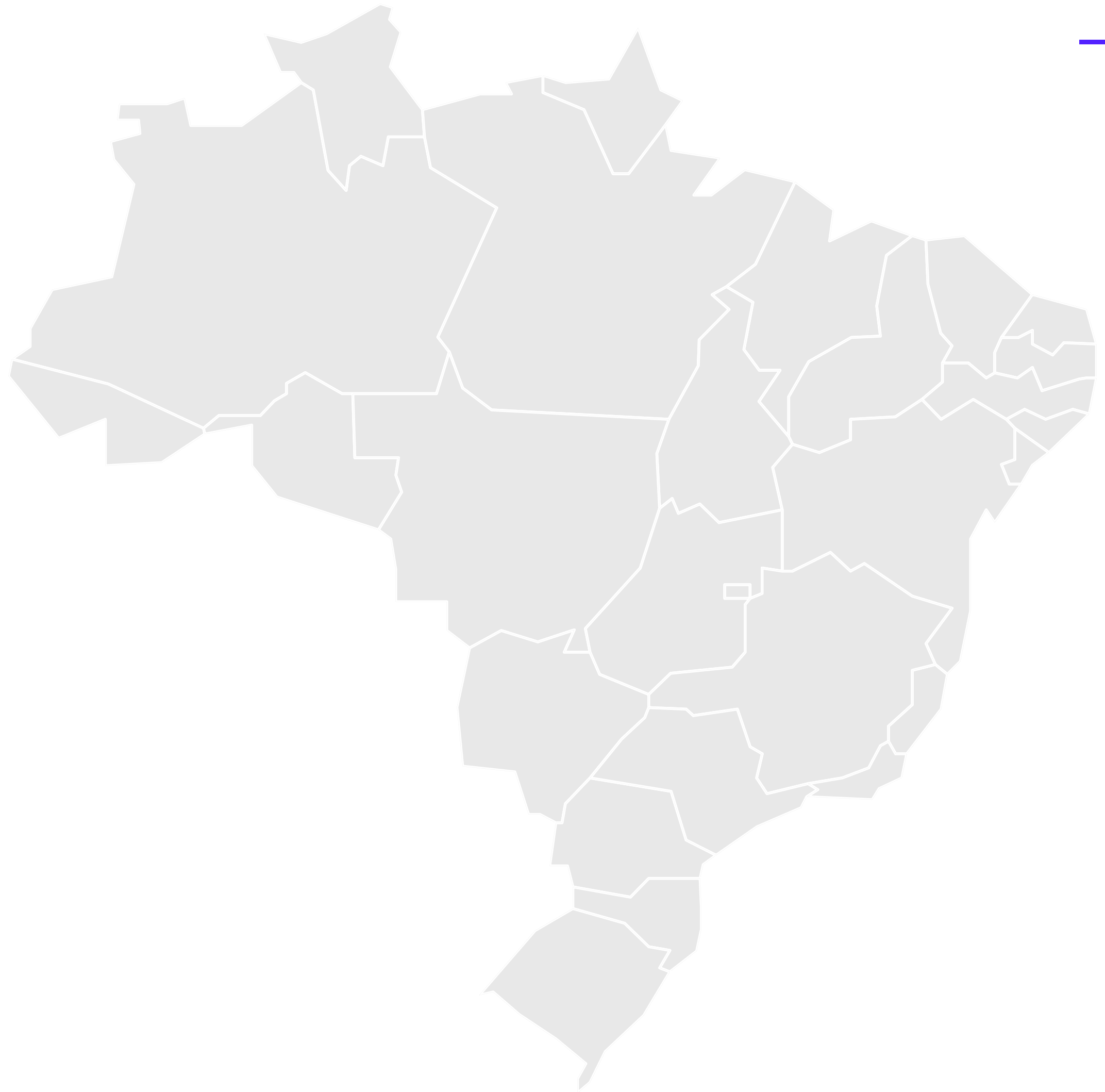
23
invitation letters
(18 received financial support)

28
applications granted for emergency support



Where we are

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Beyond Numbers: Diversity

Considering all programs and partnerships, in 2023 the Brazil Human Rights Fund operated or supported the operation of 14 calls for proposals, 4 emergency funds, 34 invitation letters, and 2 complementary funds for mobilization and networking. Beyond the numbers, it is also important to highlight our strategy of supporting a growing diversity of causes in the field of human rights.

The Brazil Fund started its operations almost 18 years ago with a *General Call for Proposals*. It was an open call directed at civil society organizations for projects in a wide range of areas. The key requirement was that all projects should focus on defending the rights of groups consistently affected by institutional violence and discrimination.

That call remains active, and it is a key element in our work toward strengthening people's self-organization. Building on it, we have expanded our ability to engage partners and capture specific funds to support causes seen as critical priorities for the current situation and social movements.

We closed 2023 with nine specific lines of support. The key topics in our current work are: protection of human rights defenders; people's participation in democratic processes; criminal justice and fighting mass incarceration; rights of people released from the prison system; fighting racism; and LGBTQIA+ rights.

In addition to these, we also support *quilombola* communities in partnership with CONAQ, promote workers' rights in partnership with Labora; and support Indigenous peoples and traditional communities through Raízes.

All our lines of work address human rights from the perspective of intersectionality, with a specific focus on women's rights, youth rights, gender, race, ethnicity, among other issues.

In this way, both the general call for proposals and the call specifically addressing the defense and expansion of democracy welcome projects by Black and Indigenous women, popular communication collectives, *quilombola* communities, and rural workers, as well as those seeking reparation for damages caused by infrastructure works on coastal and riverine communities, among others.

In terms of fighting racism and upholding LGBTQIA+ rights, we focus our support on Afro-descendant communities, peripheral youth, sexual and reproductive health, homeless people, and many other urgent issues affecting the Black population and LGBTQIA+ individuals.

Our work aimed at ensuring the rule of law and criminal justice is also part of our strategy for fighting racism and inequality. It addresses the selectivity of State violence and mass incarceration—which affect Black and poor people more than others, as shown by all available statistics (quite many). Fighting this selectivity means fighting for effective democracy—for all people.

At the end of 2023, we published new support lists and issued new calls. We announced the results for the calls on: **Human Rights Defenders: Institutional Development for Comprehensive Security**; and **Human Rights and Criminal Justice: Fighting Torture and Mass Incarceration**. With our support, CONAQ published its list for the call for proposals on **Strengthening *Quilombola* Agricultural Knowledge and Practices**.

We started receiving applications for the calls on **Strengthening Informal Workers' Fight for their Rights**, through Labora; for the general call, which we named *Voices for Rights and Justice*, and which, in 2024, pays tribute to the 110th anniversary of Abdias Nascimento, one of our founders; and for the call for proposals on **Traditional Communities Fighting for Climate Justice**, through Raízes.

The hundreds of organizations and activists supported by the Brazil Fund are an integral part of any wide and truly fair democracy, which we hope may reach the entire country: urban centers and peripheries, informal settlements, forests, coastal areas, villages, *quilombos*, and rural and riverine areas.

This is the message we have been working on all year, through grants, communication initiatives, campaigns, and this report on our activities.

We hope you will feel inspired by our work.

Allyne Andrade
Deputy executive director





1. Supporting Civil Society

This chapter presents the work done by the Brazil Fund to strengthen organized civil society. We do this by providing grants; creating or facilitating peer-learning opportunities; promoting mobilization and networking sessions; and individually monitoring the work of each organization and collective supported by us. We use the term support when referring to this set of actions.

All of this is done with respect for each group's autonomy and strategies, and with the aim of providing technical support to enhance the impacts of each project.



Grantmaking

Our main way of providing grants is through our **calls**, which can be of two different types: our **General Call for Proposals**, which addresses human rights efforts in a broad way, welcoming projects on different topics that are proposed by movements and activists themselves; or specific calls, which are developed from collective views on priorities and urgencies in the area of human rights, and which propose a deeper understanding of certain causes.

All calls are public and open to formalized or non-formalized grassroots organizations. Our selection processes follow a methodology developed and consolidated over more than 17 years of work. One of the highlights of our methodology is the engagement of an external Selection Committee, a group formed by activists and researchers with expertise on the topics covered in each call, and without any link to the Brazil Fund. Selection Committee members review all projects and make recommendations to our governance bodies on which should be supported, within the limits of available funds.

On another front, through our **emergency support funds**, we provide rapid responses to requests for funding to implement measures to protect the lives, integrity, and territories of human rights defenders under threat. In 2023, the Brazil Fund devoted itself to building, together with partner organizations and foundations, a space for dialogue on the protection of human rights defenders.

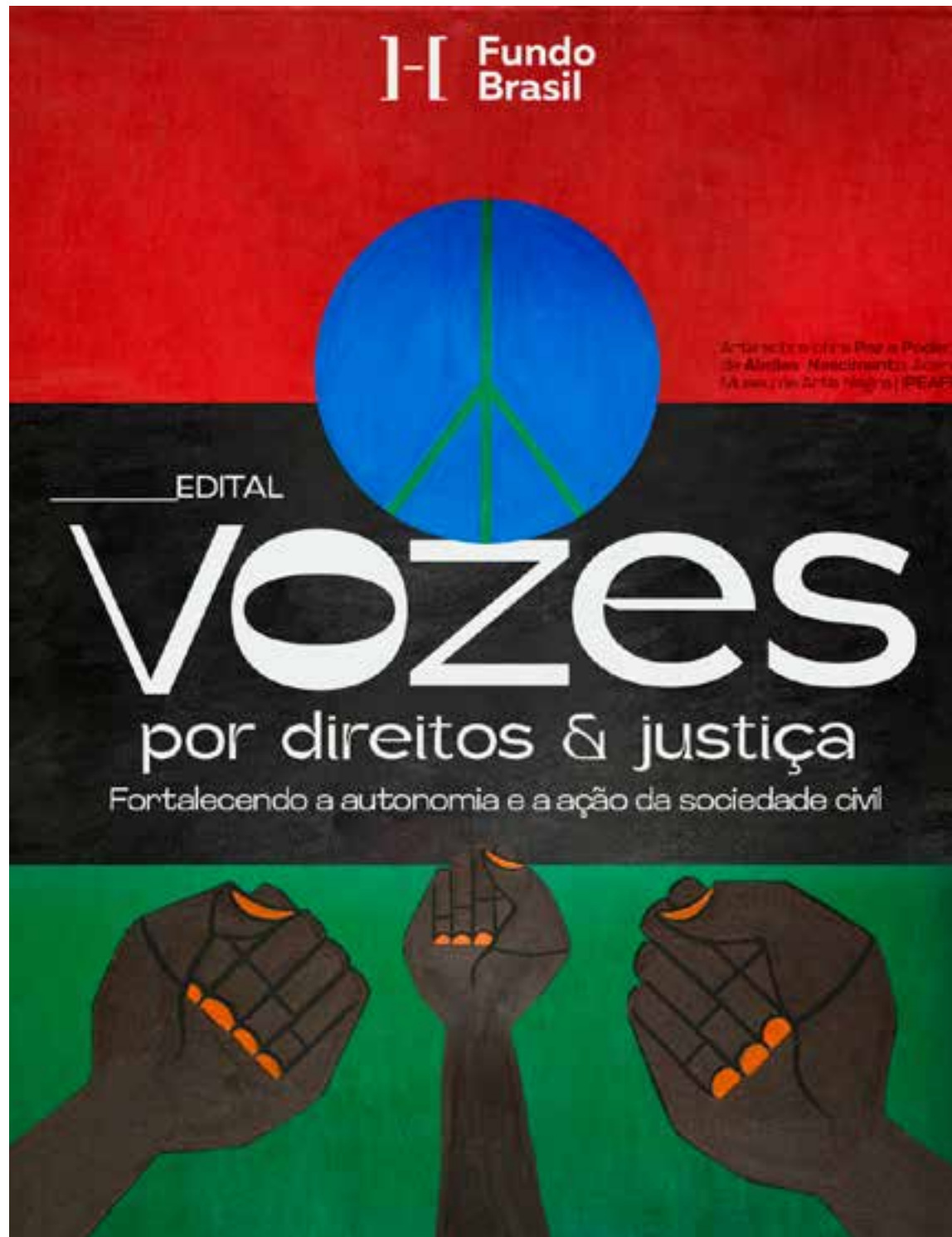
That new arrangement met for the first time in February 2023. The meeting was organized by the Brazil Human Rights Fund, the Casa Socioambiental Fund, and the Fondo de Acción Urgente de América Latina y el Caribe (FAU), with the presence of representatives from Rede Comuá (Comuá Network), *Fundo Elas* (Elas Fund), *Fundo Positivo*

(Positive Fund), Frontline Defenders, Protection International, Amazon Watch, Global Witness, Human Rights Watch, *Justiça Global* (Global Justice), *Movimento Nacional de Direitos Humanos*—MNDH (National Human Rights Movement), and *Comitê Brasileiro de Defensoras e Defensores de Direitos Humanos* (Brazilian Committee of Human Rights Defenders). One of the key topics addressed was the role of emergency support and how to improve its mechanisms in a scenario of alarming rates of violence against activists, often leading to their death. Despite the evident relevance of these emergency lines, partnerships to secure funding to address these issues remain a constant challenge, which has deepened over the past year.

We also provide grants through **invitation letters** to support the work of medium and large organizations with relevant work in the field of human rights.

Finally, our **mobilization and networking funds** provide additional funding to enable members of supported groups to participate in meetings and advocacy initiatives within the scope of the causes they promote.

Below, we provide details on our work to promote human rights based on these grant methodologies. Throughout the year, **162 new projects** were selected through calls and applications granted via emergency support funds. In total, taking into account those initiatives that were already underway, **the Brazil Fund supported 348 projects in 2023.**



GENERAL CALL FOR PROPOSALS: FIGHTING INSTITUTIONAL VIOLENCE AND DISCRIMINATION

The general call for proposals supports projects aimed at fighting institutional violence and discrimination in a wide variety of causes in the context of defending human rights, while ensuring that the selected proposals are geographically diverse. In this way, it is a tool that enables the Brazil Fund to continuously visualize and understand organized civil society's priorities and action strategies across the five regions in the country. The general call is issued every year in December, and results are published the following June. The focus of this call is the institutional strengthening of selected groups, with flexible grants to enable them to improve their structures and continue developing the work they are already doing.

The most recent general call—issued in December 2023—was **Voices for Rights and Justice: Strengthening Civil Society's Autonomy and Agency**. Its visual identity is inspired by the painting *Paz e Poder* (*Peace and Power*), created in 1970 by Abdias Nascimento, and which integrates the IPEAFRO Black Art Museum collection.

Widely recognized as one of the broadest thinkers of the 20th century, Abdias Nascimento (1914–2011) was one of the founders of the Brazil Human Rights Fund. In 2024, we are celebrating the 110th anniversary of his birth. He was a poet, writer, playwright, visual artist, and Pan-Africanist activist who dedicated most of his life to fighting racial discrimination.

The results of the Voices for Rights and Justice call for proposals will be released in June 2024.



2022—RESISTING WITH THOSE WHO RESIST

This is the general call whose results were announced in 2022. The selected groups continued their work throughout 2023. We supported 30 organizations from 14 states that advocate and defend the rights of: Black women, migrant women, Indigenous women, families of prisoners, territories in the Amazon affected by predatory exploitation, and urban territories affected by gentrification processes, among others. Each project received R\$ 40,000 (US\$ 8,500).

Follow [this link](#) to learn more about the projects included in the call for proposals on **Resisting With Those Who Resist**.



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2023—REBUILDING RIGHTS: PATHS TO SOCIAL JUSTICE

Rebuilding Rights is the name of the general call that published its results in June 2023. It selected proposals from 20 groups from 17 Brazilian states, each receiving R\$ 40,000 (US\$ 8,500). Those groups work to defend the rights of women, sex workers, trans people, Indigenous peoples, terreiro communities (that is, communities engaged in African-derived religious practices), and peripheral Black youth, as well as sexual and reproductive rights, among others.

Get to know selected projects on the side panel.

Organization	State	Region
Associação das Travestis e Transexuais de Mato Grosso do Sul—ATMS (Mato Grosso do Sul Travestis and Transsexuals Association)	MS	Midwest
Fórum de Religiões de Matriz Africana de Goiás (African Religions Forum of Goiás)	GO	Midwest
Associação Agrícola Karujé (Karujé Agricultural Association)	AL	Northeast
Quilombo do Cumbe: Associação Quilombola do Cumbe/Aracati—CE (Cumbe Quilombo: Cumbe Quilombola Association/Aracati—CE)	CE	Northeast
Coletivo Dan Eji (Dan Eji Collective)	MA	Northeast
Associação de Catadores/as de Materiais Recicláveis de Açailândia—ASCAMAREA (Association of Recyclable Waste Pickers of Açailândia)	MA	Northeast
Coletivo de Assessoria Cirandas (Cirandas Advisory Collective)	RN	Northeast
Yby-Rapó Produções (Yby-Rapó Productions)	PB	Northeast
Conselho Indígena Tapajós e Arapiuns—CITA (Tapajós and Arapiuns Indigenous Council)	PA	North
Omulu Terra de Quilombo (Omulu Quilombo Land)	PA	North
Organização dos Povos Indígenas de Rondônia, Noroeste do Mato Grosso e Sul do Amazonas—OPIROMA (Organization of Indigenous Peoples of Rondônia, Northwestern Mato Grosso, and Southern Amazonas)	RO	North
Frente Amazônica de Mobilização em Defesa dos Direitos Indígenas—FAMDDI (Amazon Mobilization Front in Defense of Indigenous Rights)	AM	North
Grupo Cultural Omon Oba (Omon Oba Cultural Group)	RJ	Southeast
Movimentação Juventude Negra Política—JNP (Black Youth Political Movement)	MG	Southeast
Associação LGBT+ Movimento (LGBT+ Movement Association)	RJ	Southeast
Coletivo Puta Davida (Putá Davida Collective)	RJ	Southeast
Mulheres Agroflorestoras Sem Terra da Grande SP (Agroforestry Landless Women of Greater SP)	SP	Southeast
Coletivo Beco (Beco Collective)	ES	Southeast
Movimento Nacional das Cidadãs Posithivas—MNCP (National Movement of HIV-Positive Citizens)	RS	South
Frente Catarinense de Luta pela Descriminalização e Legalização do Aborto (Santa Catarina Front for the Decriminalization and Legalization of Abortion)	SC	South

HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS

Brazil is one of the countries with the highest number of human rights defenders that are threatened and murdered for their actions, with the main victims being those who defend socioenvironmental rights, especially for rural workers, Indigenous people, and *quilombolas*. This situation weakens all struggles for social justice and, in the current context, the fundamental fight for climate justice.

Since 2019, the Brazil Human Rights Fund has had a specific work line on this topic. In 2023, we issued the third call for proposals directed at groups that want to develop or strengthen their capabilities and methodologies to ensure the protection and safety of their activists. In addition to the calls, we also operate an emergency fund for extreme situations faced by defenders, and we organize discussions on violence against human rights defenders and strategies to face this alarming situation.

Two of these very important discussion forums focused on developing a network strategy took place in September, as part of **Philanthropy That Transforms**, an event promoted by the Comuá Network. They were organized through a partnership between the Brazil Fund and the Casa Socioambiental Fund.

Defenders: Current Situation and the Role of Emergency Support Funds for the Protection and Safety of Human and Environmental Rights Defenders is an online conversation circle aiming to produce a collective list of the challenges faced by rights defenders while doing their jobs, as well as ways in which emergency support could make effective contributions in this regard.

The **Roundtable on Access to Justice: Strategies to Support the Access to Justice Agenda as a Defense Tool for Human Rights Defenders** was a face-to-face event held in Panama City, in parallel with the Second Annual Forum on Human Rights Defenders in Environmental Matters in Latin America and the Caribbean. The activity was cohosted by the Pastoral Land Commission and the Roraima Indigenous Council and aimed to build capacity and strengthen learning processes on how philanthropy may facilitate access to justice. Organizations from seven different countries were represented at the event.



CALL FOR INSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT FOR COMPREHENSIVE SECURITY

In December 2023, we announced the list of grantees under our third specific call for proposals on this topic. The call for proposals on **Human Rights Defenders: Institutional Development for Comprehensive Security** provided 20 grants of up to R\$ 60,000 (US\$ 12,500) each, with the aim of developing and strengthening grassroots organizations' institutional capacity to implement comprehensive security strategies for human rights defenders. The funds were provided by Climate Works/CLUA, Oak Foundation, and Porticus, and grantees will develop their activities throughout 2024 and early 2025.

Get to know selected projects on the side panel.

SELECTION COMMITTEE

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Organização	Região
Articulação Nacional das Pescadoras—ANP (National Network of Fisherwomen)	Northeast
Associação de Mulheres Produtoras Rurais Agroecológicas—AMPRA (Association of Agroecological Rural Women Producers)	Northeast
Associação do Território Quilombola de Alcântara—ATEQUILA (Alcântara Quilombola Territory Association)	Northeast
Associação dos Remanescentes de Quilombo Rio dos Macacos (Association of Remaining Members of the Rio dos Macacos Quilombo)	Northeast
Associação Ybityra Porang Tupinamba (Ybityra Porang Tupinamba Association)	Northeast
Coletivo Caranguejo e Tabaiars Resiste (Caranguejo e Tabaiars Resiste Collective)	Northeast
Coletivo de Direitos Humanos do MST no Extremo Sul da Bahia (MST Human Rights Collective in Southern Bahia)	Northeast
Coletivo Iya Akobiode (Iya Akobiode Collective)	Northeast
Sindicato dos Trabalhadores e Trabalhadoras Domésticos(as) do Estado do Piauí (Piauí Domestic Workers Union)	Northeast
Associação de Mulheres Indígenas do Povo Arapiun (Association of Indigenous Women of the Arapiun People)	North
Associação Maparajuba Direitos Humanos na Amazônia (Maparajuba Human Rights Association in the Amazon)	North
Instituto Territórios e Justiça (Territories and Justice Institute)	North
MAM Coletivo Raízes Baixo Amazonas/Tapajós (Raízes Baixo Amazonas/Tapajós Collective MAM)	North
Grupo Orgulho Liberdade e Dignidade—GOLD (Freedom and Dignity Pride Group)	Southeast
Movimento de Trabalhadoras e Trabalhadores por Direitos—MTD (Movement of Workers for Rights)	Southeast
Rede de Proteção Integral a Defensoras e Defensores de Direitos Humanos da Baixada Fluminense—RPIDDH-BF (Comprehensive Protection Network for Human Rights Defenders of Baixada Fluminense)	Southeast
Instituto Baixada Mulher (Baixada Mulher Institute)	Southeast
Movimento dos Atingidos por Barragens (Movement of People Affected by Dams)	Midwest
Coletivo Feminista Elza Soares (Elza Soares Feminist Collective)	South
Instituto de Assessoria às Comunidades Remanescentes de Quilombos (Advisory Institute for Quilombo Remaining Communities)	South

CALL FOR PROPOSALS ON BUILDING CAPACITY FOR COMPREHENSIVE PROTECTION AND SECURITY

The call for proposals on **Human Rights Defenders: Building Capacity for Comprehensive Protection and Security** supported 29 projects in 2023. The results were announced in 2022. In partnership with the Ford Foundation, Climate Works Foundation/CLUA, Oak Foundation, and Porticus, up to R\$ 60,000 (US\$ 12,500) were granted to each project.

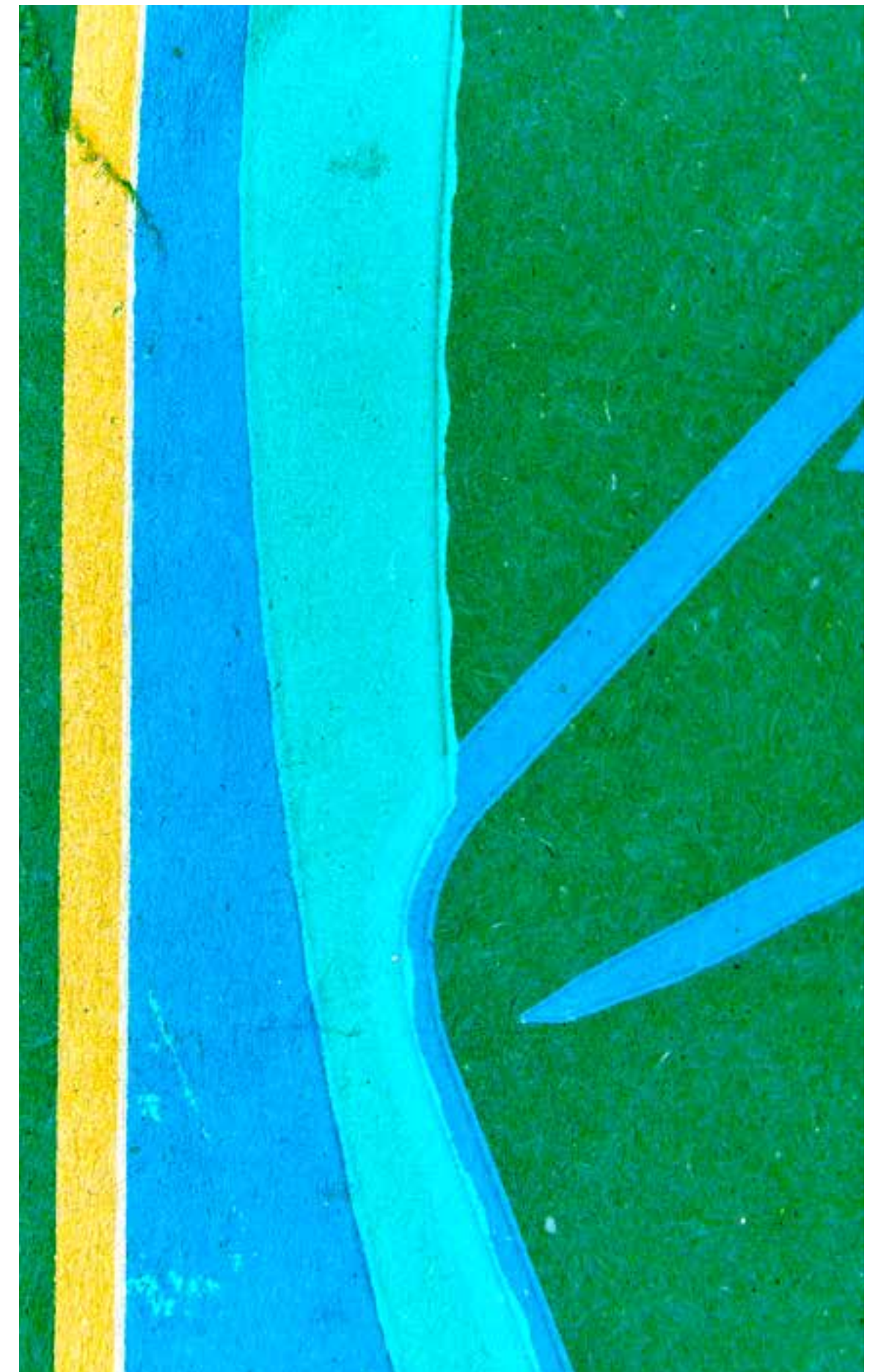
The call was launched in the context of systematic attacks by the far-right government of the time on social movements, which materialized mainly in threats and attacks on Black people, women, LGBTQIA+ individuals, *favela*/peripheral movements, rural workers, Indigenous people, *quilombolas*, and traditional communities.

Find out more about the supported projects [here](#).



EMERGENCY SUPPORT FUND FOR HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS

The **Emergency Support Fund for Human Rights Defenders** provides grants to improve individual or collective security measures, such as support to remove activists from their locations when there is a serious threat, strengthen solidarity networks, and cover specific legal support costs, among other needs. In these cases, a very simplified procedure is applied to analyze and approve applications, seeking to provide a quick response to emergencies on the ground. In 2023, this initiative received funds from the Climate Works/CLUA Foundation, Ford Foundation, Oak Foundation, and Porticus. In total, 35 applications were successful, amounting to R\$ 352,000 (US\$ 75,000).



MOBILIZATION IN DEFENSE OF CIVIC SPACES AND DEMOCRACY

In recent years, social inequalities were aggravated in Brazil, while the country saw the rise of extreme-right political groups and had to deal with the COVID-19 pandemic. Public authorities focused their efforts on preventing civil society from participating in public discussions and democratic processes. In light of these attacks, we launched a first call for proposals in 2022 to support the maintenance or reconstruction of people-centered spaces or initiatives to promote democratic literacy, understanding these actions as key to addressing the health and socioeconomic emergency.

CALL FOR PROPOSALS ON MOBILIZATION IN DEFENSE OF CIVIC SPACES AND DEMOCRACY 2022

The call for proposals on **Mobilization in Defense of Civic Spaces and Democracy**, launched in 2022 in partnership with the Oak Foundation and the Open Society Foundations, supported 35 projects in 16 Brazilian states, providing up to R\$60,000 each (a total of R\$2 million in grants (US\$ 420,000)). The selected groups continued their work throughout 2023.

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



“Community kitchens are found in places where public policies are not present. In this context, the actions promoted by the Mãe Terra Association aim to contribute to the fight against hunger in communities, and denounce the absence of public policies. We want the link between country and city not to be based on a specific conjuncture.”

Matías, Mãe Terra Association

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CALL FOR PROPOSALS ON MOBILIZATION IN DEFENSE OF CIVIC SPACES AND DEMOCRACY 2023

A new call for proposals on **Mobilization in Defense of Civic Spaces and Democracy**, issued in 2023, selected another 25 projects to receive up to R\$ 60,000 (US\$ 12,500) each. The list includes collectives of Black women; Indigenous peoples; *travestis* and transsexual/transgender people; fishing and peasant women; and news agencies, among others.

Get to know selected projects on the side panel.

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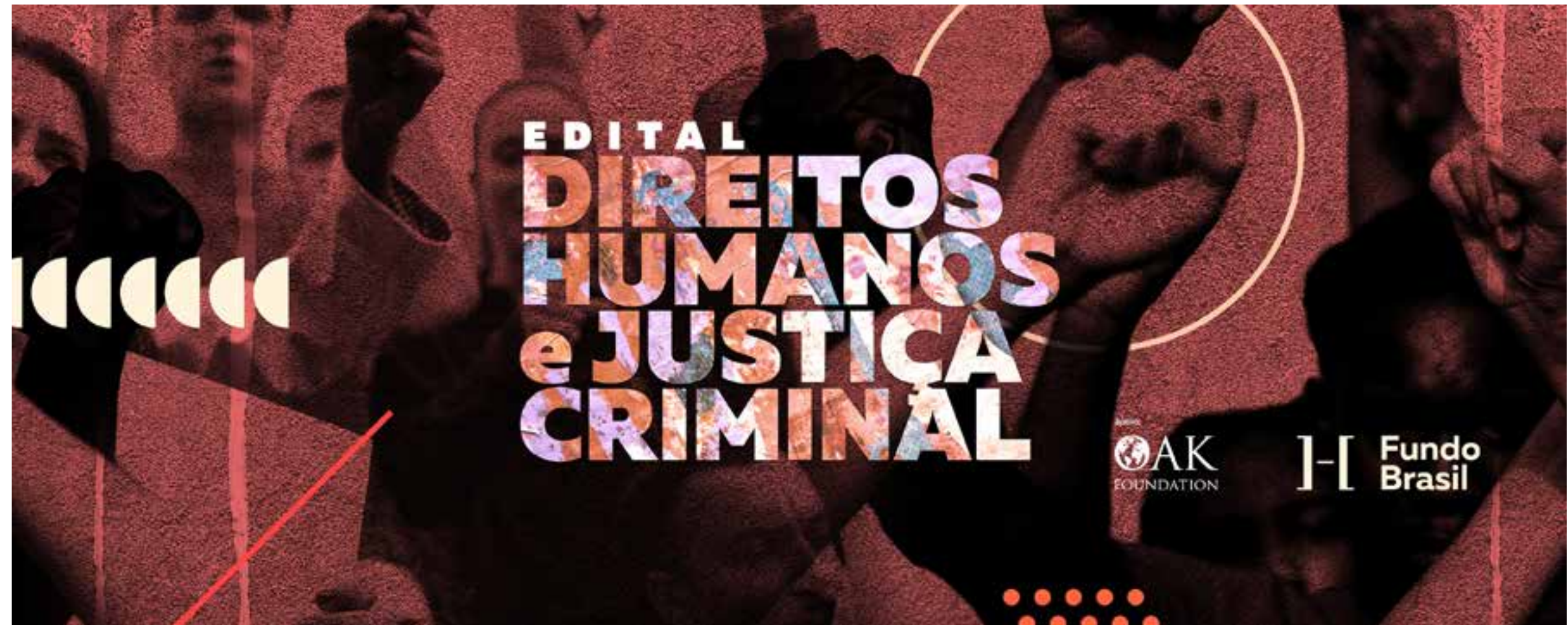
Organização	Estado	Região
Grupo de Mulheres Negras Malungas (Malungas Black Women's Group)	GO	Midwest
Pretas de Angola	GO	Midwest
Associação Indígena Ahukugi—AIAHU (Ahukugi Indigenous Association)	MT	Midwest
Associação Baiana de Travestis, Transexuais e Transgêneros em Ação—ATRAÇÃO (Bahia Association of Travestis, Transsexual, and Transgender People in Action)	BA	Northeast
Frente Estadual pelo Desencarceramento da Bahia (Bahia State Decarceration Front)	BA	Northeast
Coletivo de Mulheres Indígenas Povo Memortumré Canela (Collective of Indigenous Women of the Memortumré Canela People)	MA	Northeast
Associação das Prostitutas da Paraíba—APROS-PB (Association of Prostitutes of Paraíba)	PB	Northeast
Associação Fórum Suape Espaço Socioambiental (Suape Socioenvironmental Forum Association)	PE	Northeast
Grupo de Trabalhos em Prevenção Posithivo—GTP+ (Positive Prevention Working Group)	PE	Northeast
Movimento Fórum de Mulheres de Pernambuco (Pernambuco Women's Forum Movement)	PE	Northeast
Fórum Nacional de Pessoas Travestis e Transexuais Negras e Negros—FONATRANS (National Forum of Black Travestis and Transsexuals)	PI	Northeast
Movimento dos Pescadores e Pescadoras do Piauí—MPP Piauí (Piauí Movement of Fishermen and Fisherwomen)	PI	Northeast
Fórum DCA Ceará (Ceará DCA Forum)	CE	Northeast
Movimento de Mulheres Camponesas do Acre (Acre Peasant Women's Movement)	AC	North
Associação Tururukari-Uka dos Índios Kambeba Tururukari-Uka (Association of the Kambeba Indigenous People)	AM	North
Coletivo de Comunicação Popular Tapajós de Fato (Tapajós de Fato Popular Communication Collective)	PA	North
Escola de Militância Socioambiental Amazônica—EMSA (Amazon Socioenvironmental Militancy School)	PA	North
Centro de Direitos Humanos de Palmas (Palmas Human Rights Center)	TO	North
Coletivo de Fortalecimento da População Negra do Sul (Collective for Strengthening the Black Population in the South)	ES	Southeast
Fórum Social de Manguinhos (Manguinhos Social Forum)	RJ	Southeast
Quilombo Maria Joaquina (Maria Joaquina Quilombo)	RJ	Southeast
Agência Diadorim (Diadorim Agency)	SP	Southeast
Coletivo Vidas Presas Importam (Imprisoned Lives Matter Collective)	SP	Southeast
Coletiva Nacional Mulheres e Direito à Cidade (National Collective of Women and the Right to the City)	RS	South
Estrela Guia	SC	South

ENSURING THE RULE OF LAW AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE

This line of work is supported by evidence that Brazil has not become a safer place, despite having the third largest prison population in the world. On the contrary: the criminal justice and public security systems perpetuate racism, sexism, and social inequality, disproportionately exposing the poor, Black, peripheral, and young population to violence.

We support the work of criminal justice organizations and the struggles of people's movements that have been growing stronger and developing a number of proposals to fight racism and repeated human rights violations in this regard.

Throughout 2023, we followed up on the work of the groups selected in 2022 in the call for proposals on **A Way Out: Civic Rights for People Released from the Prison System**; we supported organizations through invitation letters; and we closed the year announcing the projects selected in the call for **Human Rights and Criminal Justice: Fighting Torture and Mass Incarceration**.



HUMAN RIGHTS AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE

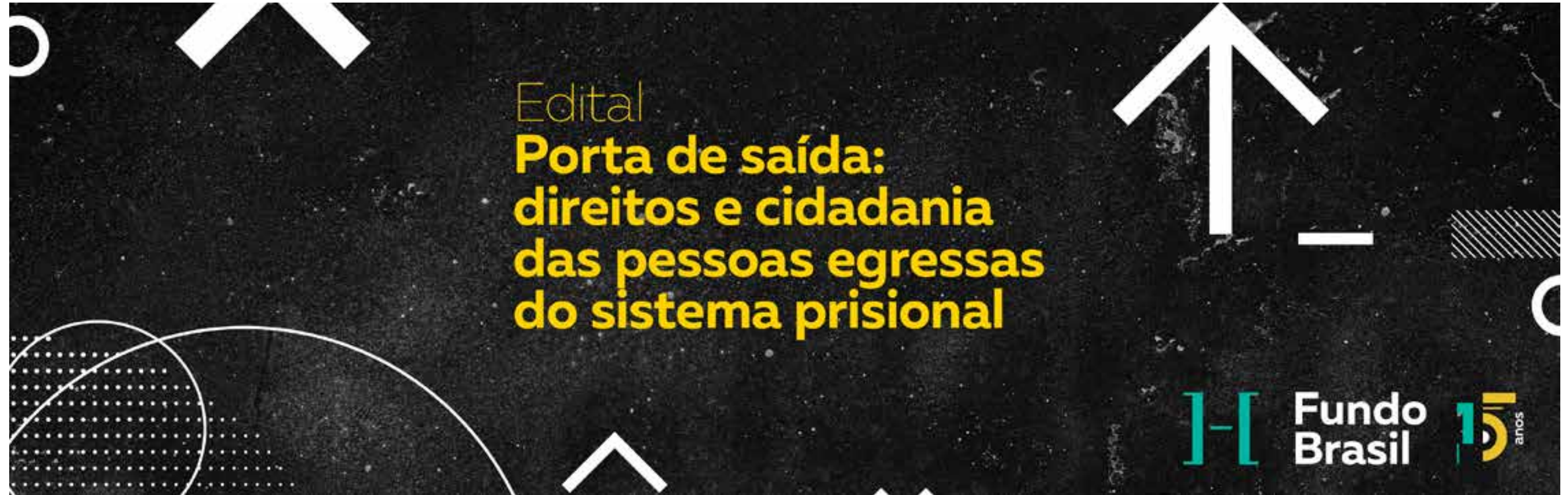
In December 2023, we announced the results of the selection of the third call for proposals on **Human Rights and Criminal Justice: Fighting Torture and Mass Incarceration**, carried out in partnership with the Oak Foundation. Ten organizations from nine states spread over all five Brazilian regions will be supported with up to R\$ 150,000 (US\$ 31,500) each.

The goals of the call include addressing human rights violations in the Brazilian criminal justice system, as well as fighting mass incarceration and torture. Get to know selected projects on the side panel.

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Organização	Estado	Região
Centro de Cultura Negra do Maranhão (Maranhão Black Culture Center)	MA	Northeast
Coalizão Pela Socioeducação (Coalition for Socioeducation)	CE	Northeast
Rede Nacional de Feministas Antiproibicionistas (National Network of Anti-Prohibitionist Feminists)	PE	Northeast
Frente Estadual pelo Desencarceramento do Amazonas (Amazonas State Decarceration Front)	AM	North
Instituto Mãe Crioula (Mãe Crioula Institute)	PA	North
Observatório do Marajó (Marajó Observatory)	PA	North
Desinstitute	DF	Midwest
Iniciativa Direito à Memória e Justiça Racial—IDMJR (Right to Memory and Racial Justice Initiative)	RJ	Southeast
Instituto Resgata Cidadão (Citizen Rescue Institute)	SP	Southeast
Associação de Travestis e Transexuais de Foz do Iguaçu "Casa de Malhú" ("Casa de Malhú"—Foz do Iguaçu Travestis and Transsexuals Association)	PR	South



CALL FOR PROPOSALS ON A WAY OUT

In 2022, the call for proposals on **A Way Out: Civic Rights for People Released from the Prison System**, held in partnership with Porticus, announced its support for 16 initiatives led by former prison inmates, or with their participation, or involving their family members and close friends. This call aims to support initiatives to protect the rights of people who have been released from prison, seeking to strengthen civic rights initiatives and avoid recurrent reincarceration. The groups selected for institutional support received up to R\$ 50,000 (US\$ 10,500), while those proposing advocacy for policies promoting the rights of people released from prison received up to R\$ 100,000 (US\$ 21,000) each. Activities continued throughout 2023.

[Click here to learn more about the projects.](#)

“The sewing workshop [for people released from the prison system] is not just training, but also empowerment. It is a long-term effort aimed at rebuilding trajectories and improving conditions of living.”

Aline Lopes, Peripheral Center

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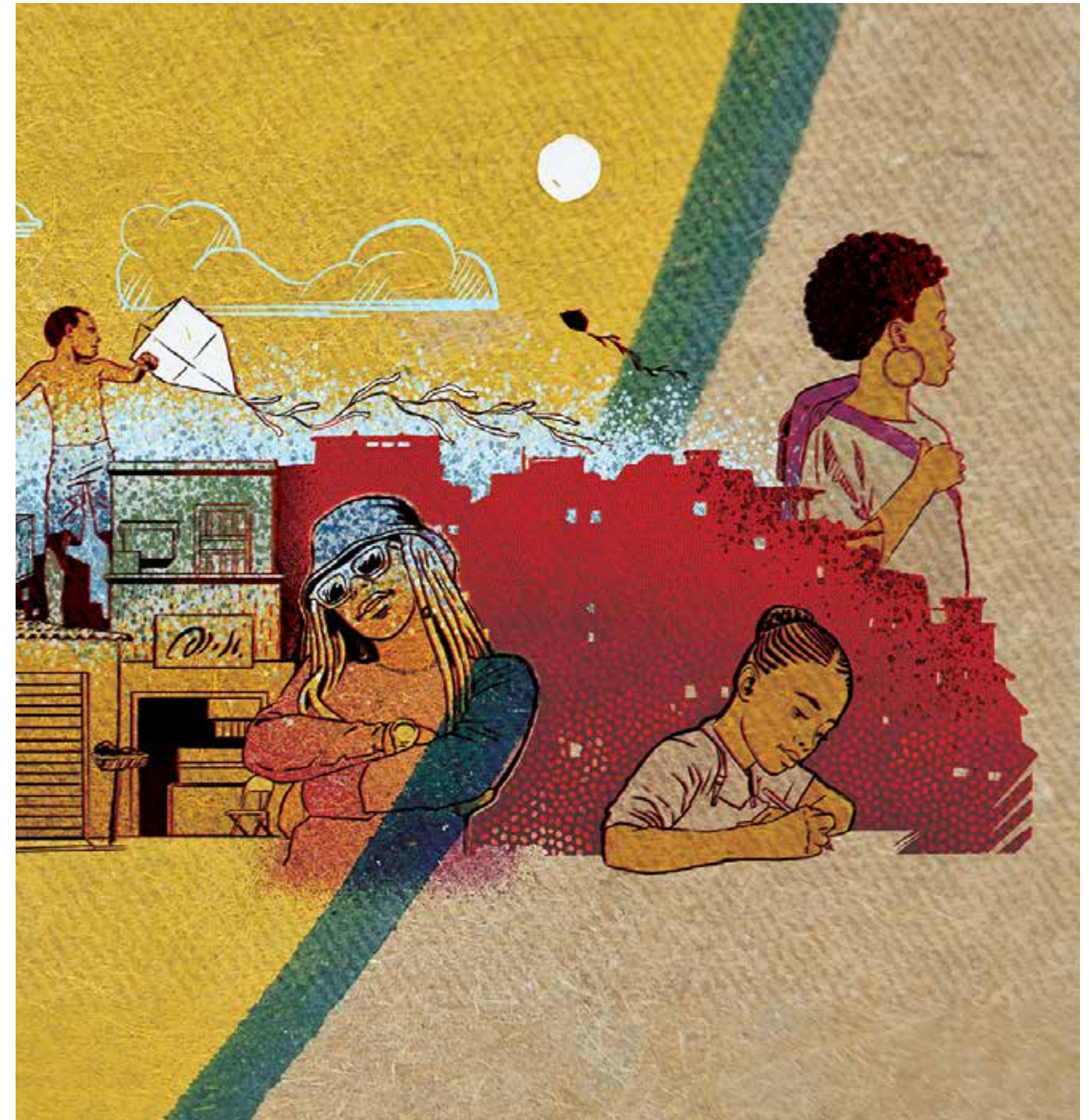
INVITATION LETTERS

Invitation letters are a strategy developed with grants provided by the Oak Foundation. They are part of our effort to continuously support the work of medium and large organizations, with a profile different from those supported through the calls, and whose actions are capable of generating large-scale collective impact through increased respect for fundamental rights in the prison system, and in the fields of criminal justice and public security.

This type of support maintains the focus on combating mass incarceration, torture in prisons, and addressing the effects of these violations on the families and friends of incarcerated people.

Eleven organizations received support in 2023 through invitation letters, totaling R\$4 million in grants (US\$ 835,000).. The list of beneficiaries is presented below.

Organização	Estado
Rede Justiça Criminal (Criminal Justice Network)	PE
Associação de Amigos/as e familiares de presos/as—AMPARAR (Association of Friends and Families of Prisoners)	SP
Associação de Advogados de Trabalhadores Rurais no Estado da Bahia—AATR (Association of Rural Workers' Lawyers in the State of Bahia)	BA
Gabinete de Assessoria Jurídica às Organizações Populares—GAJOP (Legal Advisory Office for People's Organizations)	PE
Instituto de Defesa do Direito de Defesa - Marcio Thomaz Bastos (Marcio Thomaz Bastos Institute for the Defense of the Right to Defense)	SP
Instituto de Estudos da Religião—ISER (Institute of Religious Studies)	RJ
Instituto Sou da Paz (Sou da Paz Institute)	SP
Instituto Terra, Trabalho e Cidadania—ITTC (Land, Work, and Citizen Rights Institute)	SP
Justiça Global (Global Justice)	RJ
Pastoral Carcerária Nacional – CNBB/ASAAC – Associação de Apoio e Acompanhamento (National Prison Pastoral—CNBB/ASAAC—Support and Monitoring Association)	SP
Sociedade Maranhense de Direitos Humanos—SMDH (Maranhão Society of Human Rights)	MA



TACKLING RACISM FROM THE BASIS

Fighting racism is a cross-cutting agenda for the Brazil Human Rights Fund, guiding all our work. In addition, it is the subject of a specific call for proposals: Tackling Racism from the Basis, which aims to institutionally strengthen grassroots collectives developing concrete throughout the country, and building and proposing strategies to promote the rights of the Black population from the autonomous perspectives of Black people themselves.

This call was issued for the third time in 2022 through a partnership between the Brazil Human Rights Fund and the Warner Music Group/ Blavatnik Family Foundation Social Justice Fund. It selected 25 proposals with different focuses: Afro-Brazilian religious communities; *quilombos*; peripheral Black youth; legal advice against environmental racism; Black LBT women; and others. Each group received up to R\$ 50,000 (US\$ 12,500) to invest in their own institutional strengthening during 2023.

Learn more about the projects on [this link](#).

In 2024, the fourth call for Tackling Racism from the Basis will announce a new list of supports.



Photo: Maiara Cerqueira | Mãe Hilda Jitolu Black Women's Institute

"The creation of the institute means continuing the work started by Mother Hilda, so that more girls and women may have self-esteem, feel valued, and feel like they belong to this very exclusionary society."

Valéria Lima, Mother Hilda Jitolu Institute for Black Women

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LGBTQIA+ DEFENDING RIGHTS

Over time, LGBTQIA+ people have successfully obtained access to many rights. Nevertheless, they are still far from having their full civic rights guaranteed. In Brazil, they suffer repeated violence. LGBTQIA+ rights defense organizations also face enormous difficulties in obtaining funds and networking opportunities to develop their work.

In 2023, we launched the second call for proposals on **LGBTQIA+ Defending Rights**, with grants provided by the Wellspring Fund. A total of 20 projects from 16 Brazilian states were selected to receive R\$ 40,000 (US\$ 8,500) each, with the following focuses: youth, people released from the prison system, homeless people, right to health, and sexual and reproductive rights, among other topics relating to LGBTQIA+ people's rights.

Get to know selected projects on the side panel.

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Organização	Estado	Região
Associação dos Índios Kokamas residentes no Município de Manaus—AKIM (Association of Kokama Indians Residing in Manaus)	AM	North
ZarabatanaINFO Ciberativistes Negres e LBTs Amazônidas (ZarabatanaINFO: Black and LBT Cyberactivists in the Amazon)	PA	North
ColorAfroXingu – Arte e Resistência Amazônica (ColorAfroXingu—Amazon Art and Resistance)	PA	North
Coletivo Amazônico LesBiTrans de Abaetetuba (Abaetetuba LesBiTrans Amazon Collective)	PA	North
Coletivo LGBTQIA+ Somar de Porto Velho (LGBTIA+ Somar Collective of Porto Velho)	RO	North
Ilê Asé Omo Ayê	CE	Northeast
Associação de Gays, Lésbicas e Profissionais do Sexo (Gays, Lesbians, and Sex Workers Association)	MA	Northeast
Coletivo Não Binária da Paraíba (Paraíba Non-Binary Collective)	PB	Northeast
Articulação e Movimento de Travestis e Transexuais de Pernambuco— AMOTRANS (Pernambuco Travestis and Transsexuals Network and Movement)	PE	Northeast
Coletivo De Transs pra Frente (De Transs pra Frente Collective)	BA	Northeast
Distrito DRAG (DRAG District)	DF	Midwest
Associação da Parada do Orgulho GLBT de Goiás—APOGLBT-GO (Goiás GLBT Pride Parade Association)	GO	Midwest
Instituto Brasileiro de Inovações Pró Sociedade Saudável Centro Oeste—IBISSCO (Brazilian Institute of Innovation for a Healthy Society in the Midwest)	MS	Midwest
Casa de Laroye	GO	Midwest
Associação de Travestis e Transexuais de Foz do Iguaçu “Casa de Malhú” (“Casa de Malhú”—Foz do Iguaçu Travestis and Transsexuals Association)	PR	South
Associação de Travestis e Transexuais do Estado do Rio Grande do Sul—IGUALDADE (Rio Grande do Sul Association of Travestis and Transsexuals)	RS	South
Acontece Arte e Política LGBTQIA+ (Acontece LGBTQIA+ Art and Politics)	SC	South
Associação Coletivo Tem Sentimento (Tem Sentimento Collective Association)	SP	Southeast
Associação Brasileira Intersexos (Brazilian Intersex Association)	SP	Southeast
Fórum Estadual de Travestis e Transexuais do Rio de Janeiro (Rio de Janeiro State Travestis and Transsexuals Forum)	RJ	Southeast



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INDIGENOUS PEOPLES

Indigenous peoples were at the heart of land disputes in Brazil in 2023. The hot topic was the time limit thesis (*marco temporal*), which claims that Indigenous peoples may only request their land demarcation if they were occupying or had a legal claim on that land on October 5, 1988, when Brazil's Federal Constitution was enacted. The Federal Supreme Court ruled against the idea. The National Congress, on the other hand, approved it and wants to turn it into a constitutional amendment. The dispute goes on in court, with severe repercussions on the daily lives of native peoples.

The country saw a record number of rural conflicts last year, according to the Pastoral Land Commission's Annual Report. Indigenous people had the highest number of murder victims: 14 of the 31 occurrences. [Learn more about the projects on this link.](#)

The Brazil Human Rights Fund monitored the work of Indigenous organizations selected in the call named **In Defense of the Rights of Indigenous Peoples**, issued the previous year. Launched under the Funds Alliance (more details below), that call selected projects on fighting for the right to land and territory; confronting the dismantling of public programs and policies aimed at Indigenous peoples in areas such as education, healthcare, and the environment; and strengthening Indigenous self-organization.

We also made two specific emergency funds available to these groups: **SOS Amazon** and **Indigenous Defenders**. This has enabled us to respond quickly to risks and threats to Indigenous leaders and organizations.

“This was a very sensitive subject—a taboo in our territory. Little by little, we are managing to talk about the emotional health of our Indigenous people.”

Rose Kaiowá, Retomada Aty Jovem (RAJ)

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A Aliança entre Fundos



FUNDS ALLIANCE

The Brazil Human Rights Fund, in partnership with the Casa Socioambiental Fund and the Baobá Fund, created the Funds Alliance, a collaborative philanthropy proposal where efforts are joined to raise funds and allocate them to Indigenous peoples, *quilombola* communities, and other more vulnerable traditional populations. [Click here](#) to learn more about it.



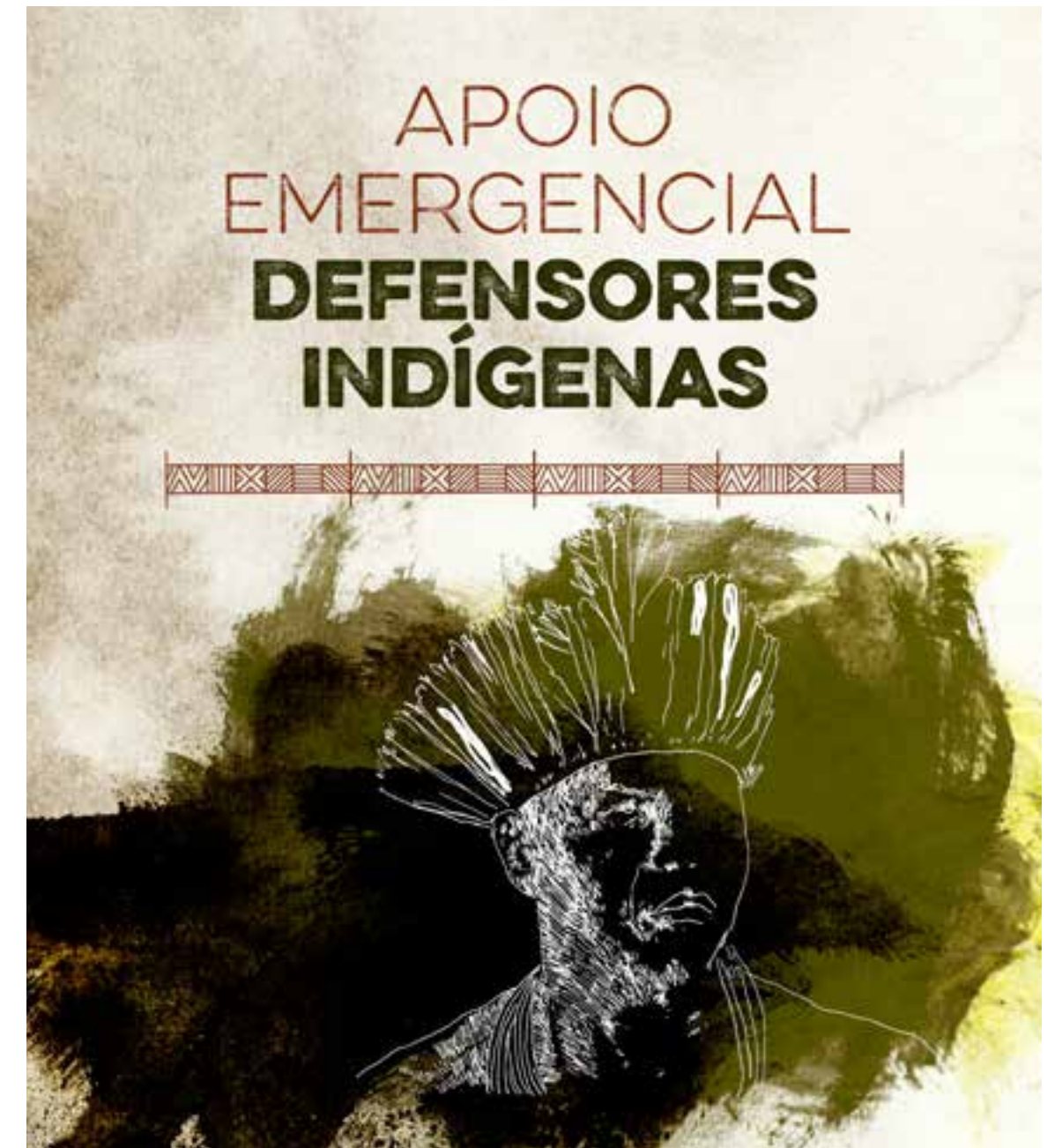
SOS AMAZON EMERGENCY SUPPORT FUND

SOS Amazon quickly provides funds to cope with land-related emergencies faced by Indigenous organizations in the Brazilian Amazon, such as land invasions, deforestation, fires, attacks on communities and on the headquarters of organizations, and illegal mining, fishing and logging, among others.

The Brazilian Amazon Indigenous Organization Network (COIAB) is Brazil Fund's operational partner in this initiative. The Indigenous Committee is the body in charge of analyzing requests for support, and No Peace Without Justice acts as a funding partner. In 2023, R\$ 670,000 (US\$ 140,000) were granted in support of 13 applications.

INDIGENOUS COMMITTEE

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Paulo Pankararu



INDIGENOUS DEFENDERS EMERGENCY SUPPORT FUND

This emergency fund aims at addressing specific threats to Indigenous leaders and activists. It received financial support from the Ford Foundation, and operates under a partnership with Articulation of Indigenous Peoples of Brazil (APIB), which supports the analysis of all applications received. In 2023, 11 emergency requests were fulfilled, totaling around R\$ 132,000 (US\$ 27,500) in grants.

RAÍZES INDIGENOUS PEOPLES AND LOCAL COMMUNITIES FUND FOR CLIMATE JUSTICE

According to evidence, fighting climate change involves listening to and directly supporting the people and communities that have always inhabited and managed territories with respect for the environment and people's well-being. Based on this, in November 2023 the Brazil Fund launched the **Raízes Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities Fund for Climate Justice**.

Over three years, it will provide at least R\$ 6 million (US\$ 1,250,000) in grants to strengthen the self-organization of Indigenous peoples and traditional communities, promoting their leadership in public discussions on this topic.

According to a report by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), more than 40 percent of the world's population are already highly vulnerable to climate change. In the Global South, this vulnerability is even deeper, aggravated by intrinsically related historical factors, such as social inequality, land injustice, and environmental racism, among others.

According to the IPCC report, the successful protection of forests and other ecosystems relies on cooperation and inclusive decision-making with local communities and Indigenous peoples, as well as the recognition of the inherent rights of these peoples.

In this context, **Raízes** proposes to build and improve our support by continuous listening to and engaging with these peoples and communities. It also proposes to conduct this work from a systemic and intersectional perspective, strengthening the idea that protecting territorial rights is part of the solution to the climate crisis we are facing.



Raízes was launched on November 27 at a face-to-face event in the city of São Paulo, which featured a conversation circle where Indigenous and traditional community leaders reflected on what climate justice really is. Participants included Alessandra Korap Munduruku, from the Pariri Indigenous Association, in the Médio Tapajós region, state of Pará; Josefa Oliveira, from the Riverine Council and Xingu Alive Forever Movement, in Altamira, state of Pará; Marileia Passos, from the Community Association of Mangabeira and Neighboring Villages, in the state of Bahia; and Gersem Baniwa, professor and adviser to the Brazil Human Rights Fund.



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CALL FOR PROPOSALS ON TRADITIONAL COMMUNITIES FIGHTING FOR CLIMATE JUSTICE

The first Raízes call for proposals—**Traditional Communities Fighting for Climate Justice**—was issued in November to support 20 projects with R\$ 50,000 (US\$ 12,500) each.

The definition of traditional communities in Brazil encompasses dozens of culturally differentiated groups, which are characterized by their own forms of social organization and which maintain a deep and respectful relationship with their territories and natural resources.

These groups include *andirobeiras*, *sempre-viva* collectors, *caatingueiros*, mangaba collectors, *quilombolas*, extractive workers, riverine groups, *caiçaras*, gypsies, terreiro communities, cipozeiros, Brazil nut producers, *faxinalenses*, *fundo e fecho de pasto*, *geraizeiros*, *islanders*, *isqueiros*, *morroquianos*, *pantaneiros*, small-scale fishers, *piassabeiros*, *pomeranos*, babassu coconut breakers, *retireiros*, rubber tappers, *vazanteiros*, and *veredeiros*.

A second call, focused exclusively on Indigenous peoples, was scheduled to be issued in the first half of 2024.



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MOBILIZATION AND NETWORKING FUND (FMA)

The year 2023 was marked by dialogue, both among civil society actors, and between them and public authorities on different levels.

Understanding that mobilization and networking for the occupation of civic spaces are fundamental for people's effective participation in democratic discussions, we created a complementary line of support named **Mobilization and Networking Fund (FMA)** directed at organizations and groups that are already receiving support from the Brazil Fund. Thanks to its very simplified procedures and quick response times, this exclusive line aims to enable engagement in areas that are relevant for strengthening democracy and organized civil society in Brazil.

The FMA approved 26 applications in 2023, totaling R\$486,000 (US\$ 101,000) in grants.



Partnerships for Institutional Strengthening

CONAQ

In 2023, we completed our third year of partnership with the National Network of Black Rural Quilombola Communities (CONAQ)— a partnership that benefits from funding by the Ford Foundation, and whose goal is to strengthen the *quilombola* rights agenda in Brazil.

Our goal is to transfer knowledge and technology, focusing on improving management capacity and encouraging the sustainability of the largest *quilombola* organization in the country. The work aims to promote CONAQ's institutional development, enabling it to acquire strategic knowledge in the field of project support and further develop its capacity to autonomously advance in its fight for rights, land, income, sovereignty, and food security, and promote the resilience of *quilombola* organizations across the country.

In this regard, in addition to the intensive resource management work developed together by Brazil Fund and CONAQ teams, we supported CONAQ in two highly relevant actions.

A total of R\$ 2.4 million (US\$ 500,000) were granted with the aim of **strengthening 23 state-level CONAQ units**, and mobilizing efforts to protect the rights of *quilombola* women, youth, and LGBTQIA+ individuals; expanding access to education and health; and protecting land and natural resources, among other fundamental agendas for the movement.

The **SOS Quilombola Emergency Support Fund** was launched in March to enable the protection of *quilombola* leaders who were at risk due to their fight for their rights and territories. The SOS Fund received 32 applications and granted R\$235,000.

The call for proposals on **Strengthening Quilombola Agricultural Knowledge and Practices**, launched in August, selected 33 *quilombola* associations from 18 Brazilian states across all five regions to receive R\$30,000 (US\$ 6,250) each, totaling R\$990,000 (US\$ 206,000) in grants. Described by CONAQ leaders as a step toward supporting *quilombolas* in their struggle to press for public policies for the benefit of their communities, the call approved projects to structure *quilombola* family farming, focused on producing food in a healthy and sustainable way, while maintaining and valuing *quilombola* ways of life.

The list of approved projects was published [on the CONAQ website](#).

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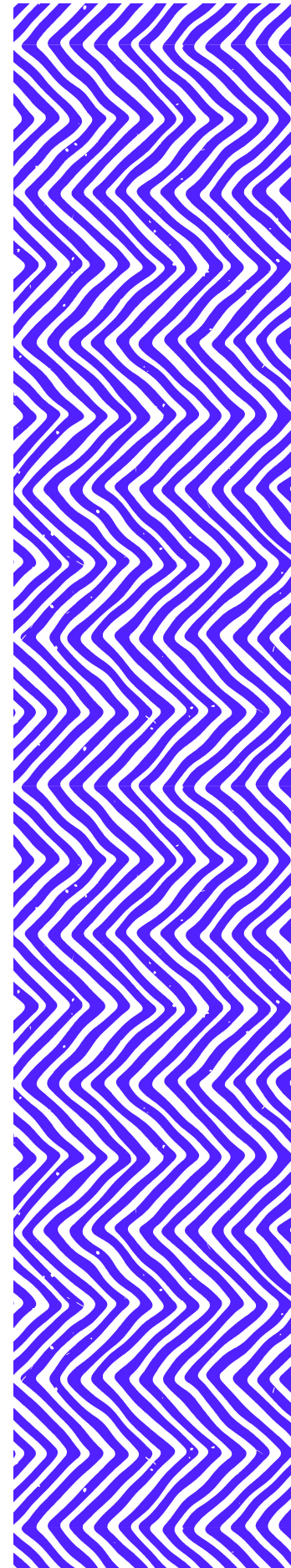


Land rights recognition for quilombo communities

The partnership between CONAQ and the Brazil Human Rights Fund grew with the arrival of new partners. From 2024 onwards, with support from the Tenure Facility, CONAQ and the Brazil Fund will continue working together to build mechanisms that enable progress in securing *quilombola* land titling in the states of Amazonas, Amapá, and Maranhão—all in the Brazilian Legal Amazon.

Since the right to traditional territories was recognized by the 1988 Federal Constitution, only 54 *quilombola* territories have been titled by INCRA (National Institute for Colonization and Agrarian Reform), the body responsible for *quilombola* land regularization. Therefore, this partnership is strategic, as titling has been a historical demand by *quilombola* communities (data from a [survey](#) carried out by Terra de Direitos [*Land of Rights*]).

This new partnership also seeks to support CONAQ in the creation of an autonomous, sustainable *Quilombola* Fund, which will allow the movement to manage its own resources and allocate them to different agendas aimed at promoting social and racial justice for communities.



Podáali—Brazilian Amazon Indigenous Fund

In April 2023, Podáali—Brazilian Amazon Indigenous Fund announced the results of its first call for proposals—**Indigenous Amazon Resists**—to support projects aimed at fighting for the rights of original peoples.

More details on the announcement and on different types of support are available on [this link](#).

The Brazil Fund was part of the working group that monitored and assisted Podáali in preparing the call, choosing reviewers, and developing its analytical steps.

Since 2020, the Brazil Fund has supported the creation and institutional strengthening of Podáali, at their own invitation. Podáali is the first such fund in the country created and managed by Indigenous peoples. We provide support by collaborating on the preparation of documents and processes, and sharing lessons learned on project management, calls for proposals, and communication. Through this partnership, the Brazil Fund contributes to strengthening the Indigenous political agenda and the fight for socioenvironmental rights in the Amazon.



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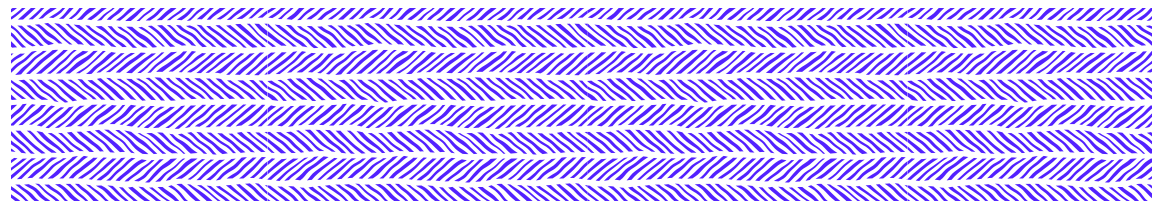
Promoting Networking and Building Capacity

In addition to the grants themselves, Brazil Fund support includes individually following up on each project. This is done with full respect for the autonomy of each group, and includes both virtual meetings and site visits.

Our methodology for supporting organized civil society also includes encouraging dialogue among several human rights defense groups. We understand that collective analyses and peer-to-peer learning opportunities boost the work of each group in their territories, while also expanding the impact of our projects.



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TRAINING AND NETWORKING

In 2023, we brought together more than 280 activists from supported groups to discuss the reality, challenges, and opportunities for the defense of human rights in the country.

The Projects Gathering is a large event that fosters intersectional dialogue among groups devoted to different causes. Two such gatherings were held in 2023 in the city of São Paulo, with approximately 100 participants each. They included discussion panels on specific agendas, their points in common, people's engagement based on political-electoral changes in the country, and how to address growing religious fundamentalism, among other topics. The gatherings also delivered workshops on institutional strengthening, strategic communication, and fund raising.

Participants included representatives of groups supported by the following calls for proposals: **Resisting With Those Who Resist; Human Rights and Criminal Justice; Tackling Racism from the Basis; In Defense of the Rights of Indigenous Peoples; Human Rights Defenders; Mobilization in Defense of Civic Spaces and Democracy; SOS Amazon Emergency Support Fund; and Strengthening Informal Workers' Fight for Their Rights.**

Indigenous organizations supported by the call named **In Defense of the Rights of Indigenous Peoples** were able to participate in a detailed project preparation and writing workshop.

The groups included in the call for proposals on **Tackling Racism from the Basis** participated in a thematic meeting in August. One of the main activities was developing a timeline of the achievements of Black movements drawn from the actions of the groups present at the meeting and the personal experiences of each activist.

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"Sometimes we get scared because we think things are not moving forward. Today, we have realized how far we have come. It is very good to see what the Brazil Fund does with its network of supporters, because that makes a huge difference when we go back home."

Luciana de Freitas,
from *Quilombo de Aldeia* (SC)

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There were also autonomous meetings organized by groups supported by the Brazil Fund to discuss their specific areas of work. We were invited to these meetings, and our role was mostly that of observers—to learn about the work carried out. Throughout the year, 10 such events took place: in São Paulo, Bahia, Pará, Piauí, Rio de Janeiro, and the Federal District.



MONITORING

Monitoring serves to help us learn about the work carried out by supported groups in their own territories, understand the local impact of our strategies and actions, and help resolve any difficulties.

Our team made 18 trips for monitoring purposes. We visited 42 organizations and collectives in 11 Brazilian states: Amapá, Amazonas, Pará, Roraima, Bahia, Maranhão, Pernambuco, Rio Grande do Norte, Goiás, Rio de Janeiro, and São Paulo, in addition to the Federal District.



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Labora Fund for Decent Work

The Labora Fund for Decent Work is an initiative that seeks to support Brazilian workers' fight for fair working conditions and social guarantees for all. It is focused on continuously strengthening associations, unions, people's movements, and the entire diversity of self-organization models for working people so that they may effectively influence current discussions on this topic.

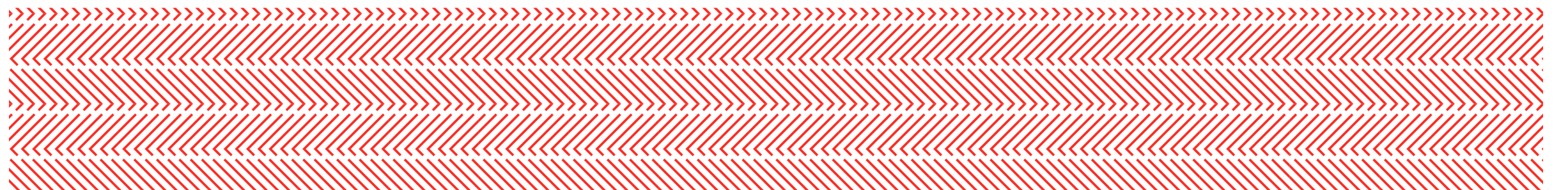
Labora—a fund created, implemented, and operated by the Brazil Fund—resulted from a collective effort initiated by the Laudes Foundation in Brazil, with support from the Ford Foundation and Open Society Foundations.

The project is guided by the urgent need to overcome inequalities related to race, gender, territory, identities, and other social markers of difference that structure Brazilian society and are clearly expressed in the world of work. Labora also aims to consolidate a strong autonomous domain for this work.

In 2023, Labora's first year of operation, we supported 39 organizations—25 selected through a call for proposals, and another 14 that were already supported by the Laudes Foundation in Brazil.

In total, R\$7.3 million were granted. In 2023, our work focused on: providing grants to supported groups; creating training and networking opportunities; engaging in structured and continuous listening to different civil society actors; structuring a methodology for invitation letters to strategic organizations on the work agenda; creating a complementary line of grants for political advocacy and social participation actions; and participating in national and international spaces for discussion about philanthropy and social justice, decent work, and their intersection with the climate crisis.

Labora's successful achievements in its first year result from our continued communication efforts to inform the public about the existence of a *decent work* thematic fund in Brazil, and to promote public discussions on this topic. Labora and its focus on decent work and social guarantees were mentioned in more than 400 reports and articles in national and local publications. We had articles published in two key information outlets in the area of philanthropy, one in Brazil and the other in the United States.



CALL FOR PROPOSALS ON STRENGTHENING INFORMAL WORKERS' FIGHT FOR THEIR RIGHTS

The call for proposals on **Strengthening Informal Workers' Fight for their Rights**, launched in partnership with Labora in December 2022, announced the list of selected candidates on May 1—a date full of symbolism.

The result of the selection process reflected the priorities established in the call, with great thematic diversity. The 25 groups come from 16 states, spread over four regions in the country, divided into two thematic lines: institutional strengthening of grassroots organizations, and advocacy for rights. Collectives of domestic workers, sex workers, app delivery workers, seamstresses, immigrant workers, former prison inmates, recycling workers, street vendors, and LGBTQIA+ workers are on the list.

In December 2023, Labora began receiving project applications for the second call for proposals on Strengthening Informal Workers' Fight for their Rights; results were announced on May 1, 2024.



Organização	Estado	Região
Group/Collective/Organization	State	Region
Rede de Redução de Danos do DF e Entorno—Tulipas (Harm Reduction Network in DF and Surrounding Areas)	DF	Midwest
Coletiva Preta (Black Collective)	GO	Midwest
Movimento Nacional dos Catadores de Materiais Recicláveis de Goiás—MNCR (National Recyclable Waste Pickers Movement in Goiás)	GO	Midwest
Articulação Nacional de Profissionais do Sexo—ANPROSEX (National Network of Sex Workers)	BA	Northeast
Sindicato das Trabalhadoras(es) Domésticas(os) do Estado do Maranhão (Maranhão Domestic Workers Union)	MA	Northeast
Sindicato dos Empregados Domésticos do Estado da Paraíba (Paraíba Domestic Workers Union)	PB	Northeast
Coletivo Mulheres do Polo (Polo Women's Collective)	PE	Northeast
Sindicato das Trabalhadoras Domésticas de Pernambuco (Pernambuco Domestic Workers Union)	PE	Northeast
Sindicato dos Trabalhadores Entregadores, Empregados e Autônomos de Moto e Bicicleta por Aplicativos do Estado de Pernambuco (Union of Employed and Self-Employed Motorcycle and Bicycle Delivery App Workers in the State of Pernambuco)	PE	Northeast
Coletivo de Entregadores por Aplicativo de Natal/RN – “Galera da Pressão” (Delivery App Workers Collective in Natal/RN)	RN	Northeast
Associação de Catadores Filhos (as) de Guadalupe (Children of Guadalupe Waste Pickers Association)	AM	North
Coletivo de Familiares e Amigos de Presos e Presas do Amazonas (Collective of Relatives and Friends of Prisoners in Amazonas)	AM	North

Organização	Estado	Região
Sindicato dos Trabalhadores Domésticos, Arrumadores, Camareiros dos Municípios de Belém e Ananindeua—PA (Union of Domestic Workers, Housekeepers, and Hotel Cleaners of the Municipalities of Belém and Ananindeua—PA)	PA	North
Coletivo Clã das Lobas (Clã das Lobas Collective)	MG	Southeast
Tereza de Benguela Coletivo de Faxinas—BH (Tereza de Benguela Cleaners Collective—BH)	MG	Southeast
Coletivo Meu Corre (Meu Corre Collective)	RJ	Southeast
Emancipação e Luta Livre a Orientação sexual	RJ	Southeast
Movimento Unido dos Camelôs (United Street Vendors Movement)	RJ	Southeast
Sindicato dos Trabalhadores Domésticos de Campinas, Paulínia, Valinhos, Sumaré e Hortolândia (Domestic Workers Union of Campinas, Paulínia, Valinhos, Sumaré, and Hortolândia)	SP	Southeast
União Social dos Imigrantes Haitianos—USIH (Social Union of Haitian Immigrants)	SP	Southeast
Federação Nacional das Trabalhadoras Domésticas—FENATRAD (National Federation of Domestic Workers)	DF	Midwest
Projeto Viver (Viver Project)	CE	Northeast
Centro de Direitos Humanos de Cristalândia—CDHC (Cristalândia Human Rights Center)	TO	North
Grupo Conexão G (Connection G Group)	RJ	Southeast
Associação Rede de Economia Solidária dos Catadores Unidos do Espírito Santo—REUNES (Solidarity Economy Network Association of United Waste Pickers in Espírito Santo)	ES	Southeast



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TRAINING AND NETWORKING

One of Labora's assumptions is that its rural strengthening strategies must be refined after listening to relevant actors in the fight for decent work and social protection. This proved to be one of Labora's greatest assets throughout 2023.

Three conversation circles were held, in addition to a face-to-face seminar with the 39 organizations supported by Labora. In all of these activities, discussions were led by prominent leaders on their agendas: over 25 key activists and researchers engaged in thinking about the reality of work in Brazil today. The areas they covered included women; care work; LGBTQIA+ people; work in the Amazon, and in forest, rural, and water environments; Indigenous workers; extractive workers; app workers; workers with disabilities; and climate crisis and work. Their contributions were essential to help us understand the multiple conceptions of decent work in Brazil and how to support and strengthen these struggles.

For us—workers in rural, forest, and water environments—decent work means guaranteeing protection against land grabbers who invade our lands, and against agribusinesses that spray and throw poison on our bodies, and destroy our biodiversity”
Mazé Morais, National Confederation of Agricultural Workers

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Labora also held more than 60 meetings with relevant actors in the field to understand the priorities and demands of these organizations. Solidarity Center, Friedrich Ebert Foundation in Brazil, Land of Rights (*Terra de Direitos*), Socioenvironmental Institute, and the International Labor Organization are examples of successful partnerships built in 2023.

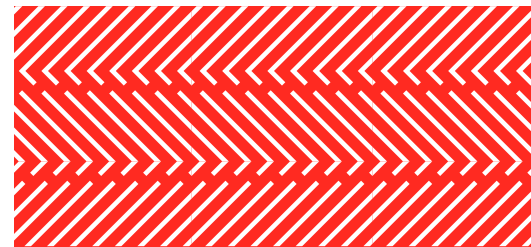
MOBILIZATION, ADVOCACY, PARTICIPATION, AND NETWORKING

Acknowledging the demands of the groups supported by us, in October 2023 Labora launched the **MIPA line—Collective Mobilization, Political Advocacy, Social Participation, and Networking**. This is a complementary support line for organizations with ongoing projects, with the aim of strengthening specific actions. Grants range from R\$2,000 to R\$20,000, and applications are reviewed on a continuous basis. Through this initiative, R\$145,000 were granted to help organizations supported



Photo: GIFE

by Labora to participate in strategic spaces, such as national meetings, events with public authorities on various levels, networking events, and intersectoral discussions.



DIALOGUE WITH BRAZILIAN PHILANTHROPY

Labora was present at the 12th Congress of the Group of Institutes, Foundations, and Businesses (GIFE), an important dialogue forum for philanthropy in Brazil. At the event, Brazil Fund's executive directors participated in a roundtable on the role of decent work in promoting inclusion and social justice. In their presentation, they stressed the importance of collective organization for the full implementation of the labor rights enshrined in the Brazilian Federal Constitution. That engagement generated new opportunities for Labora, such as the publication of articles on several platforms, including Grantlab, GIFE, and Private Social Investment in Debate (*Investimento Social Privado em Debate*).

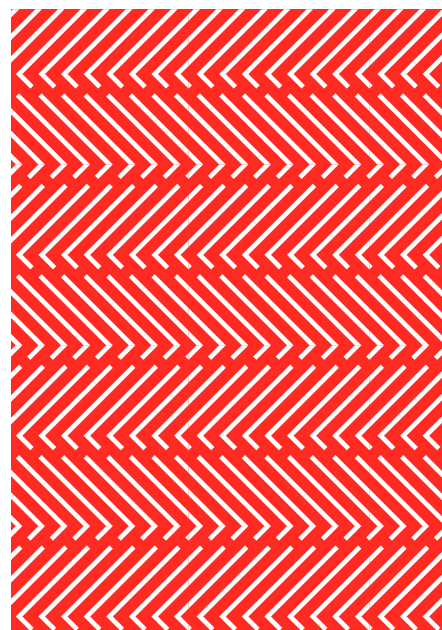
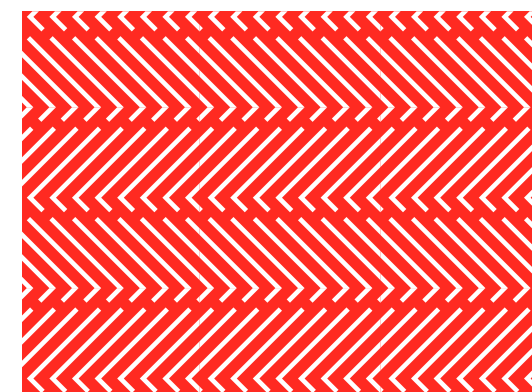


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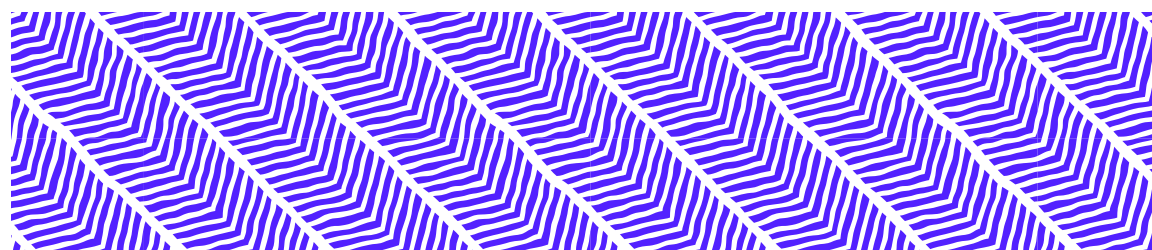
PARTICIPATION IN INTERNATIONAL FORUMS

Labora attended the New York Climate Week and the Conference of the Parties (COP) in Dubai. At these events, it was possible to engage in discussions and exchange experiences with other organizations involved in the topic of climate change and its connection with the decent work agenda.





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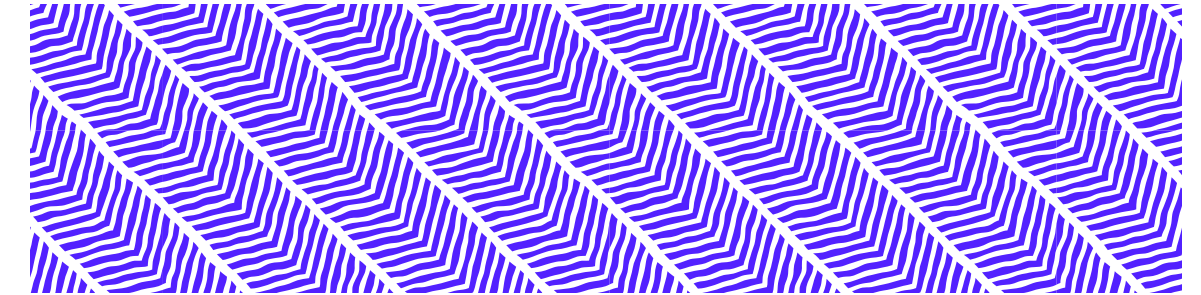
Rio Doce Program

Over the past five years, the Brazilian Human Rights Fund has worked hard to support the effective participation of affected people in the process of repairing the damage resulting from the failure of the Fundão Dam, on the Doce River, one of the worst socioenvironmental disasters in history. With the end of our contract to act as experts for the Federal Prosecutor's Office and provide methodological coordination for the independent technical advisory services (ATIs), the Brazil Fund's Rio Doce Program came to an end on June 28, 2023.

The Brazil Fund provided support to the justice institutions handling the case, contributing to the implementation of ATIs in the Doce River basin area. Affected people have a right to technical advisory services. This was secured through their fight, and is established in legal agreements and fundamental instruments to ensure informed and qualified participation at each stage of the reparation process.

The work carried out by the Brazil Fund reached 46 municipalities spread in the Doce River basin and the coastal region of Espírito Santo. We worked from the early stages, when we were mapping the affected territories, until mid-2023, when the Itabira Diocesan Caritas, the Governador Valadares Diocesan Caritas, the Interstate Agricultural Development Association (ADAI), the State Association for Environmental and Social Defense (AEDAS), and the Tamanduá Agroecological Center (CAT) were established and began to work with the communities for which they were chosen. During all this time, the Rio Doce Program team was committed to those affected groups, providing opportunities for engagement and access to information, and contributing to the development of integrated work among all ATIs.

The Brazil Fund will continue supporting justice institutions, and will transfer all required information to the new entity selected to act as ATI methodological and core work coordinator. According to the decision



issued by the 4th Federal Civil and Agrarian Court of the Belo Horizonte Judicial Subsection (SSJ) on May 25, 2023, within the scope of Priority Axis no. 10 (which addresses matters related to independent technical advisory services—ATIs), the choice will result from a public call to be conducted by the justice institutions.

Our actions were guided by our cumulative experience in supporting the defense of people's rights, and by the permanent ethical commitment shown by the Rio Doce Program team, made up of human rights activists who have in-depth knowledge of topics related to their work.

Although we are no longer engaged as experts and methodological coordinators under the (now terminated) service contract with the Federal Prosecutor's Office, the Brazil Fund remains concerned with rights violations in the Doce River basin. Initiatives to collectively defend affected people's rights can still be supported under the calls for proposals and emergency support funds that the Brazil Fund makes available to organized civil society as a whole, applying the methodology and consolidated rites for providing such support.

In 2023, after the end of the program, the Brazil Fund submitted a consolidated report on all its work to the justice institutions, including accounts and financial statements. All contracts came to an end, and all staff hired specifically for that purpose were terminated.

To find out more about the Brazil Fund's work in the Doce River basin, [click here to visit our page](#) on this subject.



2. Engagement with Society

In this chapter, we describe the work developed in 2023 to boost public engagement in promoting human rights.

This work is developed on two complementary fronts. On the communications front, our goal is to highlight the role of organized civil society in fighting for a country with democracy for all people, as well as the role of social justice philanthropy in supporting grassroots organizations across the country. When raising funds from individuals, we focus not only on the sustainability of our work, but also on the expansion of our trust network, based on people who attest to the relevance and transparency of our operations.

Communicating Human Rights

In addition to our institutional website, the Brazil Fund keeps an active presence on social media, where we disseminate our messages and engage with the public. Together, all these channels increased our reach by 21 percent in 2023, as compared to the previous year.

You can find us as

Somos @fundobrasil or /fundobrasil on all major social networks.

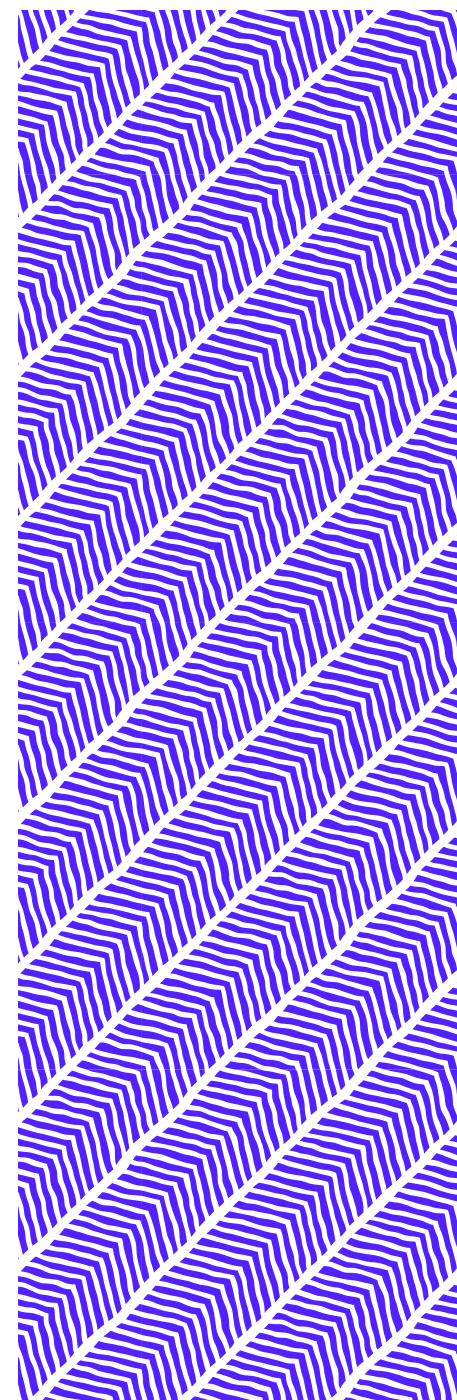


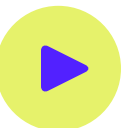
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HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS SERIES

What does it mean to be a human rights defender? What experiences mark this trajectory, what are the challenges along the way, and what achievements encourage us to continue? Through 17 video testimonials and more than 100 products derived from them, the **Human Rights Defenders audiovisual series** invited activists to tell, in their own words, what their struggles are, and how they work to build a better country.



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“Communication is also a form of aquilombamento (that is, the type of resistance and fights that led to the creation of quilombos in Brazil). The hegemonic media constructs often derogatory imagery of black, LGBTQIA+ Indigenous, and native peoples and individuals. So, this is a way of addressing that in an area that is key for the construction of public opinion.”

Jonas Pinheiro, Afirmativa Magazine



'BUILDING COLLECTIVE FUTURES' CONTEST

In its fourth edition, the Brazil Human Rights Fund's photo contest once again exceeded the results of its previous edition. **Building Collective Futures** attracted 60 percent more submissions from human rights groups and photographers focused on human rights causes. In the popular vote, it surpassed the previous edition by 11.5 percent.

This is an initiative that aims to highlight the strength and relevance of images in the fight for rights, and to recognize talents and the good work done by organized civil society using the language of photography.

In the exclusive category for *Brazil Fund Supported Groups*, the winner was the Pretas de Angola Collective, from Goiânia (GO), with a picture taken by photographer Ludmila Pereira during the Indigenous Women's March in Brasília.

The *General* category awarded first place to photographer Carol Paiva, from Macaé (RJ), who has a project called Ojú Odara to portray African-based religions.



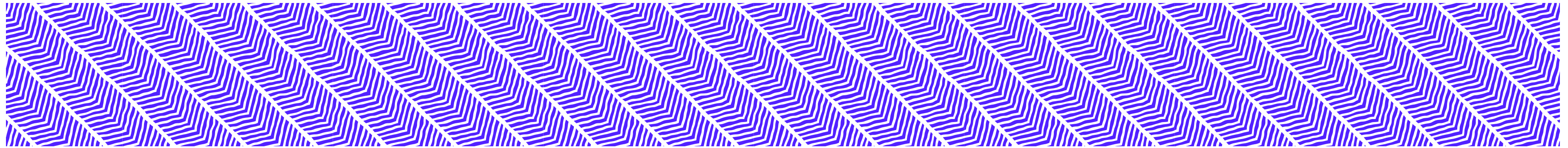
In both categories, second and third places also received a prize. For the first time, the contest awarded an honorable mention to the Domestic Workers Union of Campinas, Paulínia, Valinhos, Sumaré and Hortolândia—SINDTID. The union, an entity supported by the Labora Fund for Decent Work, sent historical photos by Laudelina de Campos Melo (1904–1991), a pioneer in the organized fight for the rights of domestic workers.



Photo: Ludmila Pereira - Pretas de Angola Collective - Brazil Fund Collection

Photo: Carol Paiva - Brazil Fund Collection





Photos: Domestic Workers Union of Campinas, Paulínia, Valinhos, Sumaré, and Hortolândia

The 'Building Collective Futures' Photography Contest marked a significant milestone with the introduction of an honorable mention. Supported by the Strengthening Informal Workers' Fight for their Rights call for proposals, the Domestic Workers Union of Campinas, Paulínia, Valinhos, Sumaré, and Hortolândia (Sindtid) received this distinction for submitting historical photos featuring the influential leadership of

Laudelina de Campos Melo (1904-1991). Laudelina, a pioneer in advocating for domestic workers, co-founded the nation's first organization dedicated to their rights in Santos in 1936. Her legacy continues to inspire advocacy efforts within the community.

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MUSICAL DIALOGUES

The event named **Musical Dialogues on Human Rights**, a partnership between the Brazil Fund and SESC São Paulo, reached its 15th edition in 2023. Held at the SESC Bom Retiro unit, in the city of São Paulo, it featured a performance by the Singing Citizens Scenic Choir for the launch of the 2024 General Call for Proposals named **Voices for Rights and Justice: Strengthening Civil Society's Autonomy and Agency**.

Through its work, the Singing Citizens Scenic Choir seeks to promote social transformation through harmony and collective expression. It is a rather diverse group in its composition, with members coming from different backgrounds, including people with psychological distress and in vulnerable situations. It is also open to the general population.

Mafoane Odara, chair do nosso Conselho de Administração; ao centro e à direita, Coral Cênico Cidadãos Cantantes e nossa equipe. Photos: Airan Albino - Brazil Fund Collection





BRAZIL OF RIGHTS PLATFORM

The Brazil of Rights platform is a communication project aimed at strategically amplifying the voices of organized civil society in the public debate on Brazilian democracy, and strengthening the communication capabilities of groups supported by the Brazil Fund.

Using communication, journalism, and digital influence techniques, Brazil of Rights seeks to inform and educate Brazilian society by highlighting the work and worldviews of human rights activists on some key issues affecting our country.

This multiple platform includes a website (brasildedireitos.org.br) as its main feature, and social media channels as complementary spaces for disseminating and experimenting with different formats and approaches. It is a collaborative tool that relies on the active engagement of rights defense groups and activists to set the agendas, produce content, hold interviews, record testimonials, and create videos and other products.

In 2023, the platform's fourth year of operation, Brazil of Rights expanded its reach even further: website access grew by 87 percent compared to the previous year, and engagement with civil society organizations grew by 35 percent.

The platform holds monthly activist meetings with our communications team to discuss issues and approaches, and suggest stories to be published on their website and social media. Supported groups can also rely on *ad hoc* individual meetings for assistance in creating their content.



"Is democracy in crisis?"

In December, Brazil of Rights published the third season of the video series **Glad You Asked**, which aims to explain the meaning of human rights terminology and concepts that are on the rise in the public domain. From the perspective of organized civil society, the 2023 videos aim to answer a range of different questions, such as: "Is democracy in crisis?", "Why is it important to demarcate Indigenous lands?", "What is obstetric violence?", and "Why are there so many people imprisoned in Brazil?"

[Click here](#) to see the full playlist of the series.

In 2023, the Brazil of Rights platform also served as source of information for other media outlets. It was republished on the website of the Prerogatives Group, and cited on the Headline and Geledes portals, among others.



"Why is it important to demarcate indigenous lands?"



"What is obstetric violence?"



"Why are so many people imprisoned in Brazil?"



WRITTEN MEDIA

The Brazil Fund’s calls and campaigns, as well as articles written by our directors and by the leaders of supported groups, were published in more than 880 news outlets in all Brazilian states, including some of great national presence. Valor Econômico, Agência Brasil, and Rádio CBN Recife published information about the Brazil Fund’s partnership with CONAQ and the launch of the call for proposals on **Strengthening Quilombola Agricultural Knowledge and Practices**; Época Negócios and Correio da Bahia highlighted the launch of the call for proposals on **Traditional Communities Fighting for Climate Justice**, by Raízes; Nexo Jornal published an exclusive piece on dignity at work through apps; O Dia, Istoé Dinheiro and Folha de Pernambuco announced the launch of the call for proposals on **Strengthening Informal Workers’ Fight for Their Rights**, by Labora; and Guia da Folha de S. Paulo announced the launch of the call for proposals on **Voices for Rights and Justice**. In addition to these, the Brazil Fund also featured in many other relevant publications.

Furthermore, over 450 community, educational, and commercial radio stations from around 420 municipalities across the country also released information about the Brazil Fund’s calls for proposals.

We have also maintained our partnership with TV dos Trabalhadores. During the year, we made 15 appearances on the *Bom Para Todos* program, which features conversations about current affairs and human rights, during which 20 activists were interviewed about their work and their organizations. We spoke about the climate crisis, droughts in the Amazon, Black Consciousness Month, arrests of LGBTQIA+ people, high-lethal police operations in the country’s peripheries and favelas, racial profiling, and environmental racism, among other topics. On YouTube,

ESG

Índice de Transparência da Moda Brasil tem 60 varejistas; média geral cresce, mas avanço é lento

C&A, Mubano, Cultif, Renner, Youcom e Huesarias estão entre as marcas que melhor pontuaram no Índice de Transparência da Moda 2023, classificadas a partir de dados divulgados publicamente sobre suas políticas, práticas e impactos: veja ranking completo

2023 é marcado pelos desafios do clima, as negociações na COP28 para a diminuição das emissões de CO2, e a expressão "mudanças climáticas" entre as mais importantes do ano. Neste cenário, o setor da moda, o segundo mais poluente do mundo, é fundamental para uma mudança que considere a sustentabilidade. Assim, o Instituto Fashion Revolution Brasil mantém o compromisso de trabalhar para promover transformações e elencar no Índice de Transparência da Moda Brasil (ITMB) no qual as marcas do setor são apontadas ao acentuar ou mitigar os desafios socioambientais.

Neste ano, 60 das principais marcas e varejistas do mercado brasileiro foram analisadas e classificadas a partir de dados divulgados publicamente sobre suas políticas, práticas e impactos. O ITMB foi elaborado pelo Fashion Revolution CIC e Instituto Fashion Revolution Brasil e contou com o apoio financeiro do Labora – Fundo de Apoio ao Trabalho Digno, do Fundo Brasil de Direitos Humanos e parceiros financiadores.

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- Logística reversa de materiais de tecnologia e o foco na TI Verde
- 86% dos brasileiros se preocupam com o ESG no trabalho
- Bruno Serapião: COP 30, biocombustíveis e a importância do Brasil para a transição energética global

A fim de abranger diferentes tópicos referentes à atuação das marcas, o ITMB conta com mais de 250 indicadores diferentes, em temas como direitos humanos e da natureza, igualdade de gênero e racial e descarbonização. Os indicadores estão distribuídos em cinco seções: políticas e compromissos; governança; rastreabilidade; conhecer, comunicar e resolver e tópicos em destaque.

Notícias

Fundo Brasil apoia projetos para comunidades tradicionais

agência Brasil

25/11/2023 19h47

O **Fundo Brasil de Direitos Humanos**, organização independente e sem fins lucrativos fundada em 2006, lançou nesta semana um edital para apoiar projetos desenvolvidos por grupos, coletivos e entidades que atuam na defesa dos direitos socioambientais de comunidades tradicionais. Ao menos 20 propostas serão contempladas com um valor de até R\$ 50 mil.

De acordo com a organização, o edital foi elaborado levando em conta que o apoio à resiliência de comunidades tradicionais é central na luta por justiça climática. Entre as propostas selecionadas, ao menos 10 deverão ser voltadas para a Amazônia e para o Cerrado, biomas considerados fundamentais para a retenção de carbono e consequentemente para o combate ao aquecimento global.

Notícias relacionadas:

- Dados são a base para políticas em direitos humanos, avaliam ministros.

Shows

Sesc Bom Retiro recebe apresentação de coral gratuita e feira de expositores

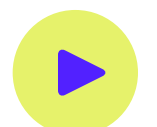
Evento celebra o Dia Internacional dos Direitos Humanos

12/12/2023 7h00

Neste domingo (10), o Sesc Bom Retiro, no centro de São Paulo, recebe o evento **Diálogos Musicais em Direitos Humanos**. A programação conta com a presença do Coral Cênico dos Cidadãos Cantantes, grupo que traz a música como ferramenta de transformação social.

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Mobilizing Support

We see our fund-raising work with individuals as a way of mobilizing support that is not just financial. Our donors also act as ambassadors for our work. We consider donations as a public certificate of trust, and that is also why they are so important for our work. In 2023, we had a 159 percent increase in donations from individuals.

DIGITAL CAMPAIGNS

In a year so strongly marked by the consequences of the climate emergency, Indigenous peoples were at the center of our public awareness campaigns on social media. In order to fight against the approval of the time frame thesis, one of the main agendas affecting Indigenous peoples in 2023, we launched a campaign named **Indigenous Peoples Are Asking for Help**. At the end of the year, with the unprecedented worsening of the drought in the Amazon, we launched a campaign named SOS Drought in the Amazon to highlight the urgent need for donations to mitigate the effects of water scarcity, which has brought food shortages and various negative impacts on people's ways of life in the region.

We also addressed the urgency of fighting violence against women with our campaign **It Must End!** This campaign counted on the valuable collaboration of women-led businesses, including restaurants and bars in the city of São Paulo that donated part of their revenue from meals and drinks to the Brazil Fund. This engagement is also very relevant due to the fact that these establishments act as promoters of our work.

Under the **Donating Day** campaign, we talked about the importance of a strong donation culture. And we closed the year with the **We Have Rights** campaign to remind everyone that human rights are for all, and that every single one of us can support and engage in this cause through their donations.

Considering all social networks together, more than 1 million people saw our campaigns. As a result, we saw a 176 percent increase in individual donations through this channel alone.



DIRECT MAIL

The Brazil Fund also raises funds through direct mail. Direct mail refers to physical letters sent to a large list of contacts with an invitation to donate. Our letters tell good stories about projects supported by us that made a difference in their regions, transforming the lives of local communities for the better. In this way, direct mail also serves to tell people about the importance of the work done by organized civil society in building a better country.

In 2023, we sent 10 direct mail letters to around 164,000 people. The topics included fighting racism, promoting diversity, and defending the rights of women and Indigenous peoples. Our direct mail initiatives were responsible for 51 percent of all new donations received from individuals in 2023.



INDIVIDUAL DONORS

The 2023 Brazil Fund Donors Meeting invited people to share their personal reasons for donating to causes they believe in. "Every human being needs to have a dignified life. Defending human rights means showing empathy for the suffering of others and advocating dignity for all," said a donor.

The meeting is a way to honor and thank people who believe in and support the Brazil Fund's work in promoting human rights in the country.



EVENTS

In 2023, our Voluntary Sustainability Committee supported events such as a solidarity dinner and a creative economy market, with proceeds donated to support the work carried out by the Brazil Fund. The committee was created in 2022 and has the role of mobilizing networks of contacts so that more people may join us in the defense of human rights.

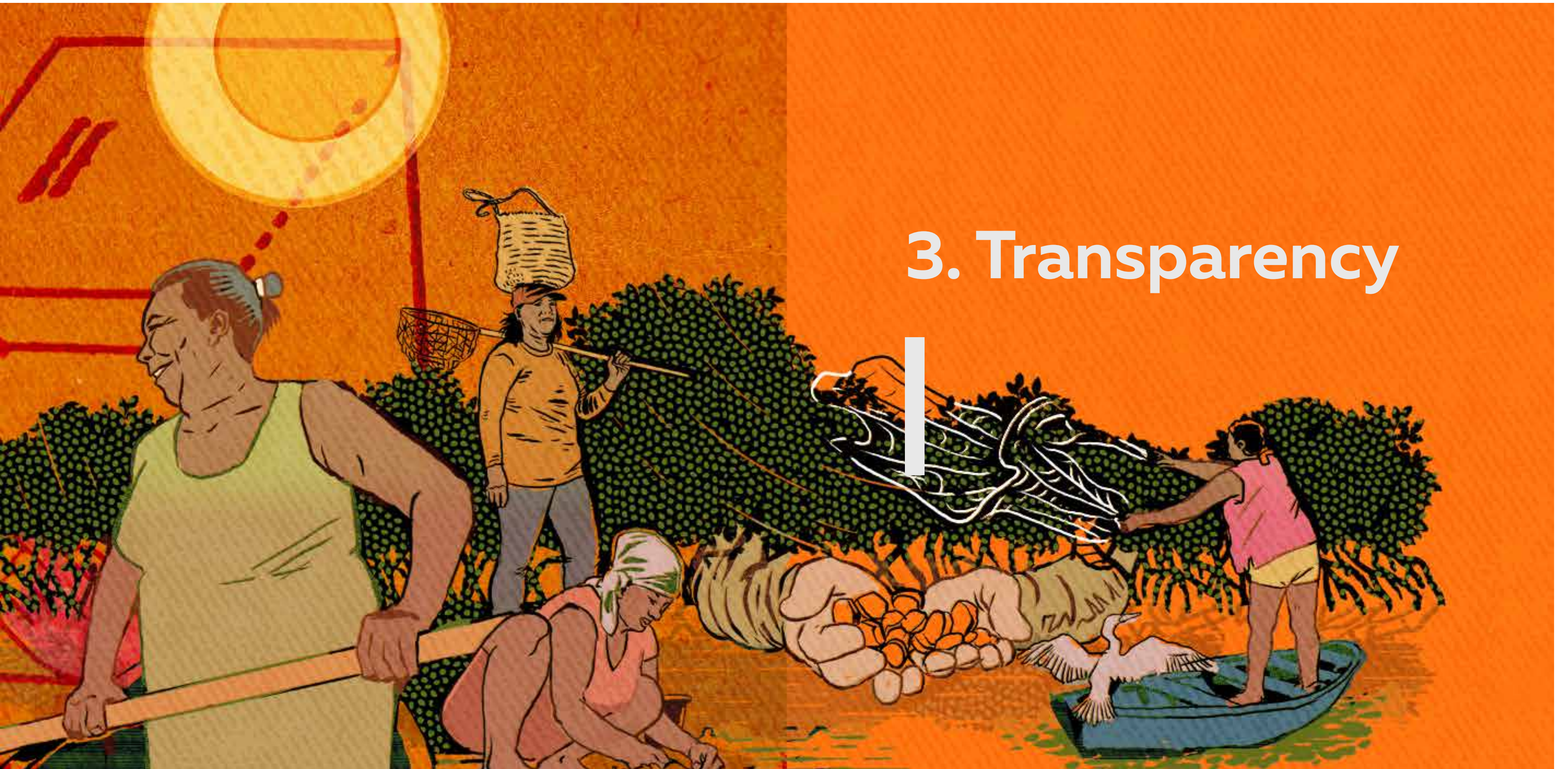
We also held a solidarity dinner in celebration of Women's Day and participated in Good Deeds Day, a solidarity initiatives fair held in May last year in the city of São Paulo.



NOTA FISCAL PAULISTA PROGRAM

The Nota Fiscal Paulista donation program is an option for those interested in supporting social causes, but cannot or do not want to incur extra expenses. Through this program, people may convert into donations some or all of the credits obtained from the government when requesting a fiscal invoice from a local establishment. In practice, it is a way of transforming cents that would be returned to the individual into a much more significant amount of funds to benefit the causes in which people believe.

In 2023, 35 volunteers donated their time and efforts to help the Brazil Fund enter more donor CPFs into the digitized state system. With their help, we increased the number of registrations by 42 percent, redirecting significant funds to the fight for human rights. Anyone who lives in the state of São Paulo, identifies with human rights causes and is over 18 years old may participate in this initiative, which is carried out entirely remotely.



3. Transparency





Growth with Efficient Resource Management

Last year, the Brazil Fund grew by 29 percent, as previously mentioned in this report. Such achievement would not have been possible without careful and very efficient management of our resources. What we can say is that, to account for the substantial increase in grantmaking work over the past few years, we have adapted our infrastructure in a responsible and sustainable way, improving capabilities and processes, in a continuous effort toward institutional development.

With regard to the funds raised from national and international foundations, institutes, and cooperation agencies, our team has the required technical qualifications to respond to funders, public inspection bodies, and auditors. In 2023, we underwent three audits, conducted by three different companies, in addition to a due diligence process. We were approved in all of them.

Regarding the grants we provide to the organizations supported by us, whether small, medium, or large, the methodology we use for engaging with them is very important. We show sensitivity and respect to their different realities, while encouraging responsibility in their management and use of resources.

Our project monitoring work aims to assist each group in improving their internal management structures and administrative and financial processes, in order to directly contribute to their institutional development and to the strengthening of civil society in a systemic structuring way.

The Brazil Fund is regularly monitored by the Foundations Curatorship of the São Paulo State Prosecutor's Office. We have been recognized by the São Paulo State Secretariat for Justice and Civic Rights as an entity that promotes human rights, and we are also registered with the Municipal Social Assistance Council (COMAS). We have been declared exempt from paying Brazil's inheritance and donation tax (*Imposto sobre Transmissão Causa Mortis e Doação*—ITCMD); and have been granted a Certification of Social Assistance Benevolent Entities (CEBAS).

These tax and fiscal exemptions and immunities result in reduced operating costs, and consequently more funds to invest in the fight for rights.

The Brazil Fund is a safe option for social investors and individuals who want to see their funds allocated to the causes and places where they may make the most difference. Our care and transparency in this work are demonstrated in this chapter.

Gislene Aniceto
General manager





Audit and financial statements

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS ON 31st DECEMBER 2023 AND 31st DECEMBER 2022 (BRL)

ASSETS	2023	2022
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	39.319.355	29.511.251
Funds linked to projects	61.090.306	35.750.210
Receivable funds	24.125.174	86.750.473
Other credit	228.368	229.445
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	124.763.203	152.241.379
NON-CURRENT ASSETS		
Financial Applications	33.817.426	31.155.884
Receivable Funds	3.746.120	19.197.514
Fixed Assets	2.861.064	2.840.529
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS	40.424.609	53.193.926
TOTAL ASSETS	165.187.812	205.435.306

LIABILITIES	2023	2022
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Wages and Social Security Contributions	914.570	1.204.443
Fiscal/Contributions	19.869	19.958
Goods/Services Suppliers	55.027	164.163
Contingency Allowance	-	240.000
	989.465	1.628.564
PROJECTS/PROGRAMME IN PROGRESS		
Funds for Project in Progress	31.209.165	35.025.928
Funds for Programme in Progress	-	48.869.267
Labora Fund in Progress	54.006.315	38.605.487
	85.215.481	122.500.683
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	86.204.946	124.129.247
NON-CURRENT LIABILITY		
Labora Fund in progress	3.746.120	19.197.514
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES	3.746.120	19.197.514
NET EQUITY		
Social equity	10.000	10.000
Endowment Fund - Grant	16.076.500	16.076.500
Accumulated Surplus	59.150.246	46.022.045
Total Net Equity	75.236.746	62.108.545
TOTAL LIABILITIES	165.187.812	205.435.306

Statement of financial performance	2023	2022
OPERATING REVENUES	42.342.073	57.580.056
OPERATING EXPENSES	(38.041.464)	(29.790.186)
Project Expenses	(18.197.816)	(17.585.003)
Rio Doce Programme Expenses	(5.396.862)	(7.389.762)
Project expenses Labora	(8.704.284)	(437.684)
Project Expenses (unrestricted funds)	(4.263.546)	(3.136.997)
General and Administrative Expenses	(1.478.955)	(1.240.740)
Surplus (Deficit) for Social Operations	4.300.609	27.789.870
NET FINANCIAL RESULT	8.827.592	7.046.926
Financial Revenues	8.834.361	7.055.572
(-) Financial Expenses	(6.769)	(8.646)
SURPLUS FOR THE PERIOD	13.128.202	34.836.796

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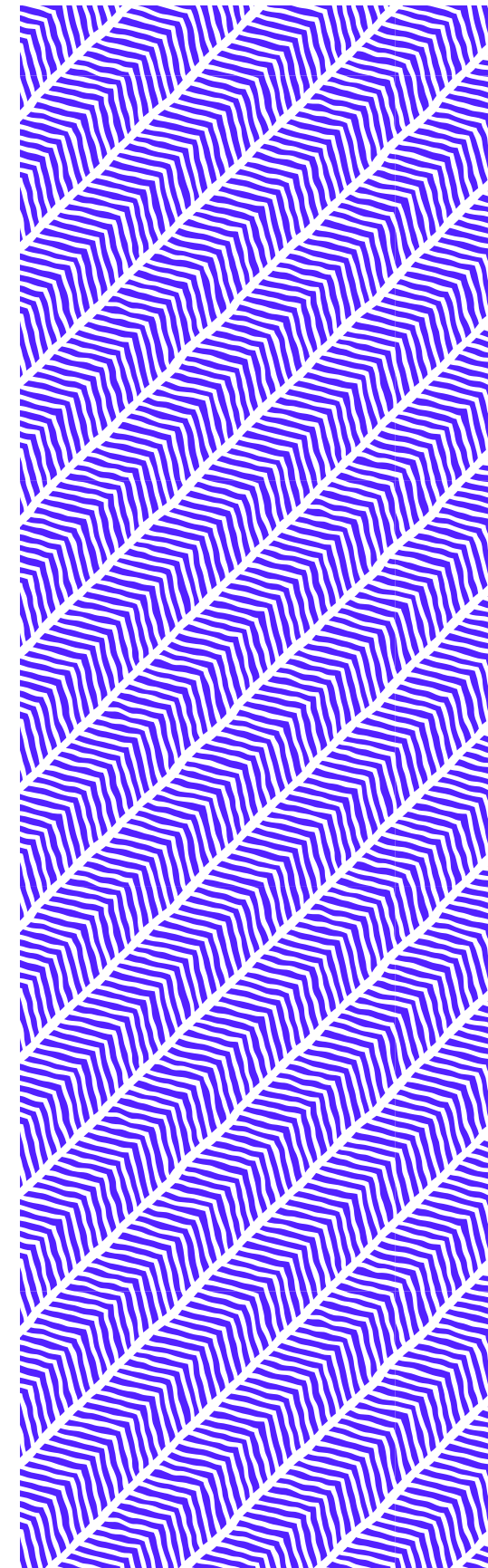
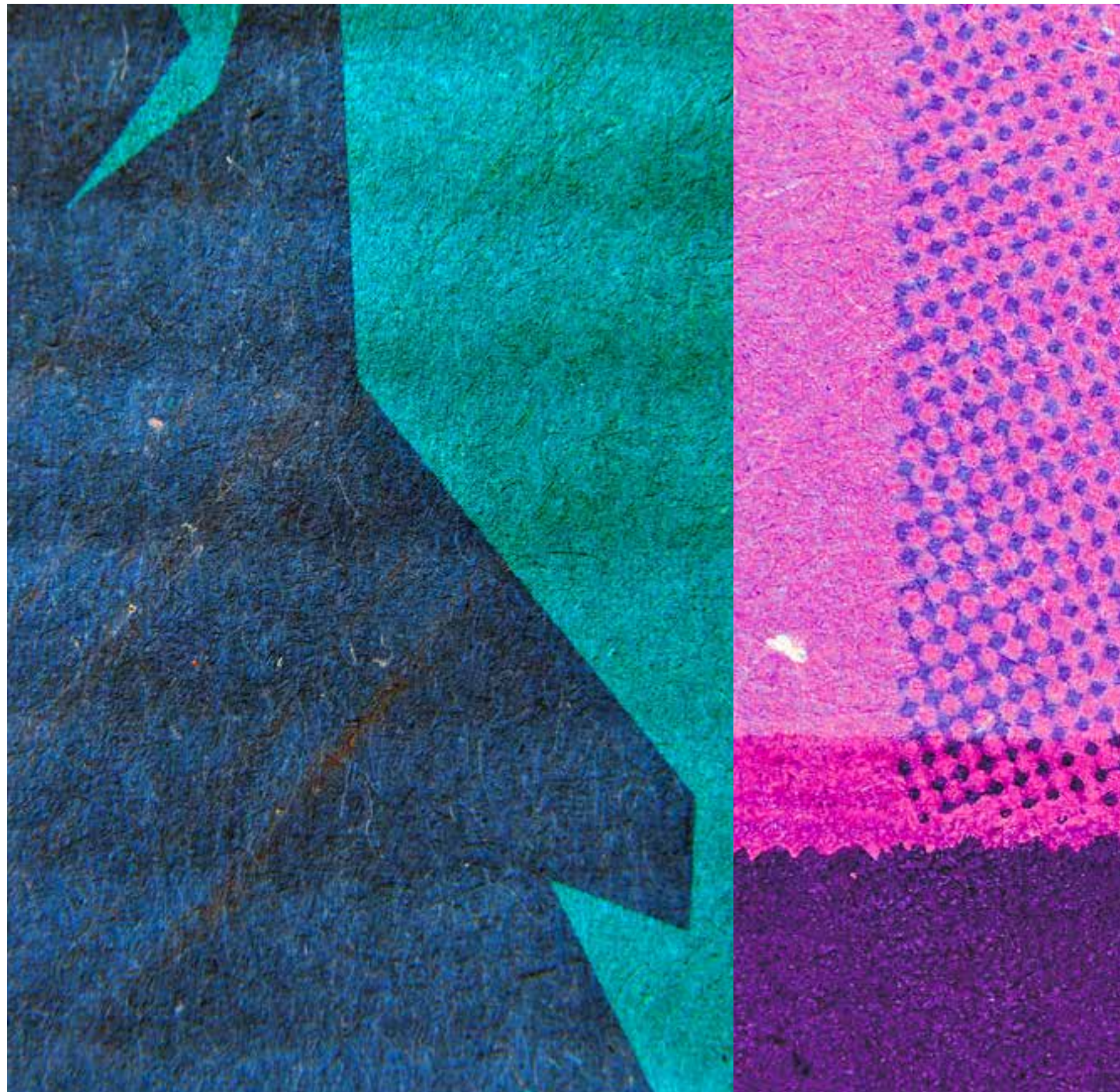
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The Brazil Fund pays tribute to **Paulo Marubo**, one of the greatest Indigenous leaders in the Amazon, member of the Javari Valley Indigenous Peoples Union (UNIVAJA), who died in February 2024 of chronic hepatitis. This is a highly prevalent disease among the region's Indigenous people, as a direct consequence of illegal land invasions and inefficient Indigenous healthcare.

In September 2022, Paulo Marubo attended the Brazil Fund Project Meeting representing UNIVAJA, and delivered a statement for our Human Rights Defenders series where he highlights the fundamental importance of partners supporting the Indigenous movement for the continuity of their fight for rights.

May Paulo Marubo's legacy continue to inspire our fight for a country with human rights for Indigenous peoples, and for all people.