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# INTRODUCTION

## A year facing challenges and finding solutions

It goes without saying that 2020 was a unique year in our recent history. It was a very painful year in which social inequalities have become even more evident. The world witnessed in fright the effects of the pandemic and despite the fact that we live in the 21<sup>st</sup> century, we were unable to minimize its impact. More vulnerable communities once again were the most affected. However, the year 2020 was also unique in terms of overcoming challenges. The occasion demanded the best from all of us, that our differences should be set aside, and united faced a common threat.

**We felt some hope seeing society acting with compassion and solidarity.**

The world of philanthropy acted at national and international levels. It mobilized to make sure resources would quickly arrive at grassroots level in order to save lives. Again, hope brought us some relief.

The Casa Socio-Environmental Fund – a fund that emerged from the socio-environmental movement and is very attached to its origins – was an important instrument to fund grassroots groups and movements in 2020. More than ever, we were able to confirm that our proposal of horizontal philanthropy with a strong connection to the grassroots (a huge and ever growing network of trusting relations), as well as our continuous history of 15 years of grantmaking, made all the difference.

We donated **R\$ 15,683,108.00** to 535 projects of grassroots communities. This support ranged from emergency aid to fight against the Covid-19 pandemic to support for sanitation infrastructure, access to water, agroecology, renewable energy, equipment to increase community income generation, among others. All this



connected to our human rights approach. This was only possible because of this huge **network** of trusting relations, which includes national and international funders, strategic organizations, grassroots groups and local leaders – our eyes and ears in the territories.

We know there is still a lot to be done to overcome the pandemic and minimize its impacts. We still have other very clear challenges, such as the climate change that could have even more devastating impacts than the pandemic; the forest fires that increasingly affect territories; and extreme climate events that are more intense every year, among others.

In this context of increasing challenges, women have always been the most vulnerable and, at the same time, have been leaders of community solutions. Our statistical data shows this very clearly.

According to the UN Human Rights Committee, environmental degradation is one of the “most pressing and serious threats to the ability of present and future generations to enjoy the right to life.” And to protect the right to life, depends on measures to protect the environment, including the right to life of all beings with whom we share the planet.

In 2020, we had many evidences that participatory and collective actions not only produce the best results, but also fulfill the principal premises for protecting human rights. Thus, we are confronting the Covid-19 pandemic and several other challenges that last year posed to us. It is our role to strengthen the resilience and participation of community-based groups in this process.

Hence, we drive forward in our mission, together with our partners and funders (valued collaborators who enable us to provide decent conditions to thousands of people), with our team whose dedication to everyday work goes much beyond mere professionalism and tasks that are also challenging in emotional terms, and with our Governance Board that shapes in brilliant, positive, and generous way an inclusive governance, reinforcing our institutional values and demonstrating actual



partnership, as well as total trust in the dedication and skills of the Casa Fund's team to execute our mission.

Our gratitude to all of you who accompanied us in 2020!

**Cristina Orpheo and Maria Amália Souza - Directors**

# 1. ESTABLISHING AND STRENGTHENING NETWORKS

## 1.1 Local Funds, Philanthropy for Social Justice and Community Philanthropy

The Casa Fund is a local fund, which emerged from the socio-environmental movement and thus including all knowledge from the environmental camp both in terms of challenges and proposed solutions. In this area of work, we see ourselves as bridges, enabling access to philanthropic resources for groups that are invisible to conventional philanthropy, while helping large funders to reach those important groups and communities that work as keepers of key biomes and territories responsible for protecting, regenerating, and caring for planetary biodiversity.

However, since our inception we have realized there was a term to describe institutions that raise funds for grantmaking – this is also part of our mission – but is far from of describing us as a whole. This term is “intermediary”.



**Intermediary** – located in the middle or being between two. Intermediary level: between excellent and poor; between the vendor and the client.

Whoever interferes. - [Dicio](#)

Because of this meaning, we reject the word “intermediary.” We are much more than this, what we do is to connect two sides as a bridge. However, it is not any bridge, but one based on solid structures:

### **Knowledge | Trust | Innovation | Listening**

We believe in uniting and sharing. When we unite the two sides we respect each space, and we connect those excluded to a world of great power and prestige, so far inaccessible to that layer of society. We get those two worlds closer with great respect for both, breaking paradigms, and opening new spaces for the voices of those who so far had not been listened in all their potential. We added knowledge and special relations to the camp of philanthropy. Any philanthropic system should recognize this aspect.

The year 2020 demonstrated that having money is not enough. It needs to reach the neediest and this is quite a challenge, especially in a situation of crisis and chaos. Our structure has shown that the quickest way to get these resources to those populations is through **local funds**.

In the last years, the Casa Fund has been part of a movement of local funds geared to philanthropy for social justice, in different areas of social justice. The Casa Fund also leads a movement in the Global South to create local socio-environmental funds. For this, we share not only our experience, but also our premises and the results achieved throughout the years. Our objective is to inspire philanthropy as a whole, showing that local funds can be valuable partners for all who believe in a more just and equitable world. This proves that grants in local currency are the most inclusive, reaching where no other structure manages to reach.



In 2020, initiatives motivated by the Casa Fund made important progress and four new funds began to provide grants to community groups:

- **Fondo Socioambiental del Peru - Peru**
- **Fundación Socioambiental Semilla - Bolivia**
- **Emerger Fondo Socioambiental - Colombia**
- **Tindzila Fund - Mozambique**

Other two funds are in the stage of being structured:

- **Fondo Ñeque - Ecuador**
- **Fondo Socioambiental - Argentina**

In addition, the Casa Fund has taken the knowledge acquired throughout years to several funders' networks, participating in dozens of dialogical spaces that have enabled fruitful debates. The Casa Fund has also been an important and active actor in national and international philanthropic networks; in turn, these networks have been relevant spaces for exchanging, listening, and helping in putting forward common strategies, being an inspiration for the camp of philanthropy as a whole:



**Network of Philanthropy for Social Justice** - This network pulls together community funds and foundations with the purpose of promoting and diversifying a philanthropic culture in Brazil that will ensure and expand resources for social justice. Until 2020, we were part of its Managing Committee and actively participated in different actions, especially in the discussion on community philanthropy.





**Human Rights Funders Network** - This network unites 1,600 organizations in 60 countries. The Casa Fund has worked on the Managing Committee of this network since 2017, collaborating with its strategic vision and encouraging the recognition of Global South funds as strategic players to ensure the human rights philanthropy.

**Edge Funders Alliance** - In April 2019, the Casa Fund played a key role in bringing to Brazil the Annual Edge Funders Alliance Conference and co-chaired the event. This group of international foundations supports innovative projects across the world.



**Alianza Fondos Del Sur** - This is the newest network created with recently established local funds and long-standing partners. It will strengthen the area of socio-environmental rights globally, building joint strategies to mobilize resources for community groups, fostering human rights and rights of nature.

We believe that together we can do much more to advance toward a more inclusive and sustainable society, as well as foster philanthropy for social justice.



## 1.2 Webinars, Circles of Dialogues

Em 2020 participamos de 12 webinários internacionais:

In 2020, we participated in 12 international webinars:

- April 3 – The Casa Fund is a member of the Amazonia Emergency Fund Solidarity Founding Circle, collaborating with partners such as Amazon Watch, Rainforest Fund, COICA and many other actors and supporters of the Amazon Forest Peoples, sharing procedures and management documents that were fundamental to operate the new fund, which already raised about US\$ 2.5 million.
- April 30 – Webinar: Inclusive Philanthropy for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century – The inclusion of all social groups demands new models of grantmaking. In this workshop of skills and inputs, Thousand Currents, Both ENDS and Casa Fund shared approaches and models from their own practices to stimulate the discussion on how international grantmaking could become more inclusive, flexible, and with more impact within a structure of social justice and human rights.
- August 25 – Webinar: Decolonizing Aid (part 2)– An intimate conversation with women activists in the Global South – Intersectional Feminist Foreign Policy (IFFP) and AdesoAfrica hosted the second of a series of three webinars.
- September 3 – Participation in video for the Global Fund for Community Foundations, prepared by Fundación Colonia, mapping out the role of women fighting against the Covid-19 pandemic and how the Casa Fund has supported them.
- September 22 –Global Greengrants Fund Instagram Live – a conversation about the socio-environmental scenario.



- September 23 – Maria Amália was panelist of the webinar “Financiamiento para acciones urgentes en atención a pueblos indígenas frente al COVID-19”.
- September 24 – Webinar Financing the Future – Lush, United Kingdom. Panel: Atossa Soltani (Amazon Watch), Samantha Roddick (The Roddick Fund), Martin Sommerschuh (UNDP), Maria Amalia Souza (Casa Fund).
- October 1 – Conversation with Maria Amália Souza – Paiaia na Conectados – on the socio-environmental scenario with the Brazilian journalist Carlos Silvio – Instagram Live.
- October 5 – Presentation on the “Amazon Rainforest Weekly Call by Jonah Wittkamper,” this live is part of the project Global Governance Philanthropy Network.
- October 15 – Series of webinars “How to advance the protection of environmental defenders: support to international players.” These webinars resulted from a partnership involving the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), Embassy of France in Brazil, Casa Fund, UNEP, UN Women, European Union, and WWF- Brazil. Amália was the speaker at the fifth webinar of this series: How to promote better protection to environmental defenders: support from international actors in South America.
- October 28 – Panel presenting the Global Landscape Forum - <https://events.globalsceneryforum.org/agenda/biodiversity-2020/28-october-2020/harnessing-the-power-of-nature-financing-diversity/> – This forum called upon 5,000 people in 148 countries and reached 35 million on social media, cultivating a global dialogue on One Health and sustainable landscapes.

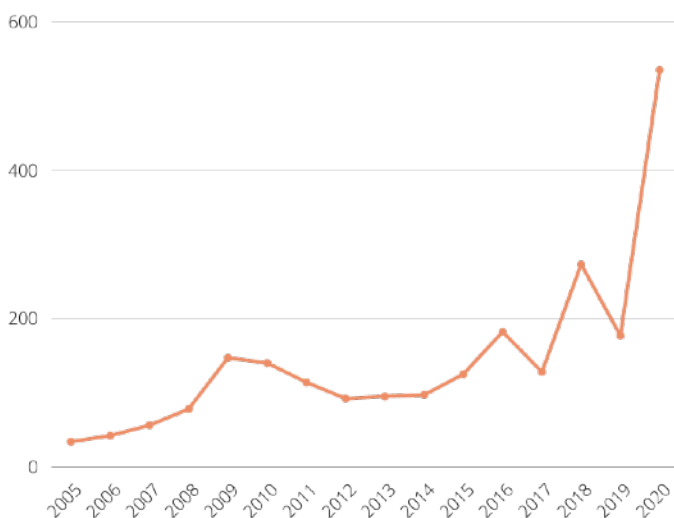


## 2. OUR NUMBERS IN 2020 - HOW MUCH WE DONATED AND TO WHOM

**The Casa Fund is a donor.** Recently, we published our [Institutional Evaluation \(Our history in numbers\)](#) demonstrating that around 70% of our budget is donated and other 10% goes to capacity building programs. Thus, 80% is directly applied in fulfilling our mission as grantmakers. We already donated to 2,315 projects, totaling over R\$ 44 million in grants.

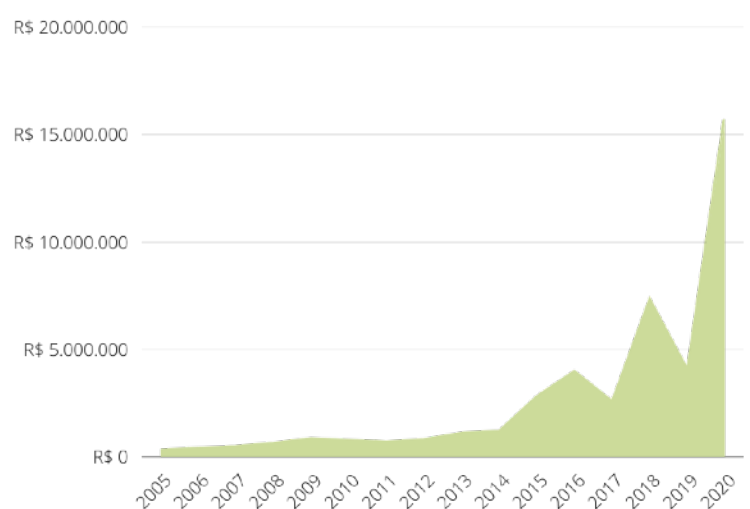
### Evolution of support

Amount of support from 2005 to 2020



### Evolution of support

In R\$ from 2005 to 2020



More than **US\$ 12 million** donated between **2005 and 2020**

**535 projects** supported in 2020



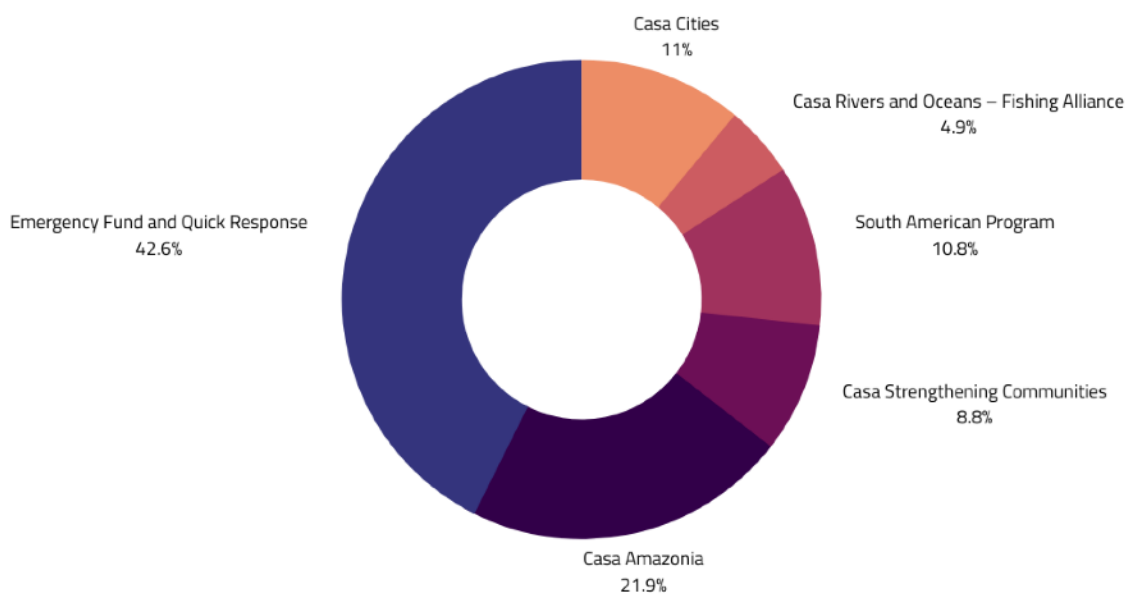
Year	Projects	Amount R\$	Amount US\$
2005	34	R\$ 338.611,00	US\$ 135.444,00
2006	42	R\$ 433.379,00	US\$ 201.572,00
2007	56	R\$ 515.558,00	US\$ 276.179,00
2008	78	R\$ 669.530,00	US\$ 402.750,18
2009	147	R\$ 881.794,00	US\$ 475.996,00
2010	140	R\$ 803.053,00	US\$ 462.957,40
2011	114	R\$ 723.564,00	US\$ 443.192,72
2012	92	R\$ 834.976,00	US\$ 466.806,66
2013	95	R\$ 1.132.275,00	US\$ 560.627,26
2014	97	R\$ 1.223.966,08	US\$ 533.913,91
2015	125	R\$ 2.836.133,12	US\$ 848.706,98
2016	182	R\$ 4.015.818,00	US\$ 1.047.439,00
2017	128	R\$ 2.613.543,00	US\$ 818.458,00
2018	273	R\$ 7.381.629,00	US\$ 2.024.229,00
2019	177	R\$ 4.098.845,72	US\$ 1.068.125,03
2020	535	R\$ 15.683.108,00	US\$ 2.879.115,53
<b>Total</b>	<b>2315</b>	<b>R\$ 44.185.782,92</b>	<b>US\$ 12.645.512,67</b>



## 2.1 Grants by programs in 2020

**535** supported projects in **6** programs

Over **US\$ 3 million** was donated



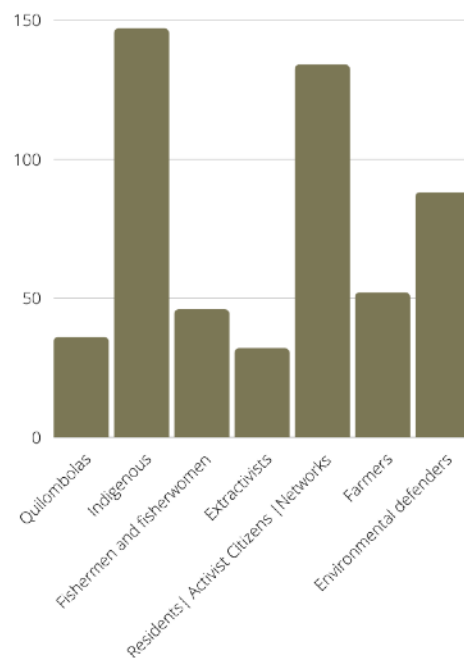
Casa Fund Program	Supported projects	Amount R\$	Amount U\$
Emergency Fund & Quick Response	228	R\$ 3.763.421,07	US\$ 736.936,25
Casa Amazonia	117	R\$ 5.060.307,77	US\$ 1.206.547,76
Casa Cities	59	R\$ 1.911.302,25	US\$ 450.154,91
South American Program	58	R\$ 624.253,74	US\$ 278.478,51
Casa Strengthening Communities	47	R\$ 3.225.852,94	US\$ 565.309,49
Casa Rios e Oceanos (Aliança da Pesca)	26	R\$ 1.097.971,00	US\$ 219.537,90
<b>Total</b>	<b>535</b>	<b>R\$ 15.683.108,77</b>	<b>US\$ 3.456.964,82</b>



## 2.2 To whom we donated in 2020

**16%** of the grants were **for individuals**

**25%** of **not legally registered organizations**



Organization Category	Supported Projects	Amount R\$	%
Indigenous	147	R\$ 5.343.312,29	34%
Residents, Activists, Citizens And Networks	134	R\$ 4.202.515,39	27%
Fishermen and fisherwomen	46	R\$ 1.803.337,03	11%
Environmental defenders	88	R\$ 1.279.370,44	8%
Farmers	52	R\$ 1.318.942,34	8%
Extractivistis	32	R\$ 909.933,99	6%
Quilombolas	36	R\$ 825.697,29	5%
<b>Total</b>	<b>535</b>	<b>R\$ 15.683.108,77</b>	<b>100%</b>

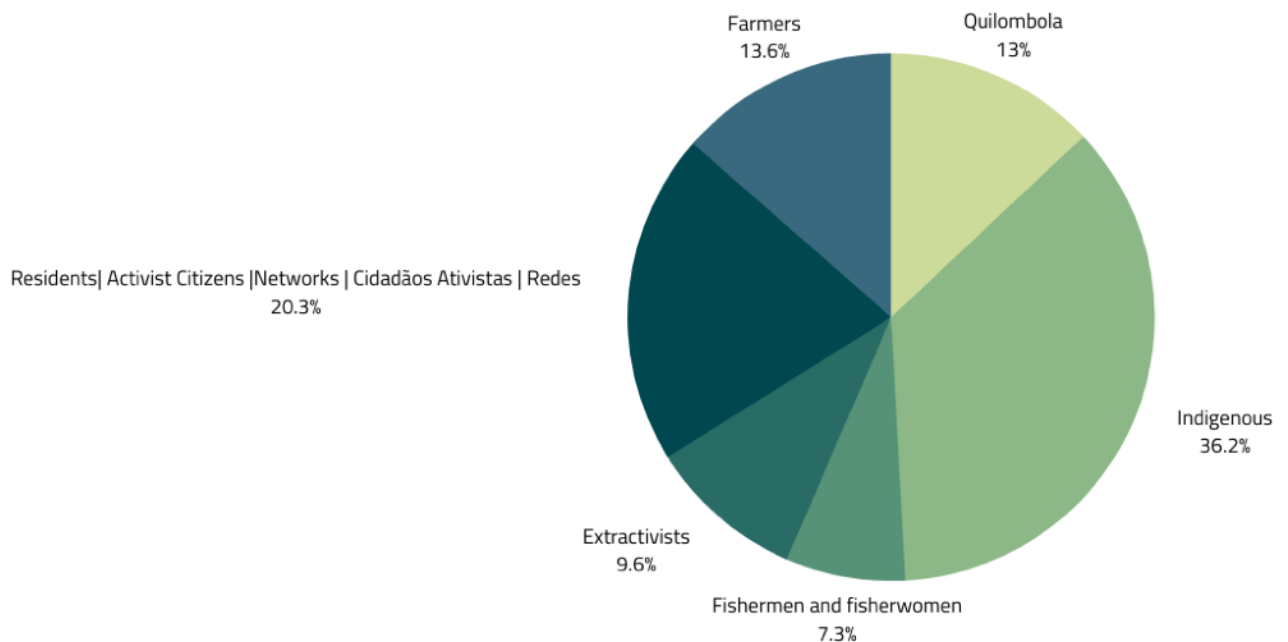


Grant total donated	Projects	Amount R\$	Amount U\$	%
Grants to entities	447	R\$ 14.403.738,33	US\$ 3.201.090,73	84%
Grants to individuals	88	R\$ 1.279.370,44	US\$ 255.874,09	16%
<b>Total Grants 2020</b>	<b>535</b>	<b>R\$ 15.683.108,77</b>	<b>US\$ 3.456.964,82</b>	<b>100%</b>

## 2.3 Grants to fit COVID-19

**177** projects were supported

Total **US\$ 712.426,32**







	Projects	Amount R\$	Amount U\$	%
Indigenous	64	R\$ 1.544.238,75	US\$ 324.436,13	36%
Residents   Activist Citizens   Networks	36	R\$ 487.043,40	US\$ 117.069,33	20%
Farmers	24	R\$ 494.719,34	US\$ 95.946,37	14%
Quilombolas	23	R\$ 428.377,33	US\$ 77.673,53	13%
Extractivists	17	R\$ 273.546,99	US\$ 54.029,28	10%
Fishermen/fisherwomen	13	R\$ 227.361,99	US\$ 43.271,68	7%
<b>Total</b>	<b>177</b>	<b>R\$ 3.455.287,80</b>	<b>US\$ 712.426,32</b>	<b>100%</b>

## 3. PROGRAMS

### 3.1 Casa Cities



The Casa Cities Program is focused on supporting projects that improve life in cities and strengthen urban groups to confront inequalities produced by cities, as well as warn against pressures on natural resources. We support projects that give voice and protagonism to local groups to build a city that respects and recognizes the potency of diversity to transform them into living spaces more just, equitable, and fulfilling. Another important aspect we seek to foster is the link city-countryside or



cities-forests and thus stimulating ways of making this relation more harmonious and empathetic.

**The Program has the following objectives:**

**Strengthen urban groups and organizations working in the following areas:** urban rights, right to the city, urban mobility, construction of spaces for a culture of peace, food security, participation and social control, among others.

**Strengthen networks and linkages** in urban territories of different cities in the country working with distinct themes, fostering networking.

**Actions implemented in 2020:**

The Casa Cities was very active in two territories:

- **Casa Cities Amazonia** – Focused on supporting projects that create and strengthen the capacity of groups to debate climate change and its impacts.
- **Casa Cities Northeast** – Focused on projects promoting socio-environmental justice and making the countryside-city connection.

In addition, the Casa Cities National finalized its activities with the following actions:

- Preparation of a broad evaluation of the Program and its indicators.
- Organization of the National Online Meeting with 150 supported groups to present the final results of the Casa Cities National.



## 3.2 Casa Rivers and Oceans



The Casa Rivers and Oceans Program has the objective of strengthening local organizations and strategic organizations representing artisanal fishermen and fisherwomen, recognized as the most important political actors for the conservation of marine, coastal, and river natural resources, and consolidation of a local cultures based on socio-ecological balance.

### **The program has the following objectives:**

- Based on demands and opportunities offered by the work of entities and organizations in the territories, promote the institutional strengthening of groups and organizations of the artisanal fishing sector, getting them ready for strategic, concerted, and effective action in the medium and long term.
- Strengthen networking among artisanal fishing groups, enabling the construction of spaces for exchanges, learning and co-creation in the following areas: communication, political and legal advocacy, and studies linking traditional knowledge and scientific/academic knowledge.

### **Actions developed in 2020:**

- Support to emergency actions in response to an oil spill, including damage reparation actions and improving living conditions of those affected families, investigation, communication, networking and advocacy work with public authorities.



- Support for institutional strengthening of strategic organizations of the artisanal fishing sector in the Northeastern Region.
- The Program created a networking space among many artisanal fishing grassroots organizations through monthly meetings.
- Support to develop a platform with the objective of reinforcing the organizations of the artisanal fishing chain, strengthening their agenda and networking the movement.
- Organized 7 webinars to strengthen the Network and share experiences.

### 3.3 Casa South American Program



The South American Program has the objective of supporting groups and organizations that implement actions to confront cross-border issues that cause socio-environmental and cultural imbalances and losses. With this, we seek to link local processes and actions to national and transnational movements and create new spaces where social and environmental movements could influence public policies for their regions, thus transforming the thinking about development policies and projects.

In 2020, the South American Program initiated a new stage transferring the responsibility of these grants to local funds that are being consolidated in six countries in the region. We chose to work in an Alliance of Southern Funds, created to respond immediately and efficiently to the needs and priorities of grassroots



groups and local networks conceiving economically and environmentally sustainable societies, as well as constructing fair solution to protect communities, ecosystems and territories in South America.

**The program has the following objectives:**

- Support projects that connect and strengthen groups affected by megaprojects generating cross-border socio-environmental and cultural imbalances and losses.
- Create new spaces where social and environmental movements can exercise social control and participate in public policies to regulate the megaprojects planned for their regions in order to transform the thinking about development policies and projects.
- Recognize and reinforce women’s leadership, work, and participation in developing public policies.

**Actions developed in 2020:**

- We supported projects in eight countries (Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Chile, Ecuador, Paraguay, and Peru), strengthening cross-border networking among groups impacted by infrastructure megaprojects.
- We are sharing knowledge and experience with seven new local funds, from our social technology to support local projects to our relations in the area of international philanthropy.
- We concluded the first five-year stage of the Global Alliance for Green and Gender Actions (GAGGA): from 2016 to 2020 we supported 117 projects in Bolivia and Paraguay, strengthening and linking women’s rights to environmental protection. In 2020, we carried out an external evaluation, both qualitative and quantitative, of the work of the Casa Fund in the Alliance and the results of this evaluation will be published in 2021.



## 3.4 Casa Strengthening Communities



The objective of the Casa Strengthening Communities Program is to strengthen grassroots communities in their struggle for socio-environmental justice, defense of their territories and ways of life, and the application of local solutions for good living.

### **The program has the following objectives:**

- Support innovations and new social technologies to solve local problems.
- Strengthen the capacities of groups and recover traditional knowledge.
- Foster strategic networking.
- Foster social participation.

### **Actions developed in 2020:**

- The program supported projects across Brazil on different themes, among them projects connecting people living with disabilities, the environment and socio-environmental justice.
- Support to traditional populations living in the Amazonia and elsewhere with projects on different issues.



## 3.5 Casa Amazonia



The objective of the Casa Amazonia Program is to strengthen Amazonian groups and communities playing a fundamental role not only in environmental conservation, but also in managing biodiversity in their biomes. The Casa Fund believes that these actors, reinforced in their territories, with better living conditions, have a better chance of safeguarding this large biome for future generations.

### **The program has the following objectives:**

- Strengthen local Indigenous groups and organizations, as well as Indigenous networks and concerted actions.
- Strengthen non-Indigenous groups and organizations in traditional communities, such as rubber tappers, extractivists, Quilombolas, community family farmers, among others, as protagonists in local development processes.

### **Actions supported in 2020:**

- Projects to defend territories and local solutions in the basins of the Tapajós and Madeira Rivers.
- Indigenous communities in nine states of the Legal Amazon (Acre, Rondônia, Roraima, Amazonas, Pará, Maranhão, Amapá, Tocantins, and Mato Grosso).



- Strengthening social movements discussing infrastructure projects in the Amazonia.
- Projects discussing the Brazilian energy matrix and its socio-environmental impacts.

## 3.6 Emergency Fund and Rapid Response

The Casa Fund Emergency Fund Program has the objective of helping community and their leaders in situation of fragility in the face of pressures resulting from environmental crimes, natural disasters, or any other such emergency when time is of the essence.

### **Actions developed in 2020**

- In early 2020, we supported groups of fishermen and fisherwomen affected by the oil spill in the Northeast.
- We supported environmental defenders in vulnerable situation.
- We organized one call for emergency projects to fight against the Covid-19 pandemic geared to the Amazonian and northeastern regions.





## 4. DONOR ADVISED FUND

In 2020, it was necessary to make sure that resources would rapidly arrive at local groups and to carry out this logistics you need to know the pathways and have a trusting network in the territories enabling the safe allocation of resources.

Thus, the Casa Fund established partnership with diverse international philanthropic organizations that sent resources to small groups in the countryside, especially Amazonian groups.

## 5. CAPACITY BUILDING

Capacity building is part of the work strategy of the Casa Fund and has the objective of promoting learning among groups, so they can acquire autonomy and independence to manage their own organizations, thus attaining organizational sustainability. To this extent, we seek to build groups' capacities on financial and administrative management, and institutional communication.

### **Actions developed in 2020**

The pandemic made it impossible to organize in-person workshops, but we believe we can develop specific content on management that can be offered to the groups online. This will enable the participation of more people from the organizations. We developed four workshops with specific content, in addition to support material in the form of class notes and short videos.

### **The workshops were organized in the following way:**



- Workshop 1 – Welcome to groups and networking
- Workshop 2 – Good practices in financial management and account rendering
- Workshop 3 – Good practices in administrative management
- Workshop 4 – Tips for institutional strengthening and development

**In total, 72 groups participated in workshops.**

## 6. COMMUNICATION

### 6.1 Restructuring the Casa Fund brand

The year 2020 marked a profound change in the Casa Fund communication, with updating of brand, visual identity, new website, new positioning, and also a subtle change in the name of the organization. All these changes result from an extensive brand restructuring work, carried out through a process of listening and researching that involved all our team, grantees, partners, and funders. The objective was to make communication more dynamic, simple, and current, without losing its essence. This engaging process made us look into ourselves in a different way and this was important to further reinforce our mission and the relevance of the work we carry out.



Old logo x New logo

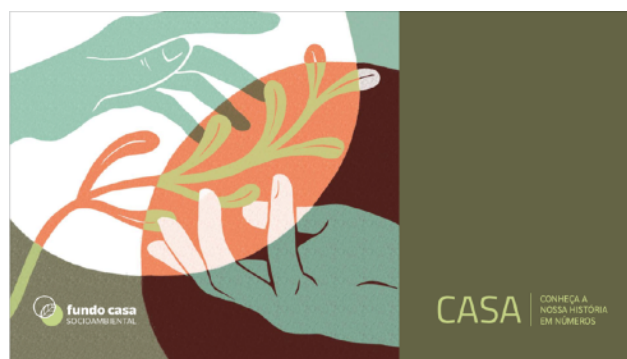


The main change was in the name. We left behind the name CASA Socio-Environmental Fund to adopt the name Casa Socio-Environmental Fund or just Casa Fund. The brand has also been changed to a more current and simpler format, represented by two overlapping circles that symbolize the connections that only the Casa Fund is capable of generating. The new website ([www.casa.org.br](http://www.casa.org.br)) also reflects all these changes and is simpler and more intuitive full of information, data, and charts about our work, programs, calls for projects, and publications by the Casa Fund.

## 6.2 Production of content

### Our history in numbers

The greatest highlight of the production of content in 2020 was the publication [Our history in Numbers](#), an important statistical analysis that translated into charts the impact of the Casa Fund work, enabling a novel viewpoint and demonstrating the transformational power of over 1,700 grants that had been provided up to the research date. This work was coordinated by Graciela Hopstein with information from the Casa Fund data bank and also from the responses to a questionnaire answered by 115 supported groups. The production of dynamic publications, with charts and compiled data, has become an important communication strategy for our organization.



Cover of the publication Our History in Numbers, [click to read](#).



## Videos

The pandemic in 2020 forced the Casa Fund to postpone its video production schedule. However, we did release some videos. Right in the beginning of the year, we released the documentary "[Ilha de Deus - Território Pesqueiro](#)" (God Island, Fishing Territory) to show the reality of communities living off artisanal fishing in the Pernambuco state capital. In July we released another documentary "[Bancos Comunitários no Espírito Santo - Desenvolvimento e dignidade nas comunidades](#)" (Community Banks in Espírito Santo – Development and dignity in the communities), showing how banks established by and for the communities generate local development.



Video to launch the new brand for the Casa Socio-Environmental Fund.



## 7. CASA FUND FINANCIAL PARTNERS IN 2020

- Amazon Watch
- Both ENDS
- Charles Stewart Mott Foundation
- Climate Land Use Alliance
- Cotyledon Fund
- Embaixada da Noruega no Brasil
- Fondo de Acción Urgente – FAU
- FrontLine Defenders
- Full Circle Foundation
- Fundo Socioambiental Caixa
- Global Greengrants Fund
- Instituto Humanize
- Interamerican Foundation -IAF
- Fondation LUXEMBOURG
- Gordon & Betty Moore Foundation
- Oak Foundation
- Open Society Foundation
- Porticus Foundation
- Prism The Gift Fund
- Rainforest Foundation US
- Roddick Foundation
- Sitawi Finanças do Bem
- Tamalpais Fund
- Wellpring Philanthropic Fund

## 8. CONCLUSION

Despite the challenges, 2020 was an important year for the history of the Casa Fund. Even with social distancing, we managed to be present in all the Brazilian territory and in several South American countries, bringing a bit of hope to all those dealing directly with life, culture, and biome preservation, and also for those who have creative and sustainable solutions for the huge socio-environmental challenges we face together.



The Casa Fund was ready to meet the demands from several funders that demonstrated their solidarity in supporting grassroots communities in their struggle against the pandemic. We managed to fulfil our mission of delivering resources to the neediest in this most difficult situation. In the midst of all this turmoil, we had record grantmaking, allocating over 15 million reais to 535 groups – and this makes us very proud.

Aesthetical changes and brand repositioning introduced by the Casa Fund communication in 2020 are direct reflections of the organization maturing process, an organization that is increasingly viewed as a point of reference among socio-environmental funds. The encouragement given to the creation of local socio-environmental funds in other countries shows our desire to spread to the world the hope we have shared with supported groups in the last 15 years.

In 2021, we will continue with optimism and assertiveness, with attentive ears and open doors, creating bridges, welcoming challenges and supporting solutions!

## 9. ANNEXES

Annex 1 – Our Structure

Annex 2 – Photographic Report