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Introduction

Solutions that resist, transform, and show the way forward

The year 2025 was one of those moments when the world seemed to demand faster answers than we are able to build. It continued a period in which the climate crisis has intensified across Brazil, leaving increasingly visible marks on local territories. In recent years, the country has faced major floods in the South, historic droughts in the Amazon and the Northeast, recurring wildfires across different biomes, and constant pressure on ways of life that are deeply connected to nature.

For those living in local territories, the climate crisis is no longer a distant projection. It is reflected in the rains that no longer come, in rivers that dry up or overflow, in farming practices that must be reinvented, and in strategies that change with every cycle. Entire communities continue to reorganize themselves in order to survive, produce, and resist. And, as so often happens, those who contributed least to this scenario are the very ones facing its impacts most intensely, amid inequalities that persist and continue to deepen.

But 2025 was also a year that reaffirmed something Casa Socio-Environmental Fund has been learning for more than two decades: the solutions already exist. They are found in local territories, in community-based practices, in traditional knowledge, and in the strategies collectively built by Indigenous Peoples, Quilombola communities, family farmers,

youth, women, and many other forms of organization that sustain life where it is most under threat.

It is from this recognition that Casa Fund carries out its work. In 2025, we reached the second-largest volume of resources ever mobilized in our history, with **BRL 46.65 million (USD 9.33 million)** directed toward direct support for initiatives across the country. In total, **646 grants** were provided, including BRL 46.2 million allocated to **620 projects**, in addition to **26 grants** dedicated to environmental defenders, for which **more than BRL 334 thousand** was invested in protection measures, strengthening the continuity of their work in highly vulnerable contexts.

This growth represents an expansion of opportunities for more communities to strengthen their own solutions, respond to urgent challenges, and keep alive their ways of living and caring for their territories.

The scale of support became one of the defining features of this year, increasing the reach of resources and extending support to a greater number of initiatives and territories. In total, **9 large-scale calls for proposals** mobilized thousands of organizations, highlighting both the diversity of initiatives and the scale of existing demand.



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Behind every supported project, there are many others still waiting for access to resources, reinforcing the importance of continuing to expand this agenda. Expanding Casa Fund's reach today means expanding society's capacity to respond to the climate crisis.

At the same time, we remain committed to preserving what has always been at the heart of our work: close relationships with local territories. Growing without losing the ability to listen, build trust, and respect local rhythms and dynamics is both an ongoing challenge and a conscious choice. It is through these relationships that support gains meaning, adapts to local realities, and is transformed into tangible impact.

In 2025, we also advanced our understanding of the profiles of the initiatives supported. Based on an analysis of the Sociobiodiversity Web calls for proposals, approximately 60% of the selected projects were identified as having characteristics associated with socio-environmental impact businesses, combining income generation with solutions developed within the territories themselves. This finding highlights the increasingly consistent presence of economic strategies linked to community strengthening and environmental conservation, a theme that gains further relevance throughout this report.

Another important development in 2025 was the strengthening of network-based action. Casa Fund does not work alone, and this has become increasingly evident. Throughout the year, we expanded partnerships, strengthened territorial and community funds, and continued contributing to the development of a more distributed philanthropic model - one that recognizes and supports those closest to local realities. Our engagement with Global South networks and presence in international spaces demonstrate that it is not enough to simply increase the resources available. It is also necessary to change how these resources circulate and, above all, to ensure they reach those who truly need them.

Knowledge production also became increasingly central to our work. In a context where global decision-making processes remain distant from local realities, systematizing experiences, sharing lessons learned, and strengthening the advocacy capacity of supported organizations became a fundamental part of our efforts. The Journey to COP30 is one example of this collective effort toward preparation, mobilization, and the development of narratives that connect local territories to decision-making spaces.

This report reflects this broader set of movements. More than presenting data, it seeks to highlight pathways forward. The figures presented here reveal the expansion of Casa Fund, but they also point to something deeper: the strength of the supported initiatives and their capacity to generate impact at scale. In 2025, millions of people were directly and indirectly reached by projects working on territorial protection, food security, income generation, rights advocacy, and the development of alternatives in response to the climate crisis.

Looking at this journey, it becomes clear that Casa Fund's role goes beyond financing. It is about contributing to the strengthening of community-led solutions so they can gain visibility and influence broader agendas. It is about recognizing that the transformation we seek is already underway and that our role is to support its expansion.

We remain certain that there is still much to be done in the years ahead. The gap between the needs of local territories and the resources available remains significant, and the challenges posed by the climate crisis demand increasingly structural responses. At the same time, we move forward with the conviction that we are on the right path by investing in communities, territories, and the solutions that emerge from them.

This 2025 report is, therefore, an invitation: an invitation to look more closely at what is already being built, to recognize the value of these initiatives, and to expand together the possibilities for the future.



Photo: Alexandre Santos

Scaling with Proximity

From Territory to the Redesign of Global Philanthropy





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The climate crisis has exposed something that has been taking shape for a long time but has rarely been clearly named: the central problem is not the lack of solutions in territories, but rather the way resources circulate globally.

Today, most philanthropic funding, especially in the fields of climate and conservation, remains concentrated in the Global North. These resources travel through long institutional chains before reaching territories, passing through intermediary structures that, over time, have become responsible for translating, selecting, and distributing what should be funded.

This architecture, built during a historical period when there was limited capacity in the Global South to manage direct funding, remains largely unchanged. Even as local institutions and capacities have grown over the past decades, the system continues to operate as if those capacities did not exist.

The result is a structural mismatch: communities and organizations deeply rooted in their territories and responsible for protecting some of the planet's most important biomes continue to have limited access to resources, while the majority of financial flows remain concentrated outside these territories. This is not merely an inefficiency. It is a defining characteristic of the system.

A response built from the territory

It was within this context that Casa Socio-Environmental Fund built its approach. Since its inception, Casa Fund has been guided by a simple yet transformative premise: territories are not merely spaces of implementation, but spaces of decision-making, knowledge, and strategy. Directly funding local communities is not an operational alternative—it is a structural choice.

Over more than two decades, this choice has evolved into a proven practice. By supporting thousands of initiatives across all Brazilian biomes, Casa Fund has demonstrated that it is possible to build a funding infrastructure that operates with reach, legitimacy, and efficiency.

More importantly, it has shown that it is possible to grow at scale without sacrificing proximity. This point is fundamental. For decades, the dominant assumption in philanthropy has been that scale requires distance—larger institutions, fewer partners, and increasingly standardized processes. Casa Fund's experience demonstrates precisely the opposite: proximity is not an obstacle to scale; it is what makes sustainable and consistent scaling possible.

From local practice to global influence

As the volume of climate finance continues to grow globally—driven by governments, major foundations, and a new generation of donors—the question of how these resources are distributed becomes increasingly urgent. It is at this point that Casa Fund's role extends beyond the national level and begins to shape international conversations.

By consistently operating a model grounded in direct funding, territorial ownership, and place-based governance, Casa Fund has become a tangible example of an alternative funding architecture—not as a theoretical concept, but as a model that has been tested, refined, and expanded over time.

This experience has helped challenge a narrative that still dominates much of the philanthropic sector: the assumption that resources must be intermediated in order to reach the Global South effectively and responsibly. In practice, however, excessive intermediation often limits reach, narrows the diversity of actors receiving support, and keeps decision-making power concentrated far from the territories where change is happening.

By demonstrating that locally rooted institutions can manage resources with greater proximity, legitimacy, and reach, Casa Fund is helping to reframe the global conversation. The challenge is not simply to increase the volume of funding flowing to the Global South. It is to transform who makes decisions, how those decisions are made, and where power over resources ultimately resides.

An architecture that must be distributed

The Brazilian experience is not an isolated one.

Over the past decades, funds and networks across the Global South have been building their own funding infrastructures—grounded in territorial proximity, trust, and the ability to reach actors historically excluded from major international funding flows. Yet despite their proven value, these structures remain significantly underfunded.

While the majority of philanthropic and climate finance resources continue to be channeled through intermediaries in the Global North, only a small fraction reaches territories directly. This concentration not only limits the potential impact of those resources, but also constrains our collective capacity to respond to the climate crisis. The scale of the challenge requires something the current system struggles to deliver: distribution. Distribution of resources. Distribution of power. Distribution of decision-making authority. What Casa Fund's experience demonstrates is that such distribution is not merely desirable—it is entirely possible. More importantly, it is replicable.

A direct, territorial, trust-based funding model does not depend on exceptional circumstances or unique institutional conditions. It can—and should—be expanded across the Global South as a way of counterbalancing the structural concentration that continues to shape global philanthropy and climate finance. The challenge ahead is therefore not only to mobilize more resources, but to strengthen the locally rooted institutions capable of moving those resources where they are needed most.

Scale with belonging

One of the most important contributions of this model is its redefinition of what we mean by scale. Scaling is not about concentrating more resources in fewer organizations. Scaling is about increasing the number of initiatives capable of driving change. It means recognizing that diversity of solutions is a strength rather than a weakness; that different territories require different responses; and that proximity does not constrain scale—it enables it.

This perspective challenges a long-standing assumption within philanthropy and development finance: that efficiency and scale can only be achieved through standardization and concentration. The experience of territorial funds suggests otherwise. The closer funding systems are to local realities, the better they are able to identify opportunities, respond to emerging needs, and support solutions that are both effective and context-specific.



Photo: Araquém Alcântara

Project: Fishers and Shellfish Gatherers Hand in Hand with the Ponta do Tubarão Sustainable Development Reserve
Implemented by: Macau Justice and Peace Commission (CJP) – Macau – RN

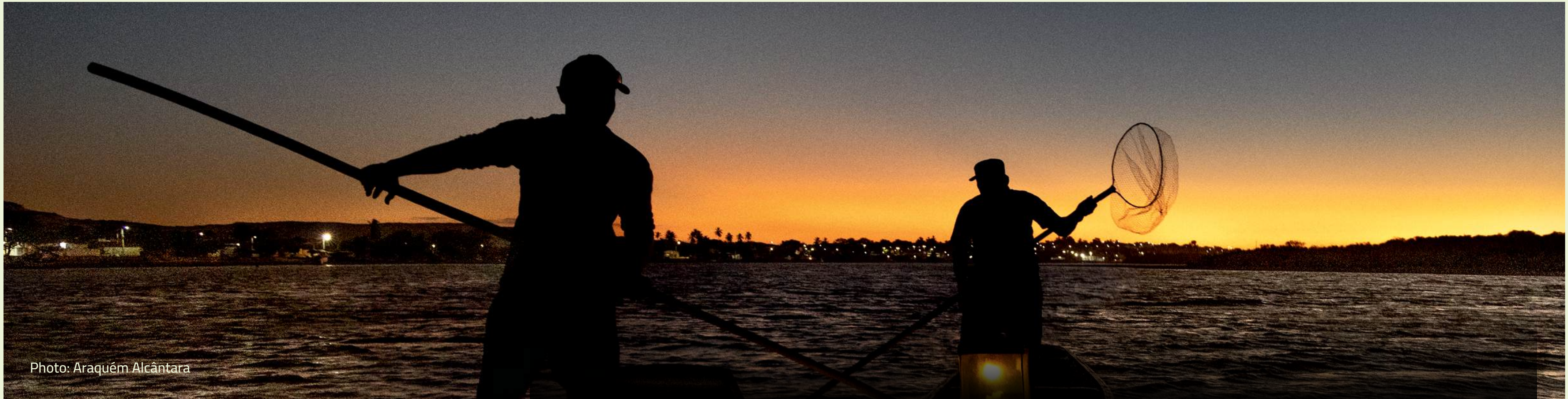


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This principle—scale through proximity, or scale with belonging—becomes a foundational element of a new funding architecture. An architecture that does not seek to replace existing systems outright, but rather to challenge some of their core assumptions.

It offers a different understanding of how resources, trust, and decision-making can be organized—one that views territorial diversity not as a barrier to scale, but as the very foundation upon which meaningful scale can be built.

Connecting finance and conservation

Another dimension gaining increasing relevance in this context is the growing convergence between climate finance and locally rooted economic strategies.

A significant share of the initiatives supported by Casa Fund already operates at the intersection of conservation and livelihoods, creating economic pathways that strengthen both community resilience and the protection of critical ecosystems. These initiatives demonstrate that conservation is most durable when it is connected to the economic realities of the people who live in and care for these territories.

This evolution broadens the scope of the work. The objective is no longer limited to financing immediate responses to environmental challenges; it is about supporting local systems capable of sustaining life over the long term—economically, socially, culturally, and environmentally. As discussions around impact investing continue to expand, Casa Fund brings a critical perspective to the conversation: financial instruments can only generate lasting and equitable outcomes when they are grounded in territories and shaped by local realities.

Without this territorial anchor, there is a risk that even well-intentioned investments will reproduce the same patterns of concentration and exclusion that have historically limited the

transformative potential of philanthropy and development finance. The challenge, therefore, is not only to mobilize capital for conservation and climate action, but to ensure that financial mechanisms strengthen the local institutions, economies, and governance systems that make long-term stewardship possible.

The role that has emerged

Looking at this trajectory, it becomes clear that Casa Fund now occupies a role that extends well beyond its original mandate. Today, it functions simultaneously as:

- A direct funding infrastructure;
- A convener of territorial networks; and
- An influential voice in the ongoing redesign of global philanthropy

This position was not the result of a deliberate branding or positioning strategy. Rather, it emerged from the consistency of a practice

that, over time, responded to a structural gap in the philanthropic and development finance landscape. By remaining closely connected to territories while building the institutional capacity to mobilize and distribute resources at scale, Casa Fund has demonstrated a model that is both operationally effective and strategically relevant.

It is precisely this consistency—and the evidence generated through decades of practice—that enables its experience to contribute meaningfully to global conversations on climate, finance, and development. In a moment when philanthropic institutions are increasingly questioning how resources, power, and decision-making should be distributed, Casa Fund offers more than a critique of the existing system. It offers a working example of what an alternative can look like.

Where this leads

If there is one thing that becomes increasingly clear, it is that simply increasing the volume of available resources will not be enough. Without a shift in the underlying architecture, those resources will continue to circulate through concentrated channels, reaching too few actors and generating impact that falls short of what the moment demands.

What is ultimately at stake is our ability to align finance with the systems that sustain life itself. Doing so requires a deeper recognition of the role of territories—not merely as beneficiaries of funding, but as protagonists of a transformation that is already underway.

Perhaps this is where a more profound change begins to emerge. If philanthropy was originally conceived as an expression of care for humanity, the present moment invites us to expand that horizon. The climate crisis reminds us that humanity does not exist apart from the living systems that sustain it. In this context, it is no longer enough to care for people alone. We must learn how to finance—and sustain—life itself.



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Our Numbers



Grants made in 2025

USD 9.33 MILLION¹

646 GRANTS AWARDED

620 PROJECTS

26 ENVIRONMENTAL DEFENDERS

In 2025, a total of **646 grants** were awarded, including **620 projects** and **26 grants supporting environmental defenders** across all regions of Brazil. The total amount allocated through these grants reached **BRL 46.65 million, of which BRL 46.24 million (USD 9.248 million) supported projects and BRL 334 thousand (USD 66.8 thousand) supported environmental defenders.**

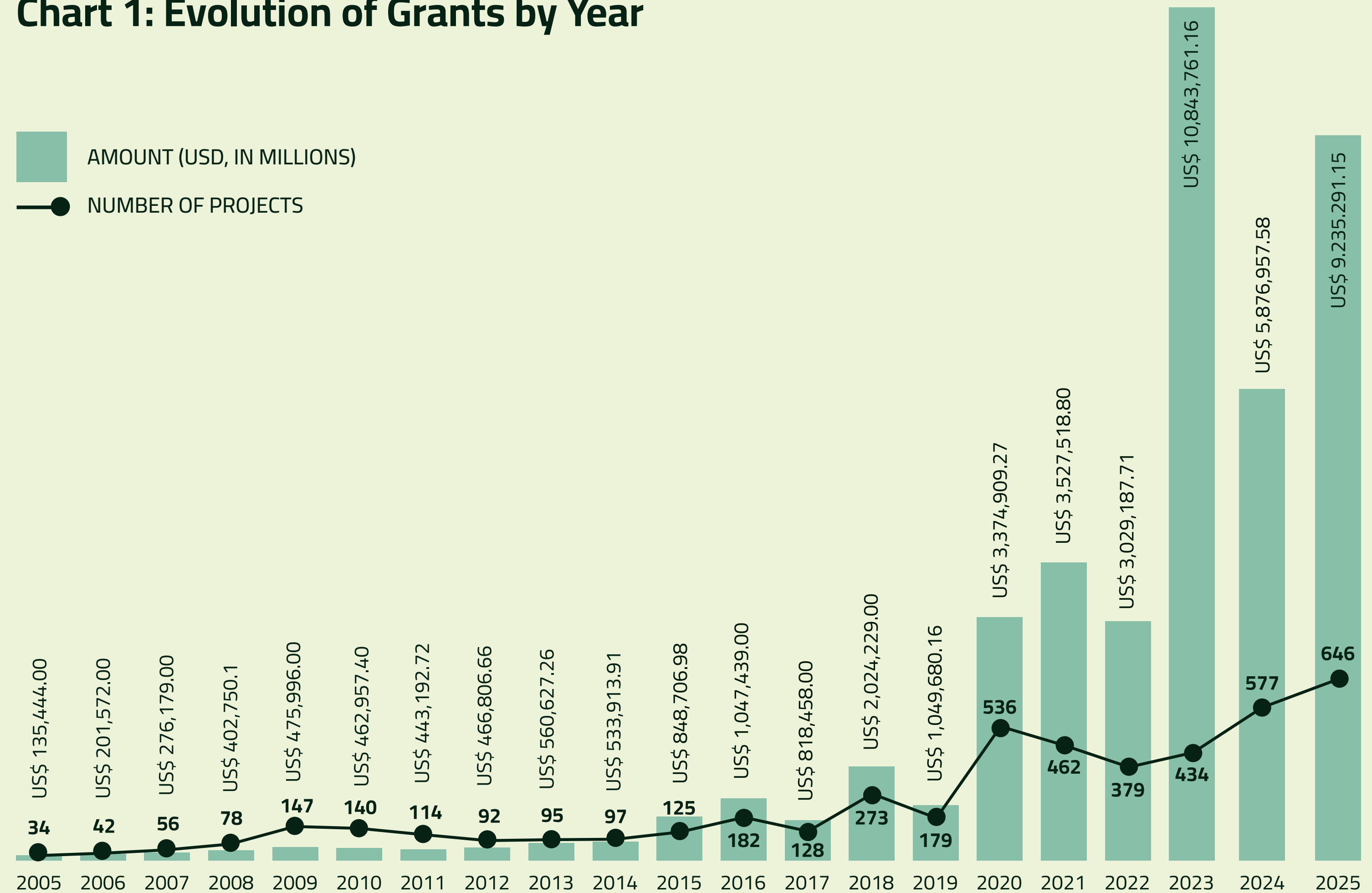
For the purposes of this report, the exchange rate used was USD 1 = BRL 5.00.

These resources reach territories where the impacts of climate change, inequality, and pressure on ecosystems are felt on a daily basis, reaffirming Casa Fund's commitment to strengthening local solutions and protecting those on the frontlines of climate justice.

The chart reveals a consistent trajectory of Casa Fund's expansion over the years, which intensified significantly in the most recent period. In 2025, the volume of resources mobilized reached a major milestone, totaling BRL 46.65 million (USD 9.33 million) - an increase of approximately 59% compared to the previous year.

A significant part of this growth is associated with the Sociobiodiversity Web call for proposals, which mobilized a substantial volume of resources and directly contributed to expanding support for initiatives across local territories.

Chart 1: Evolution of Grants by Year



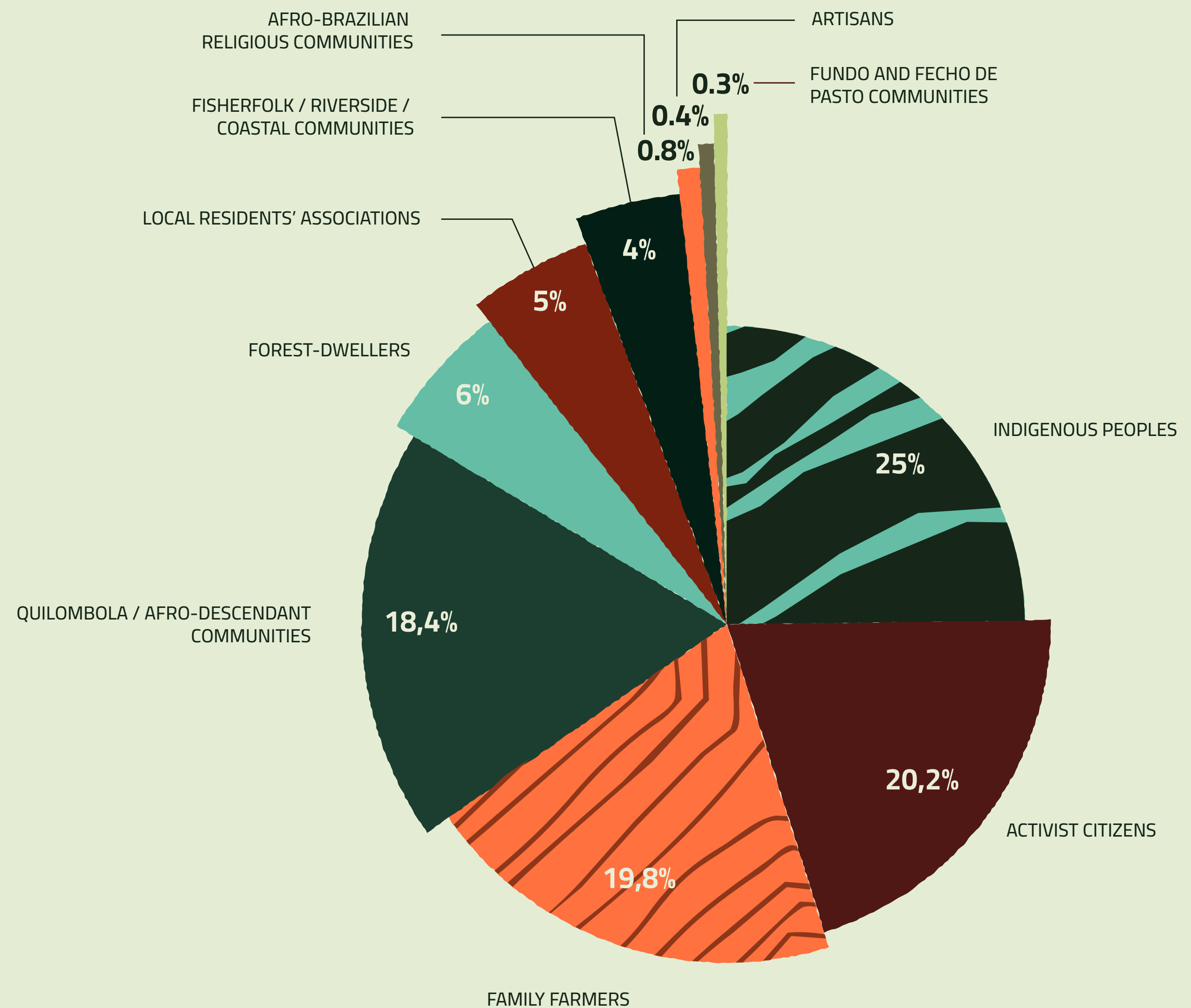
Who we support

The resources mobilized in 2025 reached those who live, work, and protect territories under the greatest socio-environmental pressure.

Indigenous Peoples received the largest volume of resources, with 155 supported initiatives and **BRL 11.8 million (USD 2.36 million)** invested, followed by family farmers (123 projects and **BRL 9.9 million - USD 1.98 million**), citizen activists² (125 grants and **BRL 8.8 million - USD 1.76 million**), and Quilombola communities and Afro-descendant communities (114 projects and **BRL 8.7 million - USD 1.74 million**). **Forest-dwellers** also stood out (**BRL 2.6 million - USD 520 thousand**), along with fishers, riverine, and coastal communities (**BRL 1.6 million - USD 320 thousand**), in addition to local associations and other groups that sustain essential territorial dynamics.

² The category "activist citizens" is based on self-identification by the supported organizations and generally refers to local associations and collectives that do not identify as traditional peoples or communities.

Chart 2. Profile of the supported population



Although the volume of resources mobilized was significant, it still remains insufficient in light of the diversity and scale of demands emerging from local territories. In 2025, Casa Fund received **4,264 requests for support**, of which only 620 (14.5%) could be funded, highlighting a substantial gap between existing demand and the financing capacity available.

There are currently far more solutions being developed within local territories than there are resources available to support them. This scenario reinforces the importance of **expanding access to funding so that more communities and local initiatives can be strengthened.**

Expanding Casa Fund's resources means expanding, in equal measure, the reach of solutions across local territories.

The diversity of organizations supported in 2025 reflects a **vibrant field shaped by different ways of living and organizing within local territories. Associations** emerged as the most prevalent form of organization, followed by **collectives, movements, networks, cooperatives, and community funds** - each, in its own way, sustaining practices, knowledge systems, and forms of care that keep life in motion.

The types of organizations follow the self-identification criteria adopted by local organizations regarding their organizational structure and form of incorporation.

Table 1: Types of organizations supported

| TYPES OF SUPPORTED CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS AND ARRANGEMENTS | NUMBER OF PROJECTS SUPPORTED | AMOUNT (BRL) | AMOUNT (USD) | PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL PROJECTS |
|---|------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|
| Local Association | 410 | R\$ 31.249.865,89 | US\$ 6,249,973.18 | 66% |
| Collective | 57 | R\$ 2.987.610,32 | US\$ 597,522.06 | 9% |
| NGO (Non-Governmental Organization) | 54 | R\$ 3.301.692,26 | US\$ 660,338.45 | 9% |
| Networks and Coalitions | 33 | R\$ 3.285.789,38 | US\$ 657,157.88 | 5% |
| Local Movements | 30 | R\$ 2.505.123,93 | US\$ 501,024.79 | 5% |
| Cooperative | 23 | R\$ 1.739.186,66 | US\$ 347,837.33 | 4% |
| Local, Community, and Territorial Funds | 13 | R\$ 1.169.830,00 | US\$ 233,966.00 | 2% |
| Grand Total | 620 | R\$ 46.239.098,44 | US\$ 9.247.819,69 | 100% |



Expanding Casa Fund's resources means expanding, in equal measure, the reach of solutions across local territories.

In 2025, Casa Fund advanced the strengthening of territorial funds as part of its strategy to expand the financial and political autonomy of local territories. More than supporting isolated projects, this approach seeks to strengthen local funding infrastructures capable of mobilizing resources, making decisions closer to communities, and supporting solutions developed from within the territories themselves.

This support is provided through flexible financial resources aimed at strengthening the institutional capacity of these funds, supporting their operations, and, in some cases, enabling local regranting to community-based initiatives. In addition to financial support, Casa Fund offers ongoing guidance, mentorship, methodological exchanges, and connections with networks such as Rede Comuá and Global South fund alliances.

The supported funds are composed of community leaders, quilombola communities and forest-dwellers women, Indigenous leaders, youth, human rights defenders, and forest peoples. In 2025, this strategy had a strong presence in the Amazon region, with funds such as Luzia Doroty, Puxirum, and Ruthi, as well as MOKAMBO, which focuses on quilombola territories, particularly in Northeastern Brazil.

By investing in these funds, Casa Fund decentralizes not only resources, but also decision-making power. This approach seeks to strengthen the ability of territories to finance their own solutions, reinforce their organizations, and sustain, over the long term, socio-environmental justice agendas led by those who live in and protect these territories.



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Between formalized structures and more flexible arrangements, Casa Fund's support follows complementary pathways. On one hand, formally registered associations (CNPJ)³ established, which concentrate the largest share of resources and expand management capacity and scale. On the other hand, informal groups and movements, even with fewer resources, carry the strength of close territorial ties, collective organization, and direct action.

The requirement for formalization and the maintenance of formal registration imposes administrative, accounting, and tax obligations that many communities, especially those in remote territories or with limited institutional capacity, struggle to meet sustainably. To minimize risks such as debt, legal sanctions, or the interruption of local initiatives, Casa Fund works, whenever possible, to reduce excessive bureaucracy and incorporate operational flexibility, ensuring that access to resources strengthens the community organizations that are on the frontlines of local solutions.

In this meeting point between the institutional and the community-based, Casa Fund builds bridges. It recognizes that transformation does not happen in a single way, but rather takes shape through plurality: both in consolidated structures and in initiatives born from the urgency, resilience, and creativity of local territories. Its work is adapted to reduce bureaucracy while increasing impact and opportunities for rapid response.

³A CNPJ-registered association is a private, non-profit legal entity created through the union of individuals for social, cultural, or community purposes. Formal registration enables the organization to enter into partnerships, receive funding, and operate formally.

Chart 3: Organizational structure of supported organizations

QUANTITY



AMOUNT (USD, MILLIONS)



INSTITUTIONALIZED ASSOCIATIONS (DIRECT SUPPORT) - WITH CNPJ
 GROUPS AND MOVEMENTS WITHOUT FORMAL REGISTRATION - WITHOUT CNPJ

Gender and identities

The strength that moves territories:
women leading the way



Photo: Clarissa Londero
Project: Regenerating Biomes: Women and Medicinal and Aromatic Agroforestry Systems in the Pampa and Atlantic Forest

Among the supported organizations, there is a relatively balanced distribution in leadership: **315 are led by women and 301 by men**, reflecting a diverse field in terms of institutional leadership.

When the analysis shifts from the organizational level to the projects funded, this balance changes. **Women lead the majority of supported initiatives - accounting for 362 projects and BRL 26.1 million (USD 5.22 million) in funding - while men lead 252 projects, totaling BRL 19.5 million (USD 3.9 million).**

This trend suggests that, although there is parity in organizational leadership, women are leading a greater number of funded initiatives, expanding their presence in the direct implementation of projects.

This finding suggests that Casa Fund not only reflects the diversity present within organizations, **but also actively prioritizes women's leadership in the allocation of resources.** It is a deliberate choice that recognizes the central role of women in territorial stewardship, community organization, and the development of local solutions in response to the climate crisis.

In addition, the presence of **projects led by non-binary individuals (1%)⁴**, although still small, points to an important openness toward diversity in identities and forms of leadership. Taken together, the data show that Casa Fund's support is aligned with a climate justice agenda that incorporates gender not as an additional lens, but as a structural element of transformation within local territories.

⁴ *Non-binary people are individuals whose gender identity is not exclusively male or female, existing outside the traditional gender binary. They may identify as both, neither, or as having a fluid gender identity, and are considered part of the transgender spectrum.*



Photo: Takumã Kuikuro
Project: Ingu helü – Bilingual Literacy Primer for the Karib Peoples of the Xingu
Implemented by: Alto Xingu Family Institute (IFAX) – Xingu Indigenous Park – MT

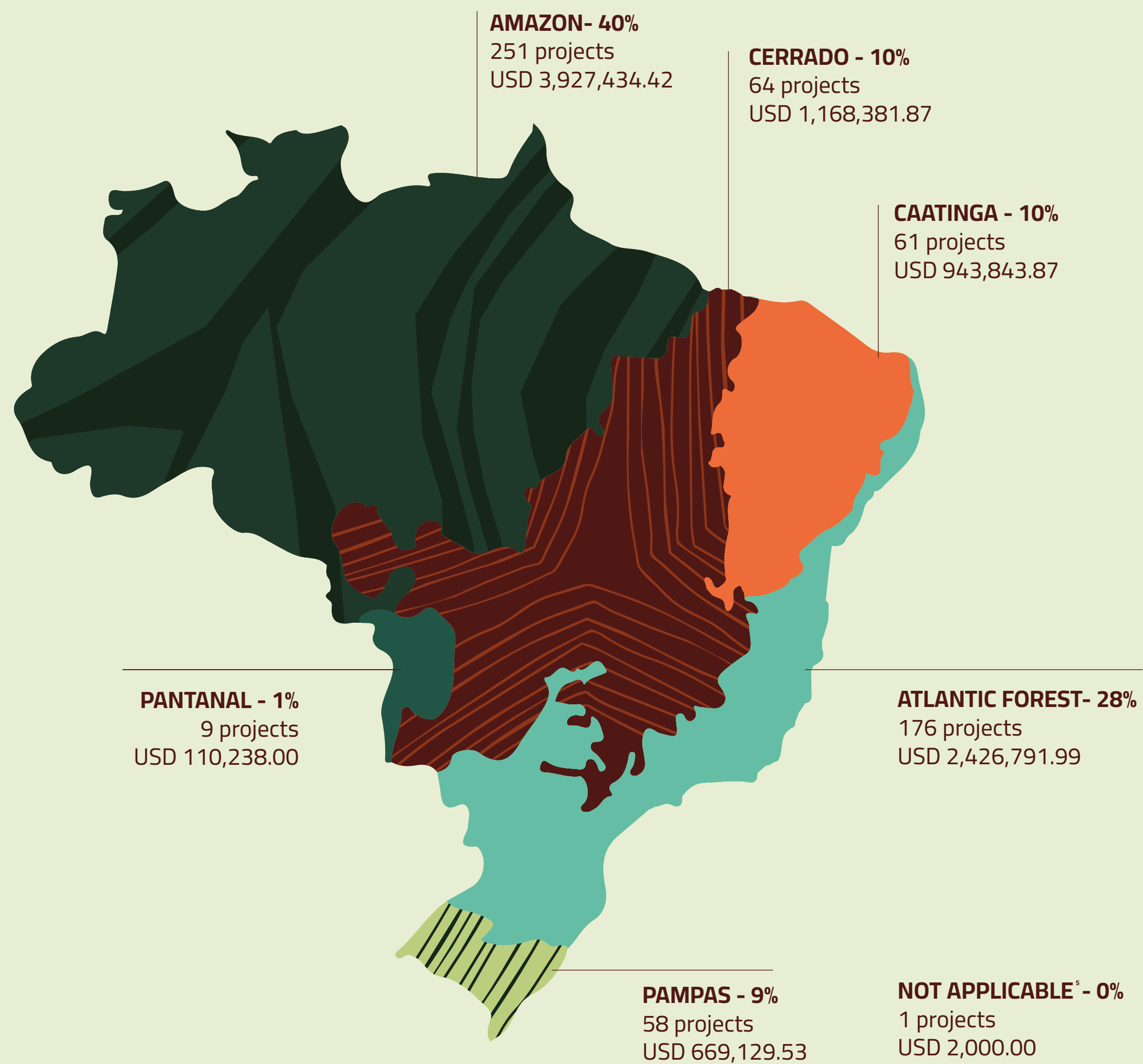
Territories, regions, and biomes

From major biomes to the many ways of living within local territories, Casa Fund's support reaches across Brazil.

Casa Fund's resources reach areas of high socio-environmental relevance, where biodiversity, traditional ways of life, and climate vulnerabilities intersect.

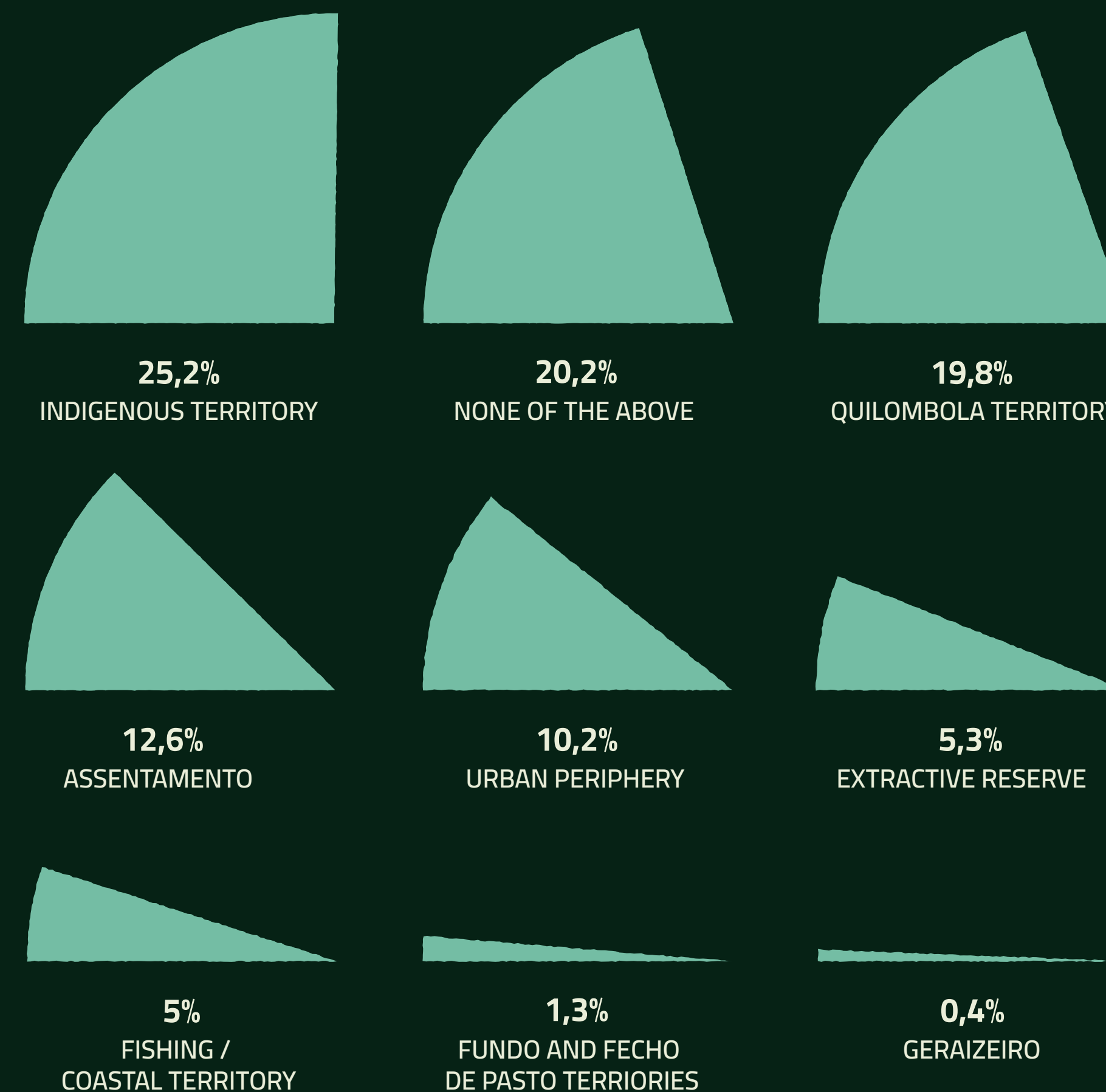
In the breakdown by biome, the **Amazon (251 projects)** and the **Atlantic Forest (176)** accounted for the largest share of support, together representing more than two-thirds of the initiatives supported in 2025. At the same time, the significant presence in the **Cerrado (64)** and the **Caatinga (61)** points to a broader focus on biomes that have historically been underfunded, yet are critical to the climate agenda, particularly in terms of adaptation. The work carried out in the **Pampa biome (58)** and, although more limited, in the **Pantanal (9)**, further reinforces a nationwide presence that reflects the country's socio-environmental diversity.

Chart 4: Distribution of projects by biome



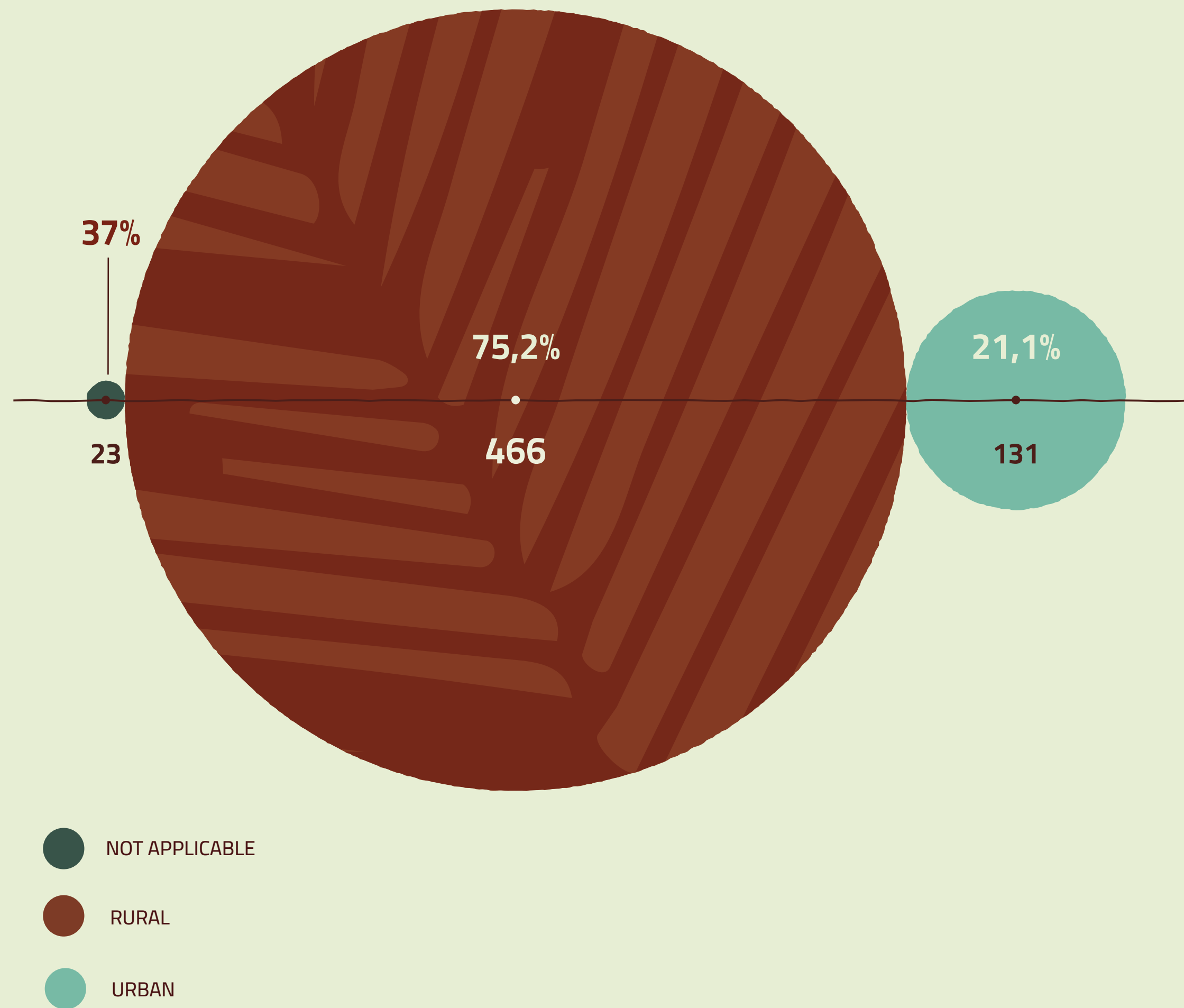
⁵ Refers to support provided for the Global South House at COP30.

Chart 5: Territories supported

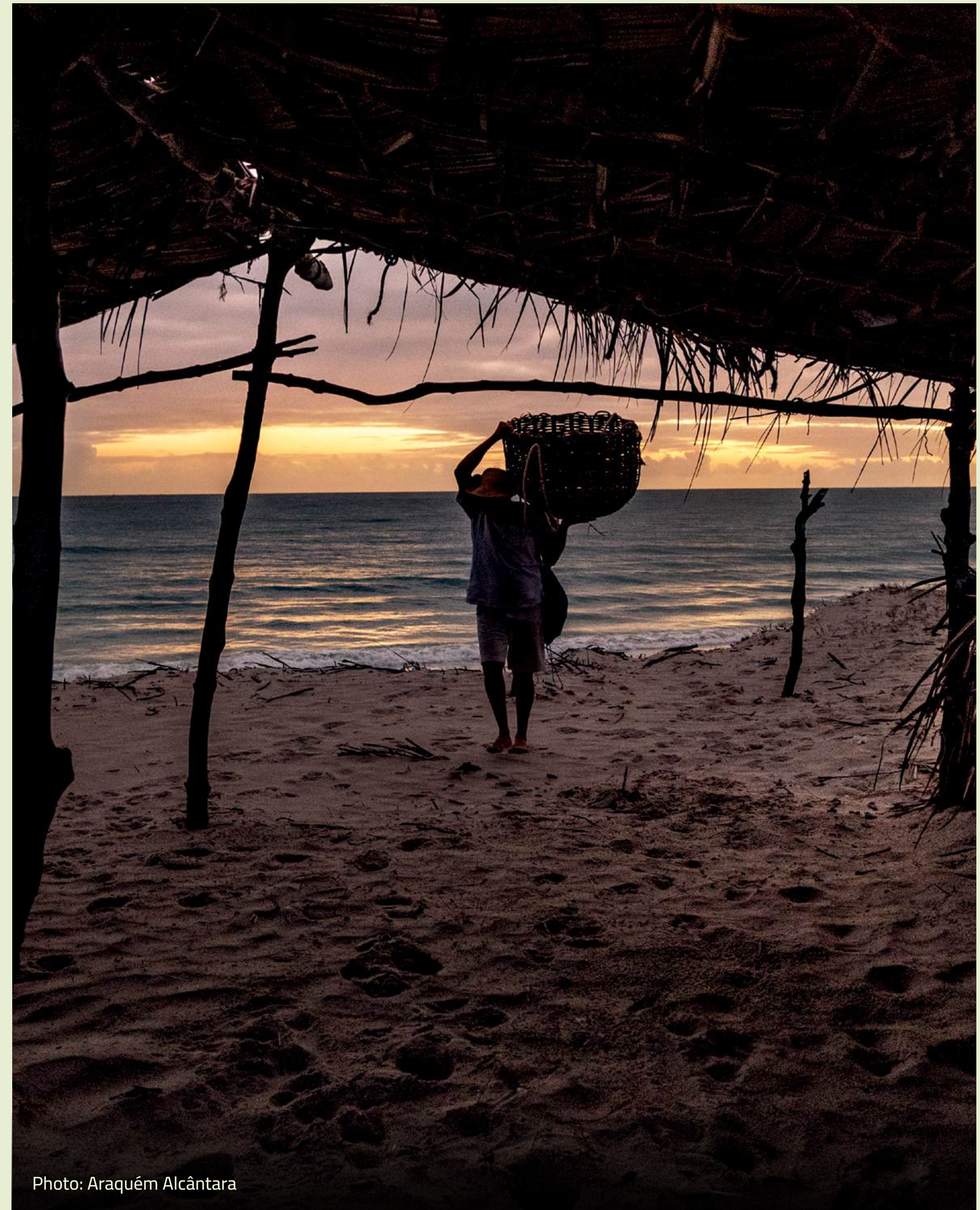


⁵ Support takes root in territories where local and traditional communities keep alive the connection between care, culture, and nature.

Chart 6: Project implementation environment⁶



⁶ The "not applicable" category refers to nationwide projects, such as mobilizations and one-time events.



In terms of geographic distribution, support provided in 2025 reveals a strategic concentration in the North and Northeast regions, which led both in the number of projects supported and in the volume of resources mobilized.

With regard to the country's regions, the North accounted for 222 supported initiatives, totaling **BRL 17.5 million (USD 3.5 million)**, while the Northeast concentrated 167 projects and **BRL 12.1 million (USD 2.42 million)**. Together, these two regions represent the largest share of the portfolio, reflecting a strategic focus on territories where socio-environmental and climate challenges are most intense, but also where highly relevant local solutions are emerging.

The remaining regions, the South (92 projects; **BRL 5.6 million - USD 1.12 million**), Southeast (82 projects; **BRL 5.8 million - USD 1.16 million**), and Central-West (57 projects; **BRL 5 million - USD 1 million**), also showed significant presence, contributing to a nationwide scope of action.

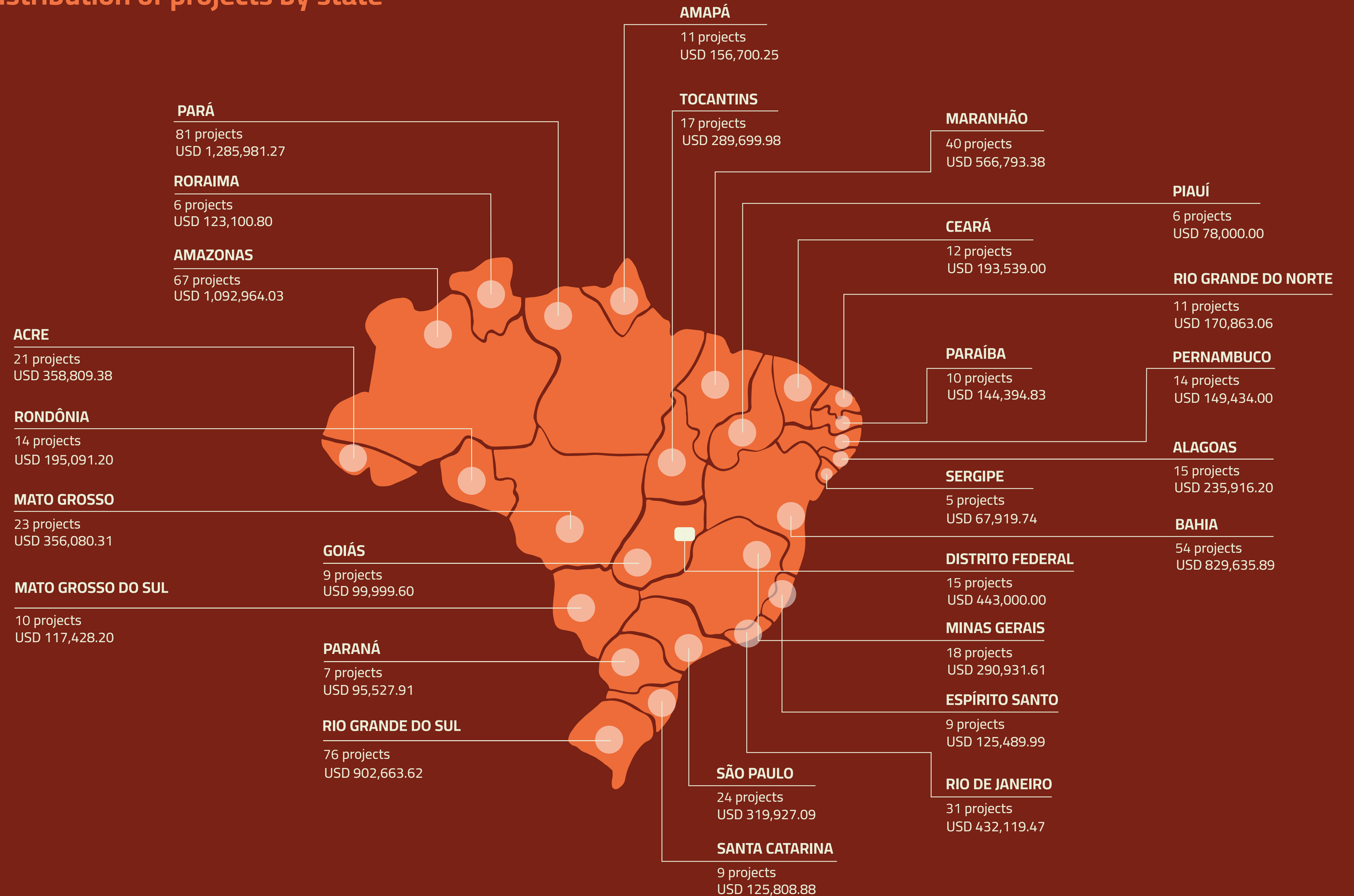
This configuration reflects, in part, broader dynamics within the international philanthropic field, which is marked by strong donor interest in supporting initiatives in the North and Northeast, especially due to the relevance of the Amazon and the presence of Indigenous Peoples and traditional communities in these territories.

In this context, Casa Fund works to mobilize resources in response to these priorities, while also maintaining ongoing efforts to expand fundraising for regions that include biomes such as the Cerrado, Atlantic Forest, and Pantanal - areas that are often less prominent within the international philanthropic imagination, yet are essential for protecting the water systems that sustain river basins and major urban centers across Brazil. This work reinforces a broad territorial vision that recognizes the interdependence between biomes and the strategic importance of strengthening socio-environmental initiatives across different regions of the country.



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Chart 7: Distribution of projects by state



Impact of the Grants





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In addition, the number of people directly impacted showed consistent growth between 2023 and 2025, increasing from 1.36 million to 2.04 million. This progress is also reflected in the rise in the number of beneficiary families, which reached 682 thousand in 2025. Indirect impact followed the same expansion trend, reaching 4.09 million people, highlighting the capacity of supported projects to generate effects that extend beyond immediate beneficiaries and ripple across local territories.

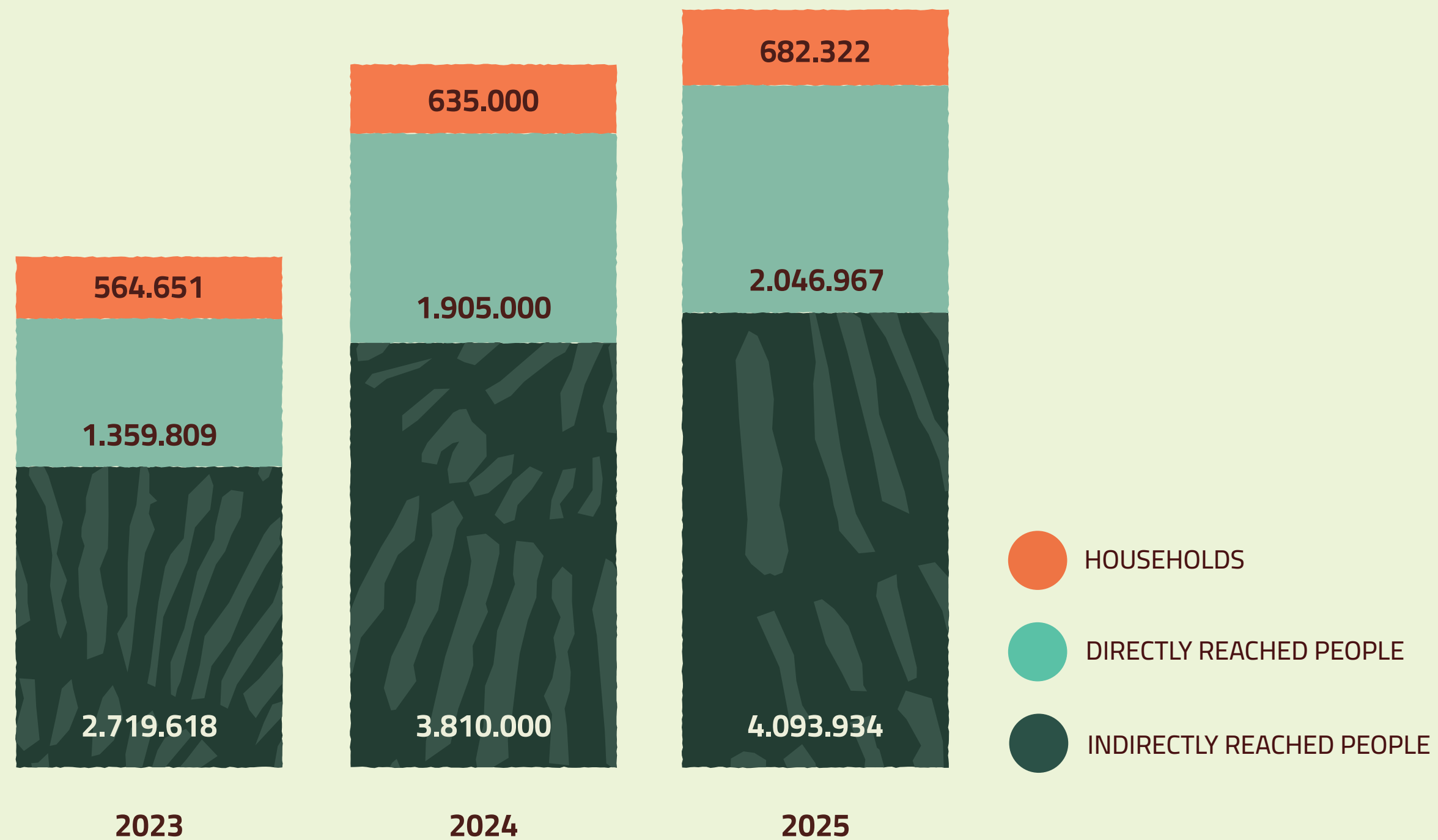
This growth reflects a consistent strategy focused on strengthening initiatives with strong potential for territorial reach and transformation. As Casa Fund expands its volume of support, the reach of the solutions it helps promote also expands.

Highlight: The numbers continue to grow because we remain committed to those transforming their territories — and these leaders continue to recognize Casa Fund as a strategic partner in their struggles.

Chart 8: Evolution of the population impacted

*2.04 million people directly impacted**

*Data declared by the supported organizations.



Main themes and strategies supported

In 2025, Casa Fund structured its work across different complementary fronts. **Emergency support** ensured rapid responses to crises, while **strategic philanthropy** strengthened networks and expanded the reach of resources.

The **territorial governance, human rights, and nature** pillar concentrated a large share of the support provided, reinforcing work alongside grassroots organizations. Meanwhile, the **community-based climate resilience** pillar focused on adaptation to climate impacts.

The main highlight is the investment in just and sustainable solutions, which accounted for the largest volume of resources and initiatives, underscoring Casa Fund's priority in promoting a just transition and regenerative economies.

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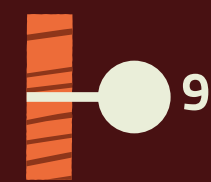
 AMOUNT (USD, THOUSANDS)

 NUMBER OF GRANTS

Chart 8: Value and Number of Grants by Strategic Pillar

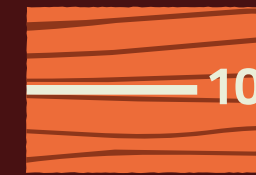
Emergency Support in Response to Human Rights Threats and Climate Disasters

US\$ 78,000



Strategic Philanthropy - Strengthening Funds

US\$ 490,000



Territorial Governance, Human Rights, and Rights of Nature

US\$ 2.9 million



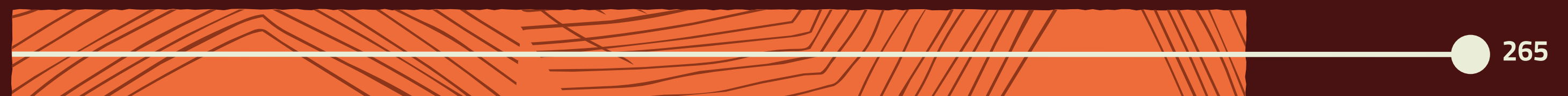
Community Climate Resilience

US\$ 1.14 million



Just Sustainable Solutions - A fair and inclusive transition toward a nature-based regenerative economy

US\$ 4.63 million



Beyond the strategic pillars, the thematic distribution of the 620 projects supported in 2025 reveals a strong focus on strengthening sustainable economies and territorial solutions.

The main highlight is **sociobiodiversity businesses**, which accounted for, by a significant margin, both the largest number of initiatives (185) and the highest volume of resources (BRL 18 million – USD 3.6 million), underscoring Casa Fund’s priority in advancing economic alternatives aligned with environmental conservation and local income generation.

This was followed by significant investments in institutional strengthening (60 projects; **BRL 4.6 million - USD 920 thousand**), territorial governance and rights (51; **BRL 3.4 million - USD 680 thousand**), and nature-based solutions (44; **BRL 3.9 million - USD 780 thousand**), reflecting a strategy that combines direct support for organizations with territorial protection and the promotion of sustainable practices.

Themes such as **socio-environmental justice, climate change and resilience, and sustainable agriculture** also showed significant presence, reinforcing the commitment to climate adaptation, rights protection, and food security. Meanwhile, areas such as **sustainable energy, waste management, and peripheral urbanization** appeared with lower volumes of support, but point to emerging fronts within Casa Fund’s work.

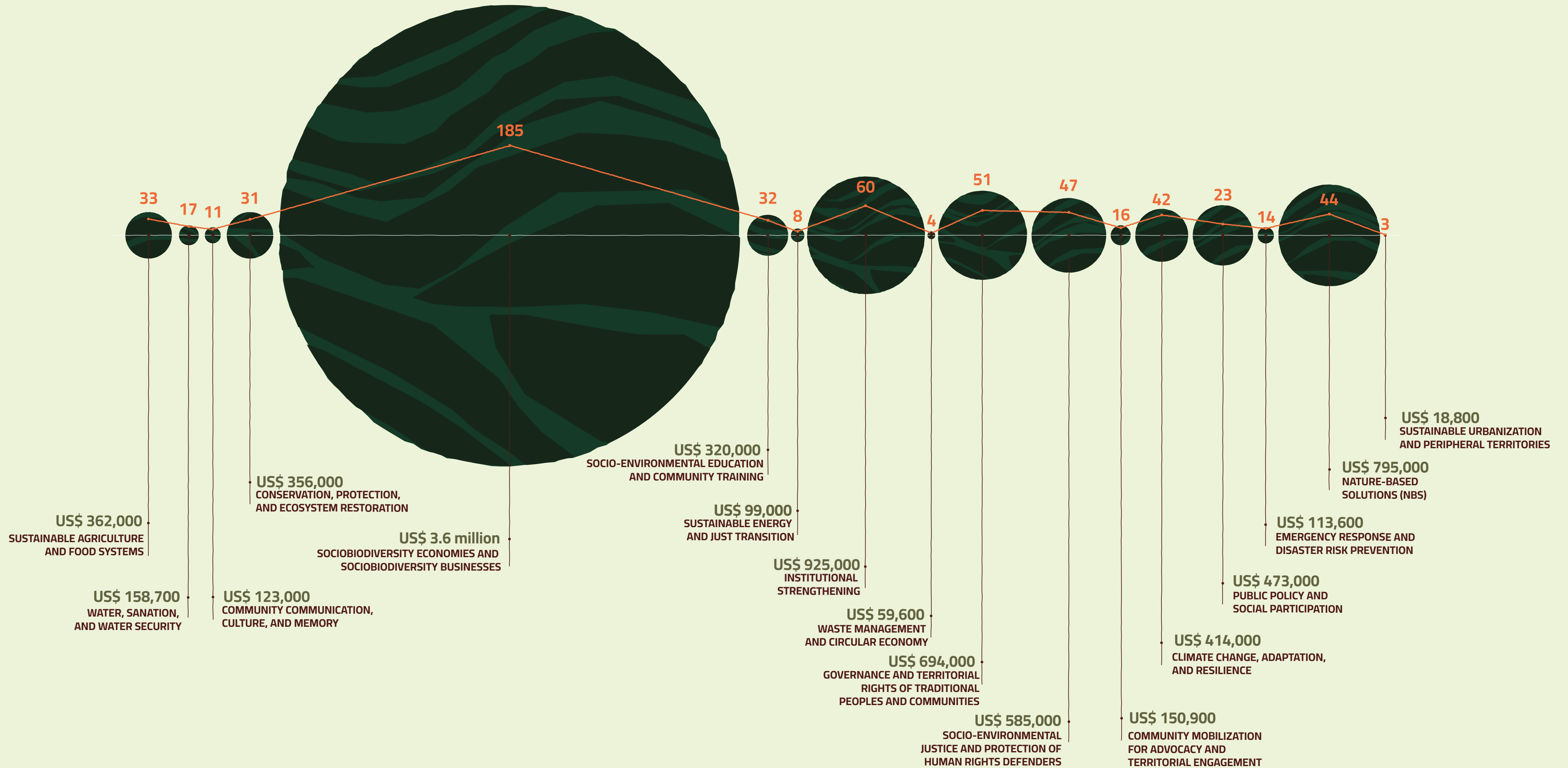
Taken together, the data reveal an integrated strategy that connects economic development, social justice, and environmental conservation, with a strong focus on local territories and on solutions developed by the communities themselves.



Photo: Priscila Tapajowara

Chart 10: Value, number of grants, and thematic areas

■ AMOUNT (USD, MILLIONS)
● QUANTITY



Casa Fund: A Climate Funder



In 2024, Casa Fund took a strategic step by beginning to categorize its portfolio according to the climate pillars of mitigation, adaptation, and just transition. This process strengthens the understanding of the climate impact of supported projects, improves portfolio analysis, and contributes to a more targeted, transparent, and globally aligned approach to climate action.

Mitigation, adaptation, and just transition

Mitigation

An activity should be classified as related to climate change mitigation if it prevents additional greenhouse gases (GHGs) from being released into the atmosphere or increases the absorption/removal of these gases from the air (carbon capture and sequestration through human activities). The objective is to reduce the pace of global warming and its impacts.

Exemples: Protection and expansion of GHG sinks and reservoirs through:

- Sustainable forest and natural vegetation management;
- Reforestation;
- Restoration of areas affected by drought and desertification.

Adaptation

An activity should be classified as related to climate change adaptation if its objective is to reduce the vulnerability of human or natural systems to the impacts of climate change and climate-related risks, while maintaining or increasing the adaptive capacity and resilience of these systems.

Example:

- Disaster prevention and preparedness (such as for heavy rainfall and flooding) associated with extreme climate events and environmentally degrading territorial occupation;
- Promotion of strategies that improve food and water security for vulnerable communities in order to strengthen their adaptive capacity to climate change.

Just transition

Finally, within Casa Fund's framework, **just transition** is understood as the set of processes and initiatives that promote the shift from models of territorial use and economic organization toward **low-carbon** arrangements, while simultaneously ensuring **social inclusion, decent income generation, and the strengthening of the rights and territories** of the populations supported.

Unlike the dominant approach in the Global North - historically centered on the **energy transition** (the replacement of fossil fuels with renewable energy sources and the protection of jobs in these sectors) — Casa Fund's understanding of just transition:

- Reflects the Brazilian reality, in which the main source of emissions is associated with **land-use change and deforestation**;
- Places **people, communities, and territories at the center**, rather than focusing solely on carbon targets;
- It is grounded in concrete experiences of community **economies, sociobiodiversity value chains, and nature-based solutions**.

For more details, see the publication: *From Territory to Climate Action – Casa Fund's Role in the Direct Financing of Adaptation, Mitigation, and Just Transition Agendas*.



In 2025, the main insights that can be drawn from this categorization include:

Adaptation as the primary focus area: 51.3% of Casa Fund's projects were exclusively dedicated to adaptation, highlighting the Fund's central role in strengthening community resilience in response to socio-environmental and climate challenges, especially in vulnerable territories such as the Amazon, Caatinga, and Cerrado.

Integration of mitigation and adaptation as a structural characteristic of the portfolio: 37.7% of the supported projects combined mitigation and adaptation - with 23.9%

giving equal emphasis to both - highlighting the **cross-cutting nature of the initiatives supported**. These actions integrate conservation, sustainable production, and territorial protection, reflecting approaches aligned with Nature-based Solutions and the sociobioeconomy.

Mitigation as a complementary yet strategic component: 11% of the supported projects focused exclusively on mitigation, indicating that although this is not the predominant focus, Casa Fund makes an important contribution to ecosystem conservation, restoration, and biodiversity protection, particularly in biomes such as the Amazon and the Atlantic Forest.

Casa Fund Project Classification Methodology: Mitigation, Adaptation, and Just Transition

The methodological process was structured into four complementary stages:

- 1. Thematic analysis of projects:** based on the project summary, overall objective, and specific objectives, the relationship of each project to the climate pillars of mitigation and adaptation was identified.
- 2. Scoring assignment:** after identifying whether projects relate to adaptation and mitigation, a score is assigned according to the clarity and centrality of this relationship: a score of 2 for primary objectives, 1 for secondary objectives or co-benefits, and 0 when no relationship is identified. **A single project may therefore receive scores in both pillars, reflecting the integrated nature of the actions analyzed.**
- 3. Just transition dimension:** after scoring, a complementary classification is carried out - just transition is understood as a cross-cutting category and may be present in both adaptation and mitigation projects. This classification was assigned to projects that demonstrate contributions to local income generation, the reduction of economic vulnerability, or the promotion of a transition toward a low-carbon economy with social justice.
- 4. Final justification for each project:** after the classification process, a justification is prepared summarizing the project's main activities and objectives, in order to clearly and systematically demonstrate its alignment with the climate pillars analyzed and the rationale behind the assigned scoring.



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Chart 11: Percentage of total funding allocated to each climate pillar

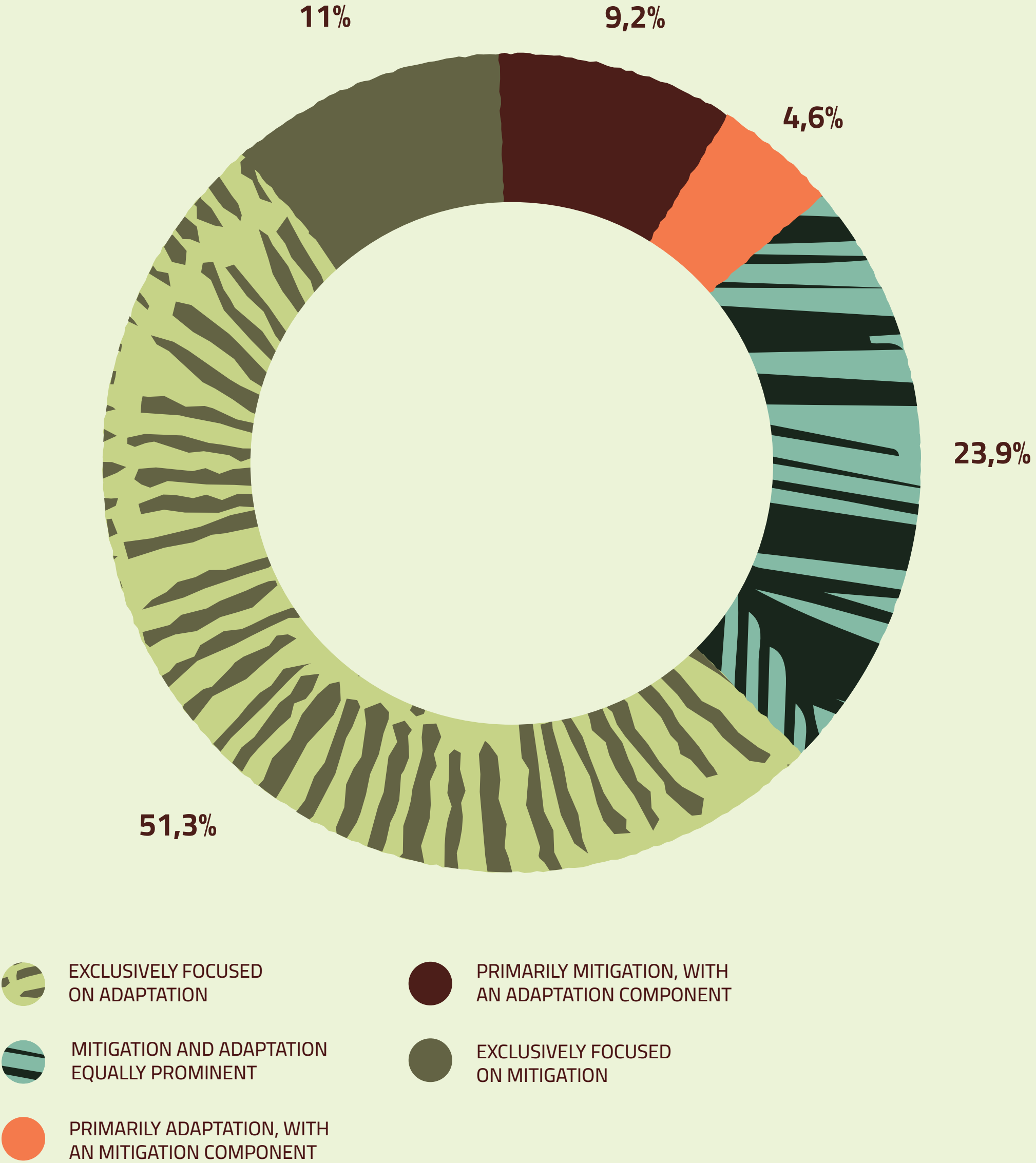


Photo: Araquém Alcântara
 Project: From Roots to Future Generations
 Implemented by: Ama-Goa Center for Culture and the Environment – Macau – RN

The largest share of resources was allocated to projects focused exclusively on adaptation, representing Casa Fund's primary investment pillar and highlighting its role in addressing climate vulnerabilities and strengthening territorial resilience.

*Casa Socio-Environmental Fund allocated a total of **BRL 23,731,006.25 (USD 4,746,201.25)**, representing 51% of total funding, to support projects contributing to adaptation in 2025.*

Projects that simultaneously integrate adaptation and mitigation components accounted for the second-largest share of resources, including:

- **BRL 11,044,269.14 (USD 2,208,853.83)** for projects where both dimensions were equally prevalent;
- **BRL 4,271,708.16 (USD 854,341.63)** for adaptation projects with a mitigation component;
- **BRL 2,143,364.34 (USD 428,672.87)** for mitigation projects with an adaptation component.

*Casa Socio-Environmental Fund allocated a total of **BRL 17,459,341.64 (USD 3,491,868.33)** to support projects that simultaneously integrate adaptation and mitigation in 2025.*

Photo: Clarissa Londero



Activities focused exclusively on mitigation accounted for the third-smallest share of resources, highlighting Casa Fund's complementary role in emissions reduction, biodiversity conservation, and the strengthening of local territories through sustainable practices.

*Casa Socio-Environmental Fund allocated a total of **BRL 5,072,791.53 (USD 1,014,558.31)** to support mitigation projects in 2025.*

Just transition is considered a cross-cutting dimension and may be present in projects focused on mitigation, adaptation, or both.

*Casa Socio-Environmental Fund allocated a total of **BRL 43,935,962.84 (USD 8,787,192.57)** in support to foster local income generation and advance the transition toward a low-carbon economy that is both just and inclusive.*



Photo: Arthur Monteiro

Casa Fund's Engagement in the Climate Agenda and Strategic Spaces

Casa Fund combined direct support for local territories with an active strategy of advocacy and engagement in key spaces within the climate agenda, expanding the participation of organizations and leaders from the Global South in debates and decision-making processes. Throughout 2025, this work sought not only to strengthen civil society participation, but also to position direct funding and territorial solutions as central elements in discussions on climate justice and governance. This engagement was structured around three main fronts:

- **Direct funding for local solutions**, with a focus on climate justice and community adaptation;
- **Strengthening capacities and leadership**, expanding the participation of Global South groups;
- **Advocacy in strategic spaces**, connecting territorial experiences to the international climate debate.

A key highlight was the "Strengthening Local Leadership in the Climate Agenda" call for proposals, focused on political advocacy, knowledge production, and the monitoring of climate impacts in local territories, expanding the presence of community leaders in decision-making spaces.

In partnership with the Voices for Just Climate Action (VAC) Program and allied organizations, Casa Fund also supported 13 initiatives in the Legal Amazon through an invitation-only call. These projects strengthened local climate solutions in territories affected by droughts and floods, with a focus on advocacy, participation in decision-making spaces, knowledge production, and communication.

In the area of capacity and leadership strengthening, the COP Journey stood out. The fourth edition of the training cycle, held between July and October 2025, trained more than 300 participants — including Indigenous Peoples, Quilombola communities, youth, Black women, and others. The topics addressed included multilateral negotiations, national climate policy, just transition, and climate finance (covered in two workshops).

Advocacy at COP 30

Within the sphere of advocacy in strategic spaces, Casa Socio-Environmental Fund maintained a structured and coordinated presence at COP 30 in Belém, strengthening its engagement across different arenas of the conference and increasing the visibility of territorial solutions and the climate justice agenda led by organizations from the Global South.

- **COP30 Engagement:** Casa Fund officially participated in more than 22 events across different spaces of the conference (Blue Zone, Green Zone, Global South House, People's COP, among others), advocating for direct funding for territorial solutions, climate justice, and the protection of environmental defenders.
- **Global South House:** Casa Fund was part of the House's Governance structure and actively contributed to the initiative, which aims to serve as a South-to-South platform focused on climate justice. The official launch brought together more than 350 participants from 49 countries. Over the course of seven days, approximately 1,200 people from around the world participated in the 21 panels and events hosted at the House.

Impact businesses and territorial economic autonomy

Throughout 2025, Casa Fund dedicated significant effort to understanding how its grantmaking has contributed to the emergence and strengthening of impact-driven enterprises rooted in local organizations, communities, and value chains. This analysis does not assume that every initiative supported should evolve into a business. Rather, it recognizes that some projects have been developing their own pathways toward economic sustainability, income generation, and market access.

To better understand this dynamic, Casa Fund adopted a methodology that categorizes projects according to their level of economic and organizational maturity on a scale from 1 to 6. The framework encompasses a wide range of initiatives—from those primarily focused on community strengthening, institutional development, training, advocacy, and other philanthropic objectives, to projects with more structured productive activities, defined revenue models, commercial potential, and opportunities for growth.

The purpose of this classification is not to rank initiatives, but to better understand where each project stands and what types of support may strengthen its trajectory. Many organizations continue to operate with a strong philanthropic, community-based, educational, or institutional focus—dimensions that remain essential



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to socio-environmental justice. Others are advancing toward hybrid models, community enterprises, socio-productive value chains, and initiatives with greater market potential.

A key finding from the 2025 portfolio is that 50% of supported projects include a significant component of income generation and self-generated revenue, demonstrating that economic resilience is increasingly intertwined with territorial development and environmental stewardship.

The comparison between the 2025 and 2026 funding cycles reinforces this trend. In 2025, the portfolio included a larger share of philanthropic or mixed-profile projects focused on training, conservation, advocacy, institutional strengthening, and early-stage income generation. By 2026, there is a noticeable increase in projects classified at Level 3 and above, reflecting stronger attention to economic sustainability, productive structuring, and market access.

This evolution reflects Casa Fund's commitment to a layered funding strategy—one that combines grassroots support, organizational strengthening, and gradual pathways toward economic autonomy.

The approach seeks to nurture solutions deeply rooted in territories, where income generation is intrinsically linked to environmental protection, the valorization of local ways of life, and the permanence of communities within their territories.

When resources reach territories, they can become something more than funding—they can become autonomy.

Every strengthened value chain, every community enterprise that emerges or expands, creates a tangible opportunity for livelihoods, permanence, and future prosperity.

In this context, impact is not measured solely by the ability to generate sales or achieve growth. It is measured by the capacity to sustain ways of life, protect nature, and keep decision-making power in the hands of those who know and care for the territory best.

2025 Highlights



Strategic Philanthropy - Coordination and Strengthening of Global South Funding Infrastructure



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In 2025, Casa Socio-Environmental Fund consolidated its strategic role in building and strengthening the philanthropic infrastructure of the Global South, recognizing that expanding direct access to resources requires not only funding, but also the strengthening of institutional ecosystems capable of sustaining and scaling this model across the Global South.

Aligned with the **Strategic Philanthropy** pillar, Casa Fund operated through three complementary and interconnected fronts:

1. **Political coordination and advocacy**, positioning funds as key actors within the climate and socio-environmental financing architecture;
2. **Knowledge production and dissemination**, systematizing evidence on the effectiveness of direct access mechanisms; and
3. **Institutional strengthening of funds and networks**, supporting the diversity of formats — including community, territorial, and thematic funds — that operate as bridges between global resources and local solutions.

This work is grounded in a central understanding: funds from the Global South are part of **strategic infrastructures for the redistribution of resources, power, and decision-making capacity**, capable of channeling significant volumes of funding directly to grassroots organizations, while simultaneously contributing to biome protection, the strengthening of territorial governance, and the promotion of socio-environmental justice.

In this context, Casa Fund maintained an active presence in high-level national and international spaces, contributing to the global debate on philanthropy, climate, and development, while expanding recognition of the direct access model. This advocacy work was carried out in coordination with networks such as Rede Comuá and the Alianza Fondos del Sur, reinforcing collective agendas and the construction of shared narratives.

Institutional participation — represented by the Director of Global Philanthropy Strategies, Maria Amalia Souza, the Executive Directorate, and Program Managers — included strategic events throughout the year:

- **March** — Impacta Mais - Brazil Program Team and Executive Leadership, Casa Fund
- **March** — *Philanthropy Together Global Summit of Collaborative Funds - San Francisco, USA - Maria Amalia Souza*
- **April** — Skoll World Forum - Oxford, United Kingdom - Maria Amalia Souza
- **May** — Impact Days - Vienna, Austria - Maria Amalia Souza
- **May** — GIFE Congress - Fortaleza, CE, Brazil - Cristina Orpheo
- **June** — Philea - Lisbon, Portugal - Maria Amalia Souza
- **August** — Ethos Institute Annual Conference - Brazil - Cristina Orpheo
- **August** — São Paulo Climate Week - São Paulo, Brazil - Cristina Orpheo
- **August** — Empower, Connect and Voice: Enhancing International Collaboration for Climate Actors (online conference) - Maria Amalia Souza
- **September** — *Webinar Over Due Diligence: De-colonial Approaches to Funding Rightsholder Driven Due Diligence (online)* — Maria Amalia Souza
- **September** — Museum Spring (Primavera dos Museus) - Rio de Janeiro, Brazil - Maria Amalia Souza
- **October** — Horasis Global Meeting - São Paulo, Brazil - Maria Amalia Souza
- **October** — *Environmental Grantmakers Association (EGA) - New Mexico, USA - Maria Amalia Souza*
- **November** — COP 30 - Belém, PA, Brazil - Program Team, Communications, and Executive Leadership, Casa Fund

In addition, Casa Fund's team also participated in conferences, webinars, and meetings throughout the year, addressing topics such as climate finance, decolonial philanthropy, and the strengthening of community-led initiatives, with engagement in events across Brazil and internationally.

These engagements reinforce Casa Fund's positioning as a relevant convening actor in global debates on socio-environmental philanthropy, highlighting the importance of supporting solutions and initiatives led by local organizations and communities.

Throughout these agendas, Casa Fund not only presented its experiences but also actively contributed to promoting more just, decolonial, and territory-centered approaches.

Networked Brigades

In July 2025, Casa Fund organized "Networked Brigades – Strengthening and Articulation Meeting of Volunteer and Community Fire Brigades," bringing together representatives of more than 120 brigades from all regions of Brazil in a landmark national convening. The event strengthened community networks engaged in wildfire prevention and response, valuing traditional knowledge, integrated fire management strategies, and solutions developed within the territories themselves.

The meeting was held with partner organizations such as the National Network of Volunteer Brigades (RNBV), ISPN, IPAM, BASE, and the Apinajé Women's Brigade. It also highlighted

the leadership of women firefighters and the central role of Indigenous, Quilombola, and traditional communities in protecting Brazil's biomes. During the discussions, leaders and experts advocated for the recognition of fire brigades as a strategic component of climate crisis response actions and policies.

The meeting reaffirmed Casa Fund's long-standing commitment to directly supporting local climate justice solutions, strengthening community brigades with resources for training, equipment, infrastructure, and network coordination. As program manager Beatriz Roseiro highlighted, these initiatives "reduce greenhouse gas emissions, protect biodiversity, and contribute to the planet's climatic balance."



Photo: Camila Araujo



Teia da Sociobiodiversidade

About the sociobiodiversity web

The Sociobiodiversity Web is an initiative of the Casa Socio-Environmental Fund, in partnership with Fundo Socioambiental CAIXA (FSA CAIXA), that supports community-based organizations and collectives in developing socio-environmental solutions rooted in their territories. The initiative connects two complementary lines: sociobiodiversity businesses, to strengthen sustainable productive chains and income generation, and Nature-based Solutions (NbS), focused on environmental conservation and climate adaptation.

The second call for proposals

Launched in November 2025 during COP 30 in Belém, the second call for proposals of the Sociobiodiversity Web received 1,812 proposals from all Brazilian states and the Federal District. A total of 203 projects were selected, spanning all of the country's biomes.

The Atlantic Forest concentrated 27.1% of the projects, followed by the Amazon (25.1%), the Caatinga (22.2%), and the Cerrado (14.3%). Food security appears as a cross-cutting theme in 90% of the approved initiatives, revealing the deep connection between environmental conservation, sustainable production, and access to food.

Nearly half of the selected organizations (48.3%) are made up of traditional peoples and communities. More than 60% of project leaders are women and 76% are non-white, showing whose hands build and care for Brazil's sociobiodiversity.

Cumulative results of both calls

Combined, the two calls bring the Sociobiodiversity Web to 405 supported projects and R\$40 million (US\$ 8 million) invested in initiatives that strengthen territories, generate income, and protect nature across Brazil, with the potential to directly benefit more than 380,000 people and 1.7 million indirectly.

Highlights from the 2nd Sociobiodiversity Web call for proposals

1.812
proposals received

203
selected projects

405
projects across both calls

US\$ 8M
total invested

ALL BIOMES
represented in the 2nd call

+60%
of project leaders are women

76%
of leaders are non-white

90%
of projects have food security as a core theme

Calls for Proposals



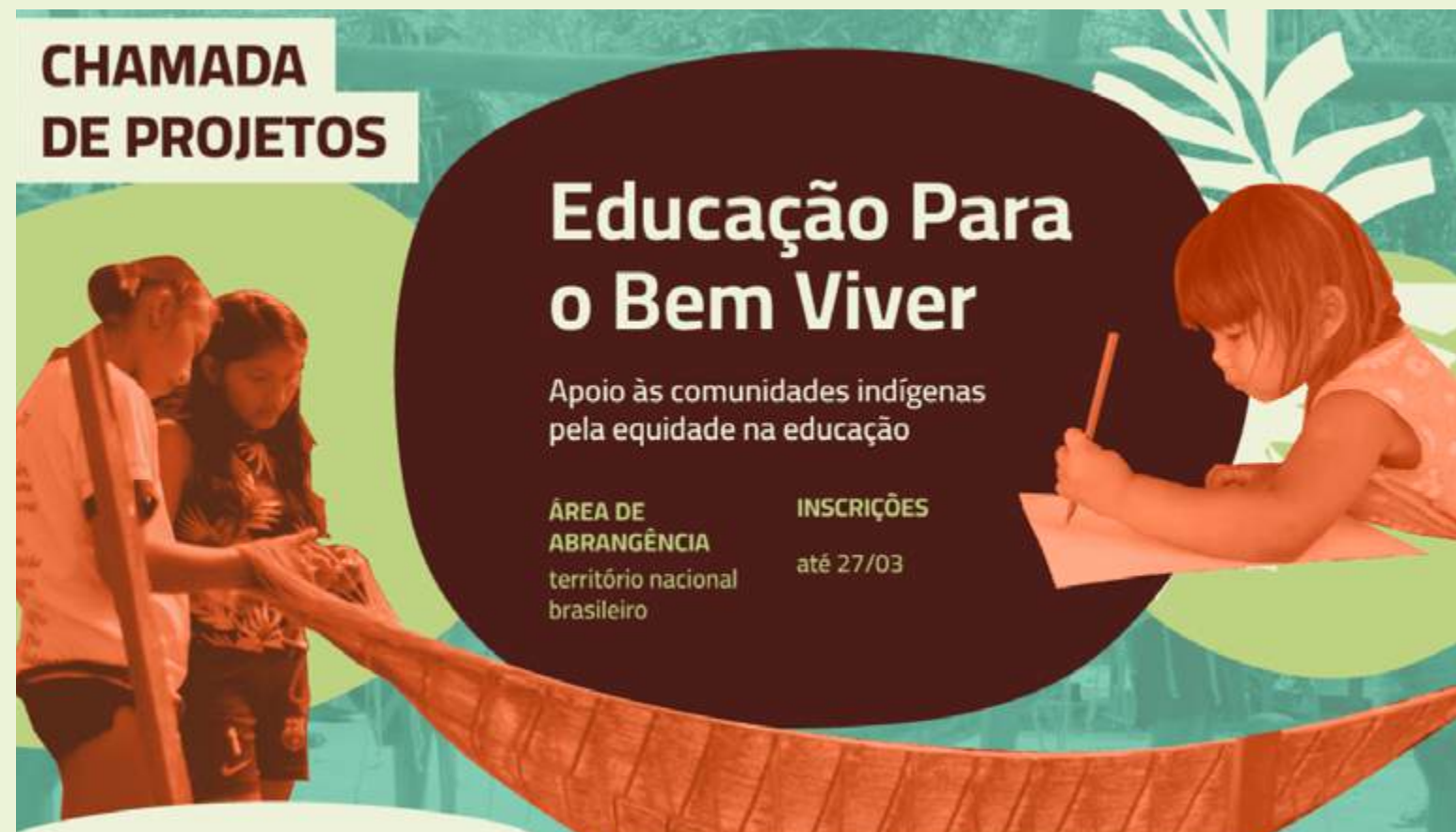
Calls for proposals

The calls launched throughout 2025 reflect, in concrete terms, Casa Fund's commitment to strengthening solutions that originate and develop within local territories. In total, there were **9 calls for proposals** supporting diverse initiatives across different regions of the country. Notable areas of focus include **climate justice and community resilience**, supporting actions ranging from adaptation to extreme climate events to conservation and ecosystem regeneration strategies in key biomes such as the Amazon and the Atlantic Forest.

This support is directly linked to strengthening **territorial rights and the autonomy of Indigenous Peoples and traditional communities**, recognizing their essential role in protecting territories and building more sustainable futures. It also reinforces

support for the **sociobioeconomy**, with projects that combine income generation, the valorization of traditional knowledge, and environmental conservation, as well as support for **contextualized and anti-racist training** processes that strengthen identities, cultures, and collective trajectories.

In parallel, Casa Fund continues to drive **policy advocacy and knowledge production**, expanding the presence and voice of supported organizations in strategic spaces, such as the international climate agenda. Below, we list the calls for proposals launched throughout the year **in chronological order**, highlighting the number of initiatives supported under each one.



ANCESTRAL KNOWLEDGE AND GOOD LIVING: STRENGTHENING INDIGENOUS AND QUILOMBOLA ORGANIZATIONS

January - 25 selected projects
Total value: US\$ 200,000

This call supported initiatives led by Indigenous Peoples aimed at promoting contextualized, intercultural education aligned with their ways of life. The focus was on strengthening community-based educational practices, valuing traditional knowledge, and expanding access to quality education within their territories.



MATA ATLÂNTICA VIVA: SUPPORTING SOLUTIONS FOR CONSERVATION AND RESTORATION

February - 53 selected projects
Total value: US\$ 636,000

This call focused on the conservation and restoration of the Atlantic Forest, supporting community-based solutions that integrate biodiversity protection, ecosystem regeneration, and the strengthening of sustainable livelihoods, while promoting nature-based approaches and territorial management.



ANCESTRAL KNOWLEDGE AND GOOD LIVING: SUPPORTING QUILOMBOLA COMMUNITIES FOR ANTI-RACIST EDUCATION

February - 25 selected projects
Total value: US\$ 200,000

This call supported quilombola-led initiatives focused on building anti-racist education, strengthening identities, memories, and traditional knowledge. The actions sought to address historical inequalities and promote educational autonomy within the territories.



STRENGTHENING LOCAL LEADERSHIP IN THE CLIMATE AGENDA: SUPPORT FOR ADVOCACY AND KNOWLEDGE PRODUCTION FOR COP30

**April - 51 selected projects
Total value: US\$ 300,000**

This call supported organizations and networks in producing knowledge, coordination, and policy advocacy around the climate agenda, with a focus on meaningful participation in strategic spaces such as COP30, expanding the visibility and influence of local actors.



AMAZON ALIVE: STRENGTHENING THE AUTONOMY AND RESILIENCE OF FOREST PEOPLES

**May - 48 selected projects
Total value: US\$ 576,000**

This call supported initiatives led by Indigenous Peoples and traditional communities aimed at strengthening territorial autonomy, protecting ways of life, and promoting resilience in the face of climate change in the Amazon.



AMAZON RESILIENT: STRENGTHENING COMMUNITY SOLUTIONS IN THE FACE OF CLIMATE CHANGE

**June - 30 selected projects
Total value: US\$ 300,000**

With a focus on climate adaptation, this call supported local solutions that enhance the resilience of Amazonian communities, including food security, sustainable natural resource management, and responses to extreme climate events.



STRENGTHENING TERRITORIAL RIGHTS IN THE CONTEXT OF ENERGY MEGAPROJECTS

July - 9 selected projects
Total value: US\$ 90,000

This call supported actions defending the territorial and socio-environmental rights of communities affected by large-scale energy developments, promoting advocacy, community organization, and strategies for territorial protection.



REBUILD RS: SUPPORT FOR CLIMATE RESILIENCE AND COMMUNITY RECOVERY (2025)

August - 46 selected projects
Total value: US\$ 450,000

This call focused on responding to climate-related disasters in the state of Rio Grande do Sul, supporting initiatives for community reconstruction, recovery of livelihoods, and the strengthening of resilience in territories affected by extreme events.



2025 SOCIOBIODIVERSITY WEB

November - 203 selected projects
Total value: US\$ 4,000,000

This call supported sociobioeconomy-focused projects, strengthening sociobiodiversity value chains, income generation, and environmental conservation. The initiatives combine economic, social, and environmental dimensions, with a strong presence of integrated approaches linking adaptation and mitigation.

Capacity Strengthening

Casa Fund's support goes far beyond funding.

Throughout the year, workshops were held that directly strengthened the operational capacity of supported organizations, creating spaces for exchange, collective learning, and the co-construction of solutions.

2025 Highlights:

- *77 workshops conducted*
- *4,849 participants engaged*
- *2,573 organizations involved*

One of the main focuses was **strengthening organizational management**. The most frequent workshops addressed welcome sessions for selected organizations, financial management, and institutional management, demonstrating Casa Fund's commitment to supporting projects from their initial stages through continuous follow-up. This approach contributes to more efficient use of resources and to the long-term autonomy of supported organizations.

There is also a strong emphasis on the integration between climate action and economic inclusion, with activities focused on women's empowerment, access to credit, and financial literacy. These initiatives strengthen livelihoods and expand opportunities for historically marginalized groups, contributing to a just transition.

Another important aspect was **preparing organizations to engage in strategic spaces**, such as the **international climate agenda**, through the **COP30 Journey**. In addition, in-person workshops addressed key topics such as community fire brigades, rights advocacy, and renewable energy, directly connecting these actions to the challenges experienced in local territories.

By investing in organizational strengthening and knowledge exchange, Casa Fund expands the reach, quality, and sustainability of locally built solutions.

Table 2: Number of participants in provided activities

| ACTIVITIES | NUMBER OF WORKSHOPS | PEOPLE | ORGANIZATIONS |
|---|---------------------|-------------|---------------|
| Q&A Workshops for Each Call for Proposals | 9 | 1184 | 403 |
| Workshop 1 - Welcome Session | 17 | 872 | 470 |
| Workshop 2 – Best Practices in Financial Management | 16 | 802 | 481 |
| Workshop 3 – Best Practices in Institutional Management | 14 | 577 | 371 |
| Workshop 4 – Women's Economic Empowerment | 4 | 223 | 127 |
| Workshop 5 – Access to Credit | 4 | 202 | 129 |
| Workshop 6 – Financial Literacy | 1 | 158 | 112 |
| Engagement and Feedback Workshop with Supported Organizations COP30 Journey | 2 | 65 | 54 |
| COP30 Journey | 7 | 580 | 333 |
| In-person – Brigades, Defenders, and Renewables | 3 | 251 | 147 |
| TOTAL | 77 | 4849 | 2573 |

Knowledge Production

Casa Fund also produces and shares knowledge to strengthen civil society's engagement in the climate agenda. In 2025, three publications were launched to help explain complex topics, highlight local solutions, and expand access to information.

For Casa Fund, knowledge is a tool for power, advocacy, and transformation.

Through these publications, Casa Fund expands access to information, strengthens the climate debate, and helps ensure that more organizations are prepared to access resources, participate in decision-making processes, and advance solutions within their territories.



The report “**Where Are Climate Resources Going?**” clearly explains how global climate finance works and the main challenges that prevent these resources from reaching communities in the Global South. The material also offers reflections on how to make this distribution more equitable.

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The guide “**Towards COP30**” was designed to support organizations that want to participate in climate conferences. It explains how these spaces work, what topics are under discussion, and provides practical guidance to strengthen the participation of Indigenous Peoples, traditional communities, Quilombola populations, women, youth, and social movements.

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The publication “**From Territory to Climate Action**” shows, in practical terms, how climate action takes place within local territories. Based on the analysis of more than 1,200 supported projects, the study highlights that adaptation, mitigation, and just transition are already being implemented by local communities through concrete and integrated solutions.

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Communications



In 2025, the communications team focused on strengthening the organization’s public and institutional presence, expanding the visibility of solutions developed in local territories, and consolidating Casa Socio-Environmental Fund as a reference in debates on financing, climate justice, territorial defense, and community strengthening.

20-Year Campaign: we can do more

The year was marked by the **20-year campaign**, which drove a cycle of institutional strengthening and communication repositioning, including the updating and definition of guidelines and the development of a new strategy for the 2025–2028 cycle.

The motto “We Can Do More” captured the spirit of the campaign through a central idea of collective strength. The phrase affirms that, together, it is possible to expand the transformations already underway in local territories. The concept reinforced that communities, collectives, and grassroots organizations can achieve much more when they have access to resources, support, and trust, demonstrating that it is possible to scale socio-environmental solutions with quality, territorial rootedness, and lasting impact.

More than a celebration, the campaign served as a call to action in the face of climate and social urgency, reaffirming the importance of strengthening alliances, expanding investments, and recognizing those who are already building concrete pathways to sustain life.

Key milestones included the launch of the book **Our Home is the World**, the 20-year commemorative landing page, and the production of special content in photo, video, and social media formats, highlighting stories and impacts supported over the past two decades.

The agenda also included advocacy actions during **COP 30**, physical media displays at key tourist locations in Belém, a partnership with the special podcast [Tempo Quente](#) by Rádio Novelo,



Photo: Vtória Leona
Casa Fund team members celebrate the organization’s 20th anniversary in Belém – PA.



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The book *The World Is Our Casa* was launched in Belém during COP30.

the launch of the 2nd Sociobiodiversity Web Call for Proposals in the Green Zone, a networking cocktail with partners and funders, and initiatives aimed at strengthening digital presence.

Knowledge production on the climate agenda and expansion of communication platforms

Between September 2025 and March 2026, the digital communication strategy for disseminating publications on COP30 and climate finance achieved significant reach, directly strengthening Casa Socio-Environmental Fund's network. Online media campaigns reached more than **493,000 people**, resulting in **6,835 new contacts added to Casa Fund's direct communication databases**.

Digital presence

In 2025, Casa Socio-Environmental Fund significantly expanded its digital presence, strengthening the debate on climate justice, sociobiodiversity, and community-led solutions. On Instagram, the profile reached more than **543,000 people**, recorded **3.1 million views** and over **47,000 interactions**, and grew by **39% in followers**. The best-performing content highlighted territories, traditional communities, community fire brigades, and public calls for proposals, reinforcing the institution's capacity for mobilization and engagement.

On **LinkedIn**, Casa Fund consolidated its institutional reputation within sustainability, philanthropy, and territorial development networks, ending the year with more than **12,000 followers**, a 51.2% increase over the year. The most prominent content focused on socio-environmental impact, community support, and territorial solutions, strengthening Casa Fund's position as a reference in community philanthropy and socio-environmental justice.

Casa fund bulletin

In parallel, the Casa Fund Bulletin maintained continuous publication throughout the year, with 18 editions released, consolidating itself as an important channel for dialogue with partners, grantees, and networks.

These interconnected actions reinforce the role of communications as a core component of the institutional strategy, helping to expand the reach of supported initiatives and strengthen advocacy around the climate justice agenda.

Media presence

Throughout the year, Casa Fund expanded its media presence, with more than 300 placements in national, regional, and specialized outlets, including two features on Jornal Hoje (TV Globo) and articles in Nexo and Um Só Planeta. The increased visibility in traditional media is part of the institution's strategy to highlight priority agendas, strengthening public debate on climate justice, territorial rights, and community-led solutions.

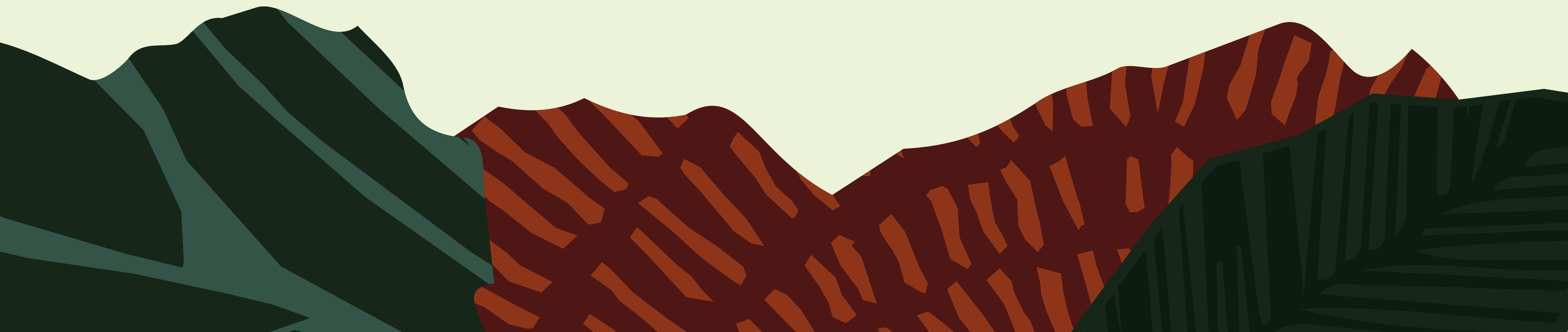
Networks that strengthen territories: the communication of the sociobiodiversity web

Since the first Sociobiodiversity Web call for proposals in 2024, Casa Fund has maintained dedicated communication channels for this initiative, integrated with its existing institutional channels. This decision took into account the scale of the call, the largest in terms of both funding volume and number of supported initiatives. A dedicated homepage and social media profiles were launched.

In 2025, the digital presence of the Sociobiodiversity Web was consolidated as an important channel for mobilizing and disseminating supported initiatives. In addition to increasing the visibility of selected projects, the content produced demonstrated how sociobiodiversity businesses and nature-based solutions represent concrete pathways toward a more sustainable and inclusive future.

Between January and December, the Sociobiodiversity Web profiles recorded more than 570,000 views, reached approximately 109,000 accounts, and generated over 34,000 interactions. The number of followers nearly doubled, reaching more than 10,000 people. On Instagram alone, more than 279 pieces of content were produced in different formats, in addition to campaigns, institutional videos, graphic materials, radio spots, and press outreach activities, which resulted in 27 published media articles.

These channels were also instrumental in promoting the second Sociobiodiversity Web call for proposals, which received 1,812 submissions from all 26 Brazilian states and the Federal District. The figures demonstrate the strength of communication as a tool for reinforcing socio-environmental agendas, bringing communities, partners, and society closer to solutions that are already making a difference in territories across Brazil.



Partnerships and Networks

Casa Fund works to strengthen strategic philanthropy in the Global South, supporting community-led solutions and expanding access to resources for organizations on the frontlines of climate crisis responses. Its approach combines direct funding with institutional coordination, aiming to increase the effectiveness and scale of socio-environmental initiatives across local territories.

A central part of this strategy is **the building and strengthening of networks and partnerships**, both with actors from the Global South and with organizations, foundations, and funders from the Global North. These alliances not only enable resource mobilization, but also help align agendas, share learning, and strengthen collective capacity for advocacy on key issues within the climate agenda.

Casa Fund does not operate only through direct support, but also by strengthening other funds and organizations that are even closer to local territories.

By acting as a connecting bridge between territories, organizations, and funders, Casa Fund contributes to **strengthening the philanthropic architecture**, promoting greater equity in the distribution of resources and reinforcing the leadership of local actors.

Networks and alliances integrated by the Casa Fund

SOCIO-ENVIRONMENTAL FUNDS OF THE GLOBAL SOUTH | SOCIO-ENVIRONMENTAL FUNDS ALLIANCE OF THE SOUTH.

An initiative that brings together seventeen independent socio-environmental funds from Latin America, Africa, and Southeast Asia. Member funds of the alliance are locally rooted funds operating at national or regional levels, established across different countries in the Global South. In addition to providing direct grants, each fund also supports local organizations in building capacities and strengthening institutional development. Casa Fund remains actively engaged in a **leadership role within this alliance**, which now brings together 17 members collectively operating across 50 countries.

For more information: www.alianzafondosdelsur.org

EDGE FUNDERS ALLIANCE.

A network of foundations dedicated to strengthening social movements worldwide. The alliance promotes advanced and participatory dialogue between funders and movements. In addition to being a member of this network, Casa Fund has contributed for many years to **strengthening the participation of Global South**.

For more information: www.edgefunders.org

HUMAN RIGHTS FUNDERS NETWORK.

The largest global network of foundations and funds investing in human rights in its many dimensions and forms ranging from

racial equity and gender justice to Indigenous Peoples' rights, the fight against modern slavery, and many other related issues. With the participation of Maria Amalia Souza, Casa Fund was part of the network's Coordinating Committee for six years, contributing to **strengthening the perspective of Global South local funds and their areas of expertise**.

For more information: www.hrfn.org

REDE COMUÁ.

A space that brings together community foundations and funds, as well as grantmaking organizations that mobilize resources from diverse sources to support groups, collectives, movements, and civil society organizations working in the fields of social justice, human rights, citizenship, and community development. Seventeen members have joined forces to demonstrate that it is possible to directly support community-based groups across all social justice themes, enabling them to design and implement their own locally driven solutions. Casa Fund is a **founding member** of the network and plays an **active role in strategic actions, as well as in ongoing exchanges of experience**.

For more information: www.redecomua.org.br

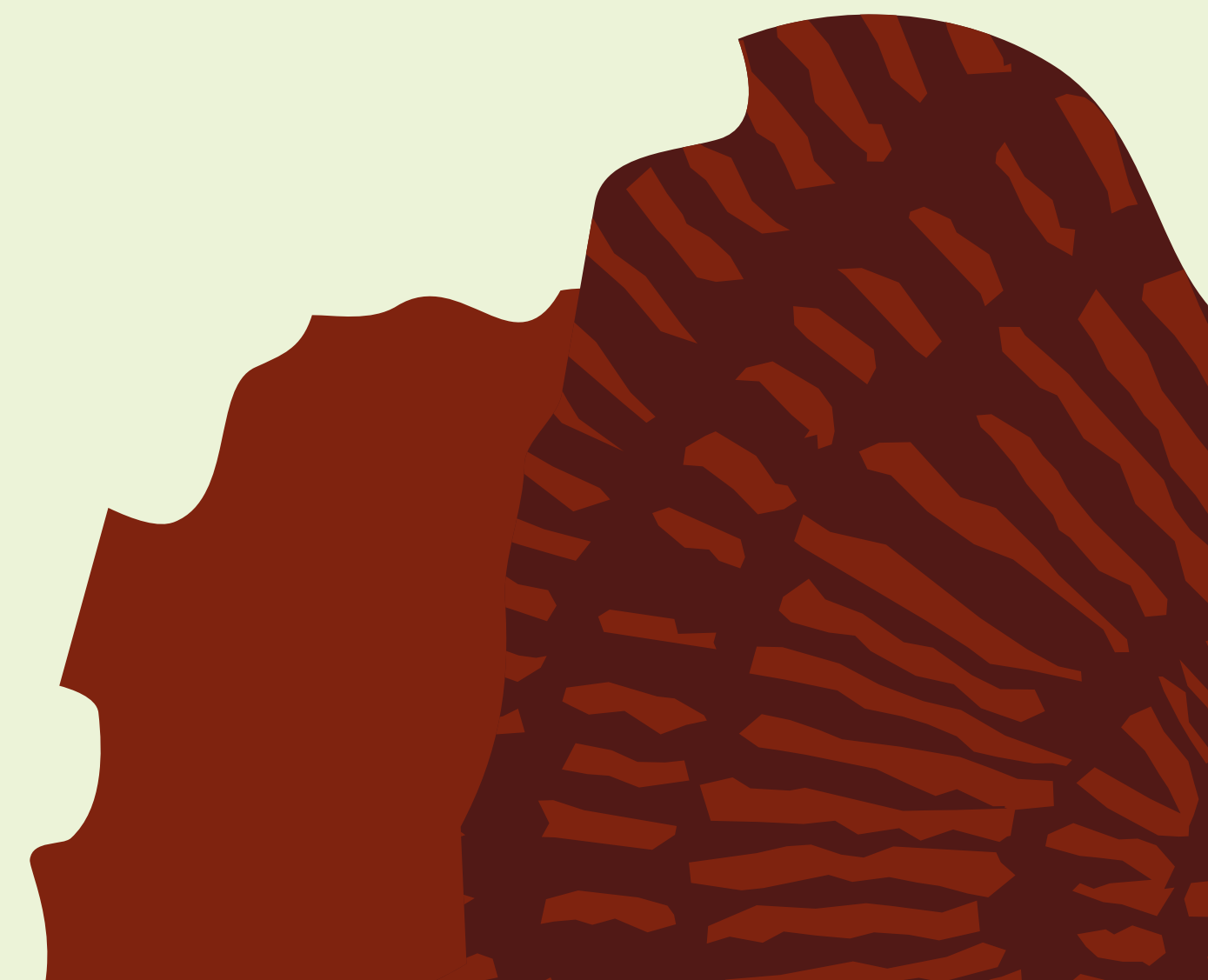




Photo: Arthur Monteiro
Project: Immediate Support for Fighting Wildfires in Chapada dos Veadeiros
Implemented by: Cavalcante Volunteer Environmental Brigade (Brivac) – Cavalcante – GO

Initiatives Implemented by Casa Fund

GLOBAL ALLIANCE FOR GREEN AND GENDER ACTION (GAGGA)

A global network bringing together women’s funds, socio-environmental justice funds, NGOs, and women-led community organizations. The initiative is led by the Fondo Centroamericano de Mujeres, with partners including Both ENDS and Mama Cash, working to guarantee women’s rights to water, food security, and a healthy environment. In 2024, the alliance entered a new phase of implementing its intersectional gender and climate justice strategy, including the development of impact studies and the planning of what has become known as GAGGA. **In Brazil, Casa Fund, with support from GAGGA, the Global Greengrants Fund (GGF), and the French Embassy, launched the call “Climate Resilience and Gender Equity: Strengthening Communities for Inclusion and Diversity,”** which supported 34 women-led climate resilience projects addressing climate change impacts. The collaboration also includes participation in the **Gender and Climate Justice Working Group of the Global Greengrants Fund (GGF).**

For more information: <https://gaggaalliance.org/>

VOICES FOR JUST CLIMATE ACTION (VAC)

A global alliance that brings together civil society organizations to promote climate solutions, recognizing and fostering the leadership of local territories in this process and in the defense of sociobiodiversity. In Brazil, VAC is composed of WWF-Brazil, Fundación Avina, Hivos, the International Institute for Education in Brazil (IEB), and Casa Socio-Environmental Fund.

For more information:
<https://voicesforjustclimateaction.org/>

Financial Report Summary



Financial report summary

This section presents a summary of Casa Fund's financial performance throughout 2025, highlighting the volume of resources mobilized, their allocation across programmatic areas, and the distribution of grants implemented.

Casa Fund values a clear and transparent approach to the use of resources, highlighting the coherence between institutional strategy, programmatic priorities, and the investments made.

Table 3: Budget executed in 2025

| DIRECT GRANTS DISBURSED IN THE PERIOD | R\$ | US\$ |
|---|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| DIRECT SUPPORT TO GROUPS + DEFENDERS | R\$ 47.026.673,28 | \$ 9,405,334.66 |
| SUPPORT FOR NETWORK STRENGTHENING: GLOBAL SOUTH HOUSE | R\$ 500.000,00 | \$ 100,000.00 |
| NETWORK STRENGTHENING & OTHERS | R\$ 1.142.617,17 | \$ 228,523.43 |
| SUB TOTAL | R\$ 48.669.290,45 | \$ 9,733,858.09 |
| INDIRECT GRANTS – INVESTMENTS IN SUPPORTED ORGANIZATIONS | R\$ | US\$ |
| WORKSHOPS AND SUPPORTED CONVENINGS – INDIRECT SUPPORT | R\$ 1.680.082,52 | \$ 336,016.50 |
| SUB TOTAL | R\$ 1.680.082,52 | \$ 336,016.50 |
| SUBTOTAL - EXPENSES WITH SUPPORTED ORGANIZATIONS | R\$ 50.349.372,97 | \$ 10,069,874.59 |

75%
of Budget

3%
of Budget

78%
of Budget

| GENERAL TEAM | R\$ | US\$ |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|
| ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCE TEAM | R\$ 1.876.635,83 | \$ 375,327.17 |
| PROGRAMMATIC TEAM & CONSULTANTS | R\$ 4.722.477,98 | \$ 944,495.60 |
| COMMUNICATIONS TEAM & CONSULTANTS | R\$ 2.909.755,85 | \$ 581,951.17 |
| SUB TOTAL | R\$ 9.508.869,66 | \$ 1,901,773.93 |

15%
of Budget

| OPERATIONAL & ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS | R\$ | US\$ |
|--|-------------------------|----------------------|
| ADMINISTRATIVE, FINANCIAL & OPERATIONAL EXPENSES | R\$ 3.197.747,76 | \$ 639,549.55 |
| SUB TOTAL | R\$ 3.197.747,76 | \$ 639,549.55 |

5%
of Budget

| INSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT – STRATEGIC PHILANTHROPY | R\$ | US\$ |
|---|-------------------------|----------------------|
| INSTITUTIONAL STRENGTHENING / COMMUNICATIONS / STUDIES & EVALUATIONS – 20 YEARS | R\$ 1.814.092,82 | \$ 362,818.56 |
| SUB TOTAL | R\$ 1.814.092,82 | \$ 362,818.56 |

3%
of Budget

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|-----------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| TOTAL EXPENSES | R\$ 64.870.083,21 | \$ 12,974,016.64 |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|

100%
of Budget

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Our sincere gratitude to the donors and funders who are building a new tomorrow with us.

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