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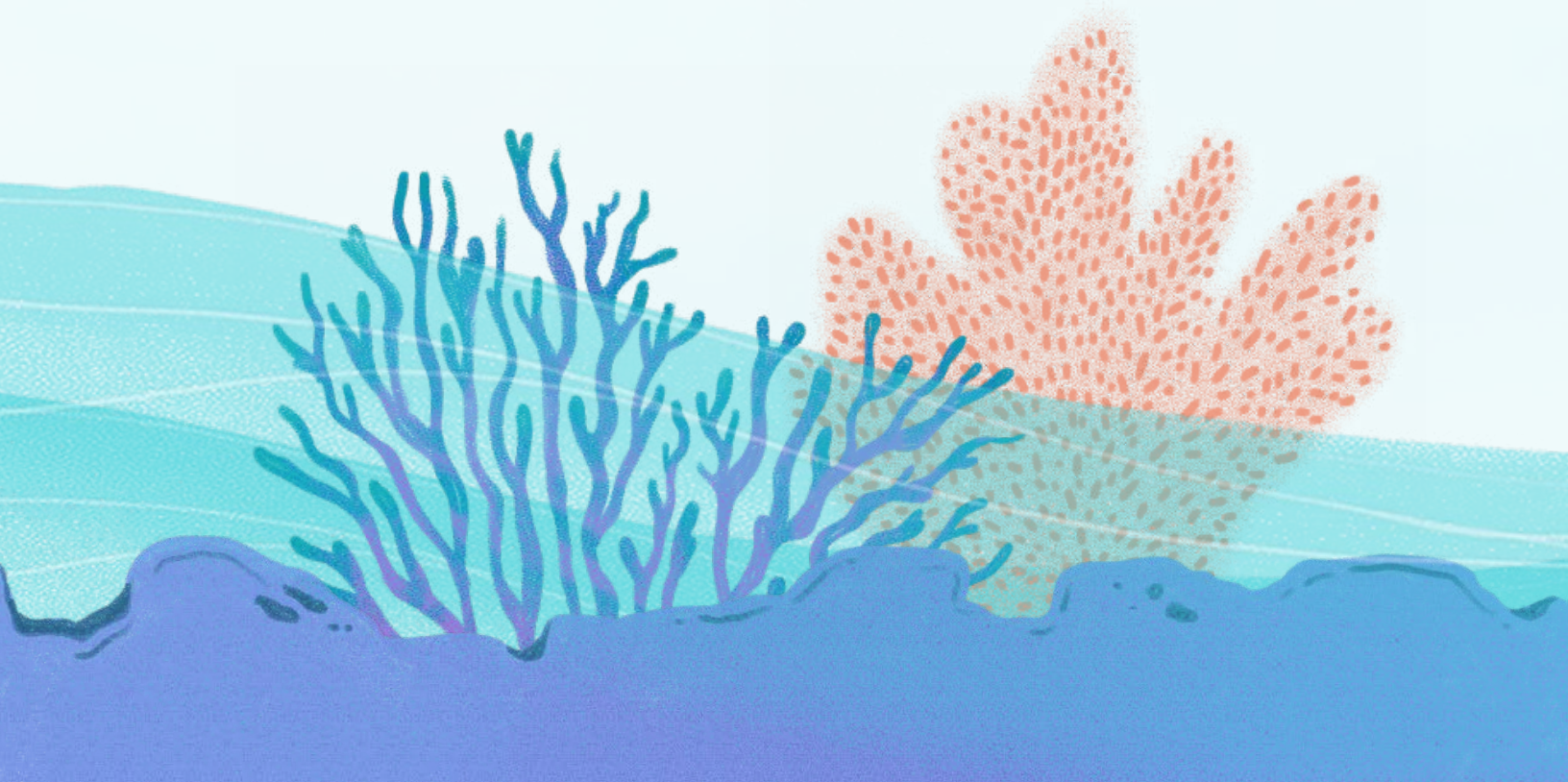

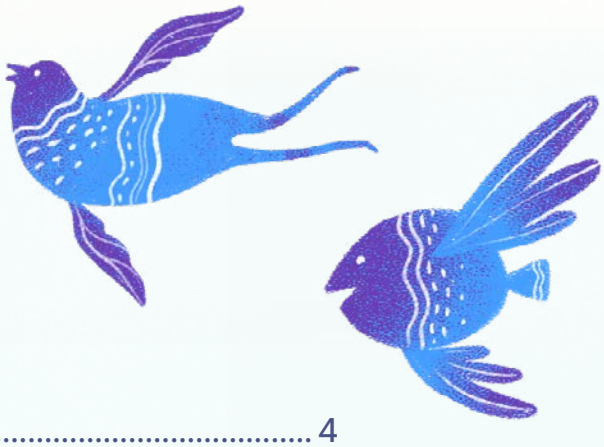

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# I. Cartography of Living Waters

Many years from now—when the story is told of how dignity, resilience, and solidarity stood firm in Central America—it will be said that 2025 was the year we continued learning to read the language of uncertain tides, and to weave strategic vision and political integrity into every decision we made.

It was not a time of calm, neither in Central America nor in other regions of the world. The winds blew against us, and anti-democratic currents grew turbulent, threatening to blur the horizons that we, as social movements, have fought so hard to defend and sustain.

And yet, like a school of fish guided by a synchronized heartbeat, we learned to draw strength from interdependence, to remain alert to change, and to summon the political creativity needed to find new currents—even along paths that seemed to lead nowhere. For in the depths, we resist and grow.

In this immersive journey, we present not merely a balance sheet of figures or a log of activities; rather, we bring to the surface the chronicle of how organized youth, land defenders, and voices resisting from the margins of diversity transformed a hostile environment into greater collective strength.

From the Mesoamerican corridor to the heart of the Amazon, and from the safety of digital spaces to the tables where the future of the climate is decided, this is the story of how solidarity must be as tangible as solid ground—and how justice is possible, as long as the conditions are secured for life to flourish and for social movements to sustain their struggles.

# II. A Living Current Flows through the Territory

In 2025, we accompanied **273 partner organizations across Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras, Costa Rica, and Panama**, as well as networks with regional reach. This power springs, above all, from grassroots organizations, whose community-based work is the very heart of these acts of resistance. Flowing alongside them are emerging voices, feminist communication initiatives, and strategic alliances, together forming a living map of struggles..

## Springs That Nourish Autonomy

Like a living current that inhabits and transforms the depths, we distributed $4.8 million through 255 grants. We prioritized long-term interdependence, ensuring that 92% of these resources flowed as multi-year funding.

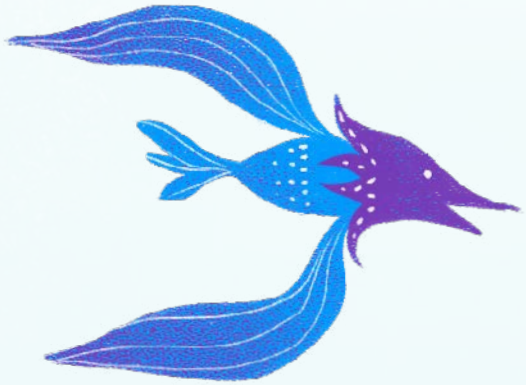
In a time of adverse currents and deep democratic fissures, this flexible support enabled our partners to navigate with the autonomy of those who know their own course. By synchronizing our efforts, feminist and community agendas not only withstood the onslaughts of the external environment, but also expanded their territorial reach, safeguarding civic space as a unified body against the tides of anti-rights narratives.

## Voices Pulsing with Diversity

The ecosystem of leadership that we continue to support, and help strengthen, reflects the richness of social movements: organizations of LBTIQ+ people; young, Indigenous, and peasant women; people with disabilities; Afro-descendant, Black, and Garifuna women; working-class and laboring women; and migrants, refugees, and exiles. A plurality of voices, lives, and visions pulse from distinct shores, yet together form an unstoppable tide.

The work, struggles, and demands of these organizations are directed, with the precision of a compass, toward the defense of more than 20 rights. Chief among these are bodily autonomy, the right to lives free from violence, and proposals and actions aimed at advancing climate and environmental justice.

Examples of the types of organizations and actions we support:



## AMADIPA: Breaking the Mold

AMADIPA emerged in 2023 with a clear conviction: its struggle would not be rooted in charity, but in deeply political action. In just three years, the Association of Self-Employed Women with Disabilities of **Panama** has realized its political potential through decisive steps, driven by a disruptive approach that redefines traditional activism in the Panamanian context. Learn more.

## CIRCULA: Restoring Power to Build Common Ground

**Guatemala** is a country marked by armed conflict, state violence, impunity, and racism. Fourteen years ago, however, a collective emerged to confront these wounds through a political commitment to critical dialogue, accompaniment, and the restoration of the social fabric. Its work in restorative justice challenges violent ways of exercising power and leadership, as well as punitive models of justice. Learn more.

## GEPAE: Collective Defense and Feminist Resistance.

In **Honduras**, the lifting of the ban on the Emergency Contraceptive Pill (ECP) in March 2023 marked a historic milestone and the recognition of a long-overdue debt to Honduran women. It was a victory for the organized feminist movement and for the sustained efforts of the Strategic Group for the Emergency Contraceptive Pill (GEPAE). Yet this triumph is not definitive. Today, amid an uncertain political landscape and the rise of conservative sectors seeking to roll back hard-won rights, access to the ECP is once again at risk. Learn more.

## AMIR: Land, Healing, and Lenca Sovereignty

In the mountains of Intibucá, **Honduras**, autonomy is expressed through the diverse faces of Lenca women. Through the Association of Renewed Intibucá Women (AMIR), they have transformed collective land ownership into spaces of autonomy, sustainability, and empowerment, where every harvest is also an act of political participation. Learn more.

# III. Spaces That Nurture and Strengthen

In a year when regional and global complexities intensified like a storm at sea, we reaffirmed our commitment to the sustainability of movements—a commitment that also involves strengthening the capacities of the organizations we support.

In 2025, we held **13 gatherings** (ten in person and three virtual), bringing together more than 470 leaders representing their organizations. These spaces provided safe environments for political reflection, learning, and mutual care: essential elements for defending rights in Central America.

The following are some of the spaces and processes we facilitated:

## Central American Gathering on Narratives of Hope for Socio-Environmental and Climate Justice.

In Central America, communication is a tool of resistance. With the participation of 20 organizations from Costa Rica, Guatemala, Honduras, and El Salvador, we helped build a regional bloc capable of redefining hope as a driving force for political action in the face of the climate crisis. The gathering enabled partner organizations to shape narratives that position them as agents of change, allowing their local demands to resonate with greater strategic impact and reach diverse audiences.

Participants in the gathering share their reflections:

» How do we sustain hope? Watch

» What narratives do we need in Central America? Watch

## Financial Resilience Program

Through the program facilitated by Colectivo Meta, we strengthened the capacity of 14 partner organizations in Guatemala to respond to financial crisis scenarios. This process not only reinforced their operational skills, but also gave them a strategic advantage in mobilizing resources—from methodological tools for diversifying funding sources and mapping strategic partners, to stronger capacities for developing high-quality proposals.

## Digital Security Training Process

Amid shrinking civic space, we strengthened the digital resilience and security of 19 organizations, making risk management a core component of their political sustainability. Facilitated by Fundación Acceso, the process equipped our partner organizations with tools to address technological threats and adopt essential care protocols for the defense of human rights.

This effort not only helped integrate protective practices and raise awareness of digital gender-based violence, but also created a strategic resource for ongoing reference: a microsite with training materials that helps safeguard the autonomy and resilience of these movements in the face of surveillance and harassment.

Explore the outcome of this effort: Digital Protection Toolkit.

## Regional Collective Monitoring Gatherings

Within the framework of our Support, Monitoring, and Evaluation System (SAME), we integrated a process of collective learning and transparency into our partners' accountability practices. This methodology was implemented through four regional meetings designed to identify shared lessons and challenges that transcend national borders.

The process enabled us to envision strategic transformations for the medium and long term, ensuring that monitoring serves as a driving force for mutual strengthening.

## The Speaking from Otherness Congress

The Congress served as a strategic space for training and exchange, bringing together 480 participants around four key themes: Decoloniality and Anti-Racism; Transfeminisms and Decoloniality; Community Feminism and Neighborhood Feminism; and Capable Bodies and the Critique of the Economic System.

The Congress provided a platform for the horizontal exchange of knowledge, where complex conceptual frameworks were translated into practical tools for rights advocacy in challenging contexts. By elevating these "narratives from the margins," we contributed critical categories that strengthen our partners' political analysis, ensuring that the support fostered through these dialogues translates into greater capacity for coordination and resilience among movements confronting structural violence.

# IV. A Logbook of Resistance

Producing knowledge is not merely about accumulating data; it is about generating the momentum feminist movements in Central America need to navigate complex contexts with greater information, clarity, and strategy. Through collaborative research, we ensure that every finding becomes a shared tool of resistance.

**Migration on the Mesoamerican Route: A Tapestry of Struggles and Resistances.** In partnership with the Global Fund for Children, we launched this intersectional study connecting the experiences of 24 organizations across Central America, Mexico, and the United States. By providing qualitative evidence on structural causes and the differentiated risks faced in transit, the study serves as a tool for supporting and protecting migrant populations through a rights-based approach. Download the study in Spanish.

**Agendas and Priorities of Adolescent and Youth Organizations in Central America.** We explored the agendas of Central American youth collectives, revealing that their strength lies in the creativity of care and in a spirit of collaboration that transcends geographical borders

Download the study in English.

**The Future of Civil Society Funding.** Our reflections and collaborative model took center stage at the Central American Donors Forum, where we joined the dialogue on the future of funding for civil society. Our approach is clear: a support model that recognizes that collective action is only possible when the lives of those who sustain it are also sustained.

As Miriam Camas, Program Coordinator at the FCAM Foundation, affirms: "...we have committed ourselves to a direct, flexible, and multi-year support model—one grounded in trust, accompaniment, and a deep understanding of the realities that exist within these territories. This model seeks not merely to fund projects, but to fund the very conditions that make collective action possible: the time, energy, rest, mental health, care, networks, and political reflection that allow life to be sustained and to flourish."

Read article in English

## V. Climate Solutions from the Territories

Like a school of **fish in motion**, through the Global Alliance for Green and Gender Action (GAGGA), we join forces to ensure that voices from the territories reach spaces such as the Green Climate Fund (GCF) and COP 30 with full force. Together with our allies, we show that real solutions to the climate crisis emerge, with their own momentum, from those who protect life in every community and territory.

**Small Investments, Big Transformations**. Through GAGGA, we concluded a cycle of strategic coordination that has redrawn the map of advocacy in Latin America. This journey—begun in 2024 alongside allies such as RIFA, AIDA, Fondo Tierra Viva, Fundo Casa, Both ENDS, and WEDO—not only strengthened our collective fabric, but also built the political muscle needed for territorial voices to influence the mechanisms of the Green Climate Fund (GCF) with authority.

To bring this stream of work to a close, we present the publication Small Investments with Big Impacts—compelling evidence that the boldest climate solutions are not designed in distant offices, but within communities themselves. The publication shows that when funding reaches the heart of the territories, gender justice becomes a driving force capable of restoring the balance of life and protecting our shared future.

**COP 30: Toward a More Effective Flow of Resources**. Together with our allies, we mobilized a political agenda designed to show that the work of grassroots organizations is the only true strategic advantage for achieving sustainable, high-impact climate goals. Our demand was clear: resources must no longer be lost in bureaucratic labyrinths. Our strategic approach is precise: resources must flow with the urgency demanded by the climate crisis, ensuring that climate investment reaches grassroots organizations directly—through agile funding mechanisms we have already validated—and dismantling the barriers that have historically excluded those who are generating real solutions.

**Voices from the Front Lines: From the Amazon to Fiji**. To ensure our network's impact resonated beyond our borders, we released a documentary that delves into the heart of our struggles. This short film captures the tireless work of women defenders who protect water and land with the same determination with which they defend their own lives. It sends a direct message to the global conscience: there can be no viable climate future without safeguarding human rights and amplifying the voices of those who inhabit front-line territories.

# VI. Enabling Environments

## "Funding Our Futures" Campaign

The results of our resource mobilization efforts came together, enabling us to join the first-ever global initiative to sustain **LGBTIQ** movements. The campaign successfully secured donor commitments for support through 2025 and 2026. Yet beneath the numbers lay something deeper: the need to raise a tide of solidarity that could span oceans. It was an urgent response to the drastic withdrawal of funding for social justice causes and the surging tide of hate speech—forces that, like storms, seek to darken the horizon of human rights.

Matthew Hart, Director of the Global Philanthropy Project, expressed this clearly: "Funding Our Futures was never just about money. It was about stepping into tomorrow with greater clarity, greater courage, and a deeper sense of collective power. It was about affirming that LGBTIQ movements are not a peripheral issue; they are the very heart of the future."

## "Our Networks Work" Initiative

We successfully completed the first cycle of "Our Networks Work"—a journey undertaken in collaboration with the Alliance of Funds for Latin America and the Caribbean. Its objective was clear: to strengthen the resilience and security

of women's and feminist organizations by promoting rights and standards that safeguard their journeys through the vast—and often turbulent—digital landscape.

The defining moment was the "Online Life Is Real Life" campaign. Seven high-profile influencers from Latin America joined forces to share the stories of survivors of gender-based violence in digital spaces. Launched in the days leading up to November 25, the campaign swept across the region with the force of an unstoppable tide, leaving a profound impact on all who witnessed it. In addition to social media channels, we created a dedicated landing page to serve as a permanent reference resource.

# VII. Resources Mobilizing Hope

If our strategies are the map, our budget is the current that makes movement possible. In this section, we present our budget execution, showing how each resource was channeled to sustain ecosystems of resistance, struggle, and care. These figures reflect the transparency and efficiency with which we transformed our donors' commitment into the driving force behind our actions and partnerships.

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| Total revenue | $ **13,8** million |
| Total expenses | $ **9,8** million |

- **56.7 %** of revenue came from private foundations.
- **$7.2** million was awarded in direct grants, representing **73 %** of the executed budget.
- **92.5 %** of expenses went directly toward program activities.

# VIII. Harbors of Solidarity and Trust

We are deeply grateful to our donors and allies, who not only accompanied us as we navigated uncertain and challenging waters, but also transformed solidarity and trust into acts as concrete as solid ground. We also honor our partner organizations, who have sailed alongside us with the patience and strength of those who know the rhythm of the tides.

We embrace as our own the strength of the hundreds of activists and organizations that, day after day, sustain struggles, defend rights, and protect life itself. In service to them, we offer our talent, experience, and commitment to help open a channel toward our shared horizon: an ocean of justice where all people may, at last, navigate in the full enjoyment of their rights.

# Messages from partners

*From Lxs Astronautas, we are deeply grateful for the support provided by FCAM in 2025 for the production of our documentary about young women with disabilities fighting for their autonomy and independence in Guatemala City. This support has been fundamental in helping us continue to build a space for representation, listening, and memory through community-based documentary filmmaking by women.*

Lxs Astronautas

*In 2025, FCAM's support meant much more than financial backing for Voces Nuestras and the Movimiento de Valientes Costa Rica. It allowed us to sustain safe spaces for gathering, healing, and collective organizing for survivors of sexual violence experienced in childhood and adolescence. It also enabled us to continue promoting prevention and autonomy-building processes with girls and adolescents in different parts of the country.*

*In a challenging and often adverse context, it has been profoundly valuable to have an ally that respects our autonomy, believes in the power of survivors, and is committed to social transformation through feminism and community justice. Thank you for walking alongside us, supporting our struggles, and strengthening our collective hope of building a safer and more dignified country for children and adolescents.*

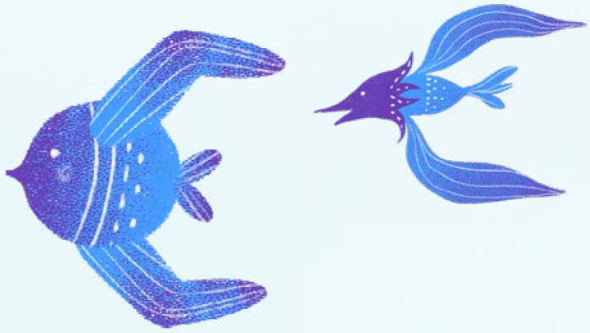
Voces Nuestras and Movimiento de Valientes

*In 2025, our organization, Creatorio Artístico Pedagógico (CAP) received support from FCAM. Thanks to this support, and to the vision behind the fund, we were able to access a tool that protects and strengthens our work.*

*We are researchers and facilitators of strategies rooted in art and in popular, critical, and non-formal education, with a focus on emotional well-being. Our work is pioneering in the region, and it is also deeply political and social, although it is often not recognized as such. For that reason, receiving support and working alongside such a prestigious and long-standing organization dedicated to supporting women's social and humanistic work filled us with joy and pride.*

*Thanks to FCAM's contribution, we now have a freely accessible Google Site that serves as a repository of information and resources, where anyone can find support materials, inspiration, and tools for developing collaborative projects with us. We are deeply grateful for the financial support, and also for the opportunity to be part of this community.*

Creatorio Artístico Pedagógico



*From the Union of Home-Based Embroidery Workers of El Salvador (SITRABORDO), we want to express our sincere gratitude to FCAM for its invaluable support of our project, "**Together for Our Rights**." Thanks to this collaboration, we have contributed to strengthening and empowering the 209 women home-based embroidery workers affiliated with our organization. We have also carried out activities to strengthen our institutional capacity and help guarantee the rights of women embroiderers, with a positive impact on their quality of life and that of their families.*

*We deeply value this partnership and hope to continue working hand in hand for the empowerment of women embroiderers.*

SITRABORDO

*For us at **La Brújula Magazine**, FCAM's support is profoundly valuable, especially in such a complex context for social organizations and alternative and feminist media.*

*This support represents hope: hope to continue building networks, sustaining the struggle, and telling the stories that matter. It also represents a horizon, because it reminds us that even amid difficulties, it is possible to sustain collective dreams and move toward the changes we envision.*

La Brújula Magazine

*The National Commission for Support to Returned Migrants with Physical Disabilities (CONAMIREDIS) and the Honduran Network of Migrant Women Survivors of Forced Migration express our deepest and most sisterly gratitude to FCAM for its technical, political, and financial support during 2025. Thank you for believing in our struggles, in our voices, and in the collective strength of women and survivors of human mobility.*

*Your support has been vital in allowing us to continue and strengthen our organizational, community-based, and human rights advocacy processes. It has enabled us to accompany, with dignity, empathy, and hope, the population served by CONAMIREDIS, especially migrant women with physical disabilities, their support persons, and women in need of protection.*

*We deeply value your feminist, solidarity-based, and human commitment, which inspires us to continue weaving networks of care, resistance, and transformation from our territories and lived experiences.*

CONAMIREDIS

*From the University Collective for Sexual Diversity in the Sula Valley — CUDS-VS — we deeply thank FCAM for placing its trust in our collective. We have worked with great love, commitment, and sacrifice to represent LGBTQIA+ students at UNAH, and the resources FCAM made available to us have helped us immensely in fulfilling that role.*

*This collaboration has allowed us to broaden the reach of our awareness-raising efforts and strengthen our representation within the student community and among university authorities. It has opened doors for us to formally and effectively implement actions against LGBTQIA+phobia with the different university stakeholders who influence the realities of LGBTQIA+ people on campus and in the Sula Valley.*

*This is an immense undertaking in one of the most violent countries in Latin America. Thanks to FCAM, we have been able to envision projects that once existed only in our imaginations, and that, through this cooperation, we have seen—and continue to see—come to life.*

*We reiterate our immense gratitude to FCAM for considering our proposal and our vision for change for LGBTQIA+ people at UNAH.*

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