

Annual Report

2022 ▶ 2023



FÒS FEMINISTA



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The Story Behind the Name

Our name combines the Haitian Creole word *fòs* (strength) with the Portuguese and Spanish word *feminista* (feminist).

Together, they reflect the collective strength we are building towards a world where **all women and girls have access to the healthcare they need to determine the course of their own future.**

◀ Venezuelan young woman leaving a contraceptive counseling session at a clinic in Colombia, located at the border with Venezuela. Photo: Esperança Dias, Fòs Feminista, 2023



VISION

All women, girls, and gender-diverse people have the resources, power, and safety to exercise their sexual and reproductive health and rights and to fulfill their life projects.

MISSION

To ensure universal access to sexual and reproductive health care, including abortion care, particularly for the most marginalized women, girls, and gender-diverse people, to advance comprehensive sexuality education, and to advocate for sexual and reproductive rights and justice, in partnership and solidarity with feminist organizations and movements worldwide.

“The safe spaces Tú Decides creates for diverse young people change our lives – they allow us to develop new life plans and dream big.”

Sofía Peña Tola

Sofía Itatí Peña Tola is a member of **Tú Decides**, a national network of youth leaders that is supported by **CIES**, Fòs Feminista’s partner in Bolivia. At 21 years old, Sofia leads comprehensive sexuality education sessions with adolescents and young people, parents, and decision makers, including on contraception, sexual orientation and gender identity, legal abortion, and harm reduction for unsafe abortion. She also supports the implementation of adolescent-friendly health services in Cochabamba’s public health system.

▲ Sofía Peña Tola (right) and a fellow member of the Red Tú Decides Cochabamba. Photo: Esperança Dias, Fòs Feminista, 2023

Letter from the CEO



Giselle Carino

CEO Fòs Feminista

2022 was Fòs Feminista's first full year as an international alliance for feminist action and solidarity on sexual and reproductive health, rights, and justice (SRHRJ).

This alliance was founded with partners on a shared assessment of the need to further support civil society organizations, especially those that are at the forefront of struggles for SRHRJ in the context of authoritarianism and anti-gender attacks.

The need for an intersectional feminist alliance like Fòs Feminista is undeniable.

In its most recent analysis of progress across all 17 Sustainable Development Goals, UN Women alerted that the world is failing to achieve gender equality. Not only has progress on reducing maternal mortality globally stalled since 2015, the COVID-19 pandemic actually led to an increase in maternal deaths among the most vulnerable women. As we live through 2023, which is on track to be the hottest year on record, UN Women estimates that by 2050 almost two times more women and girls could be impacted by food insecurity caused by climate change than men and boys.

We have a lot of work to do.

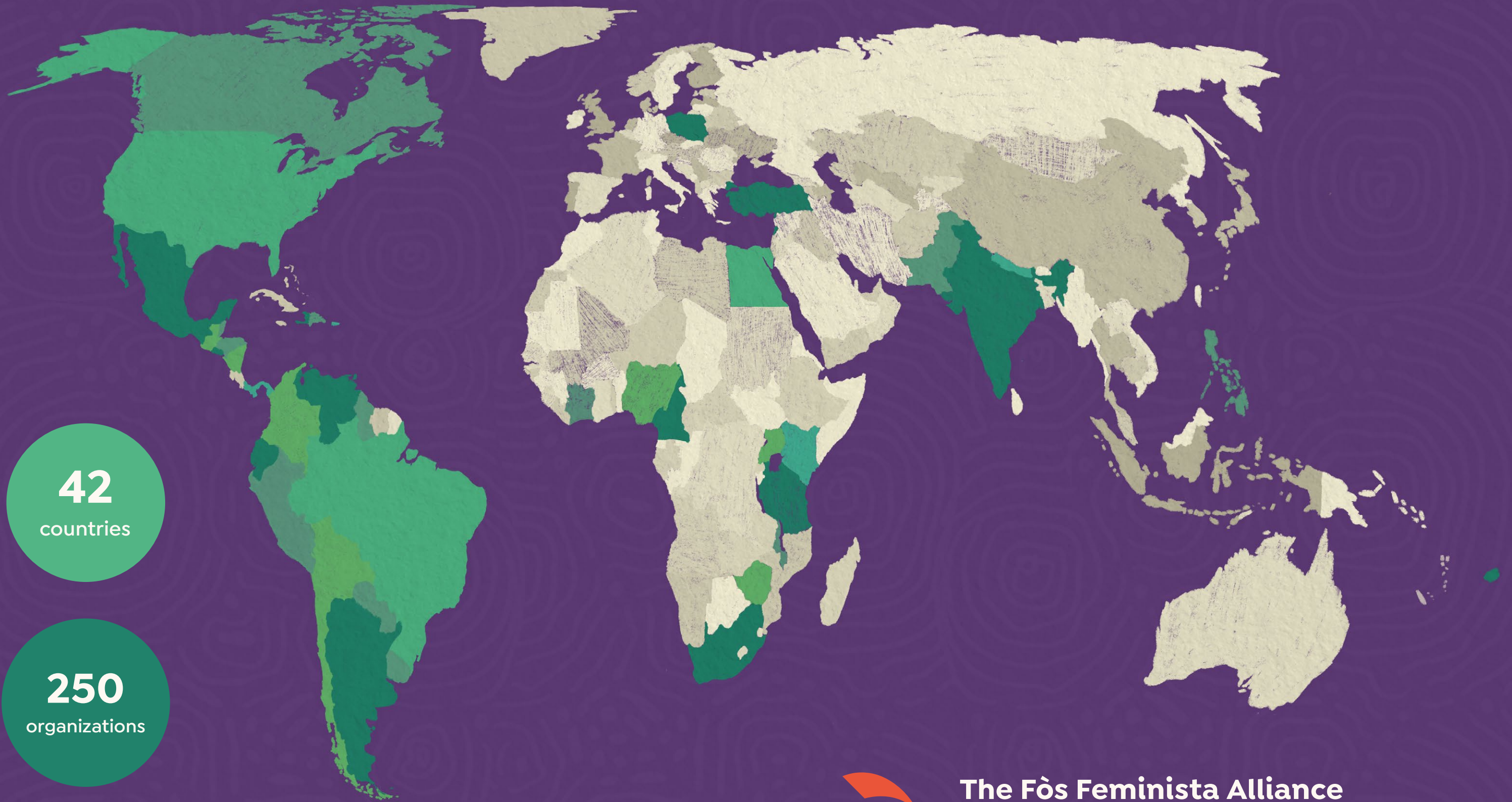
The problems hindering SRHRJ are complex, and we do not pretend to have a single solution. Rather, **our partners have many solutions**, tailored to different contexts, as you will see in the diversity of approaches highlighted in this report.

At Fòs Feminista, **we harness the power of connection**. From reaching migrants across the Venezuelan and Colombian border with contraceptive and other services, to adapting an unsafe abortion harm reduction model from Uruguay to implement in Uganda and Tanzania, to connecting partners in Brazil and Argentina to support women to access legal abortion, **working as an alliance is making a difference in the lives of vulnerable women and girls**.

It also strengthens our work to hold governments accountable to protecting and advancing rights. As an alliance, we have co-created a platform for the voices of partners, civil society, and women and girls to be heard and amplified in spaces where laws and policies are debated, defined, and defended.

As we share this report, we are celebrating the most recent Green Wave win at the Mexican Supreme Court, which will facilitate access to abortion care in any federal healthcare institution in the country, and the opening of ruling in a Supreme Court case to decriminalize abortion in Brazil, with the first vote cast in favor. These advances are all the more significant in light of the U.S. Supreme Court decision in *Dobbs*, which overturned the constitutional right to abortion in 2022, and our research showing how *Dobbs* has been inflaming anti-rights narratives across the Global South.

To operate as a feminist alliance requires building trust-based relationships and sharing power and resources across languages, cultures, countries, and regions. It requires openness to learning something new and funding innovation. It requires nurturing a community that can support the alliance in the long run, and **I thank you deeply for being a part of it**.



42
countries

250
organizations

 **Fòs Feminista Alliance**



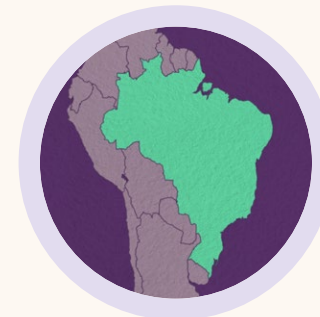
The Fòs Feminista Alliance

We work in partnership with activists, coalitions, movements, and organizations worldwide to advance sexual and reproductive health, rights, and justice.



Women, girls, and gender-diverse people

We **listen** to the lived experiences of women, girls, and gender-diverse people, and work together with them to advance **sexual and reproductive health, rights, and justice**.



BRAZIL
Instituto
Odara

A teen's initiative for menstrual dignity

Growing up in the Northeast of Brazil, Manuela Itajací knew that lack of access to sanitary pads was keeping many girls from going to school when they had their periods. She was determined to challenge this reality after participating in Ayomide, a peer education initiative for Black girls.

Ayomide means “my joy has arrived” in Yoruba, a West African language of great importance for many Afro-Brazilian cultural and religious practices. The Ayomide initiative was created by **Instituto Odara** to strengthen Black girls’ autonomy and leadership in building a future based on the social philosophy of Buen Vivir.

With Ayomide, Manuela learned about sexual and reproductive rights. She began collecting and donating menstrual products monthly for marginalized people in her community, and providing information in public schools. Manuela is now 14 years old, and the project she founded has since expanded to two additional neighborhoods.

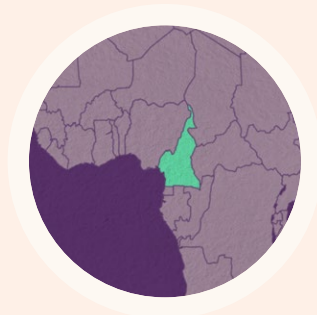
“After I understood what menstrual dignity was, I felt an enormous desire to make a difference in the lives of women and girls like me”

Manuela Itajací

▲ Manuela Itajací is a menstrual justice activist in the city of Salvador. Photo: Esperança Dias, Fôs Feminista, 2023

► Danedjo Hadidja founded an independent women's and girls' rights organization in 2009. Photo: Courtesy of Danedjo Hadidja

► Feminoteka's team. Photo: Courtesy of Feminoteka



CAMEROON

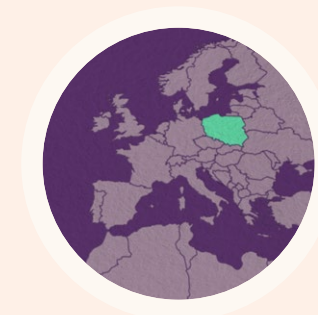
ALVF
APAD

A survivor-led challenge to child, early and forced marriage

When she was 15, Danedjo Hadidja refused to get married. She wanted to pursue her own life project, but that was unheard of in her locality in northern Cameroon. With support from **ALVF**, she was able to avoid early marriage and stay in school.

Years later, Danedjo founded **APAD**, another Fòs Feminista partner, to promote the rights of young mothers and survivors of early and forced marriages like her. APAD offers livelihood training, engages communities on the rights of women and girls, and provides care and services for contraception and sexual and gender-based violence.

In the last 4 years, APAD has supported more than 1,700 girls to escape child marriage and has reached thousands of young women with socio-economic empowerment initiatives, including information on bodily autonomy.



POLAND
Feminoteka

A hotline for Ukrainian refugees and survivors of violence

When Tetiana Sus fled Ukraine with her two young daughters in early 2022 due to Russia's invasion, she had just started her own practice as a clinical psychologist. Over a year later, her family is among the 1 million Ukrainian refugees living in Poland, most of whom are women and children. Tetiana found work at Fòs Feminista partner **Feminoteka**, where she managed a hotline that offers support in Polish, Russian, and Ukrainian for women who are survivors of sexual and gender-based violence.

The Ukrainian women Feminoteka reaches have escaped not only war, but also abusive relationships, and as refugees, they continue to face disproportionate risks of violence while rebuilding their lives. Moreover, they encounter a restricted legal environment in Poland, which means they are forced to navigate new legal and cost barriers, lack of information, and poor quality of abortion and contraceptive care. Through Feminoteka, they receive psychological, legal, financial, and housing support, as well as access to self-defense and yoga workshops for dealing with trauma.

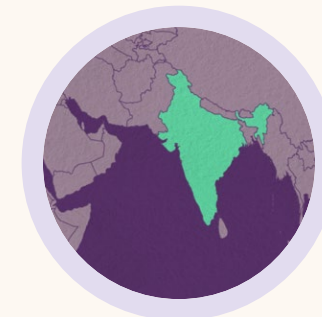
“Most of the women we supported have ended their abusive relationships and have become financially independent.”

Monika Milewska,
Poland and Ukraine
Aid Programmes
Coordinator



Localized solutions

We **partner** with organizations that have locally-rooted knowledge and trust-based relationships in their communities to **reach the most vulnerable people.**



INDIA
SAMA

“We build bridges between women’s lives and policy planning to promote policies that reflect and address different experiences of marginalization.”

Sarojini N.,
Founder, SAMA

At the intersection of multiple needs

In Bihar and other vulnerable states in India that are severely impacted by climate change, health emergencies, and gender inequalities, **SAMA** partners with grassroots groups to strengthen the leadership of young women and influence policy change.

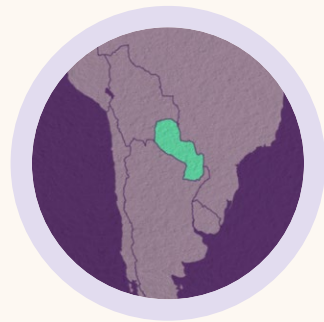
SAMA’s capacity-building sessions with women reflect the priorities of their communities, addressing such issues as abortion, sexual and gender-based violence, vaccine inequities, and environmental justice.

▲ Family arriving at a capacity-building session with SAMA in Patahi Village. Photo: Esperança Dias, Fôs Feminista, 2023



A MIDWIFE AT THE CENTER OF HER COMMUNITY

Teresa Aguirre Franco is the midwife in an Indigenous Mbya-Guarani village in Ñacunday. She has delivered generations of children in her community and is the person women and girls turn to first for all issues related to their sexual and reproductive health. By engaging in knowledge exchange with CEPEP’s health care workers, she guides the development of health solutions for the community. CEPEP’s team is learning from her about a community-based approach to delivery; and she is learning techniques to support infection prevention.



PARAGUAY
CEPEP

Trust-based sexual and reproductive health care

In 2022, Fòs Feminista’s partner in Paraguay, **CEPEP**, began operating a mobile health unit that travels to rural communities where severe shortages of health care workers mean that women and girls do not have regular access to health care services.

Funded by a loan from Fòs Feminista’s Feminist Impact Fund, the mobile unit offers a wide range of sexual and reproductive health services, including long-acting contraceptives like implants and IUDs.

To build trust with the mostly Indigenous communities it reaches, CEPEP’s mobile health team works in close partnership with local leaders, in particular the midwives

who are the first line of support for women and girls in their communities. CEPEP listens and is responsive to what communities say they need, and so provides support for basic needs like dental care, farming resources and clothing in addition to contraception, gynecological care, and other sexual and reproductive health services.

“When we first came to this village, most of the women opted for injectables, because that’s what they were familiar with,” says Nelly Riveros, a CEPEP team member who accompanies the mobile team. “Only one woman opted for a contraceptive implant. Now, as women are talking amongst themselves about this option available through CEPEP, more and more women are choosing implants.”



▲ Women and their families in a rural village gather upon the arrival of CEPEP’s mobile health unit. Photo: Esperança Dias, Fòs Feminista, 2023

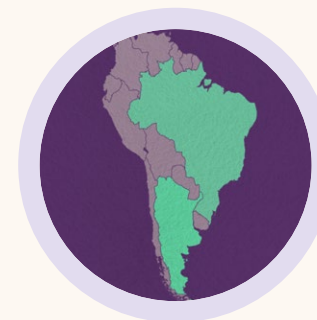
▲ CEPEP health care workers exchange knowledge to improve care for women and young people in a Mbya-Guarani community. Photo: Esperança Dias, Fòs Feminista, 2023



▲ Roseane Santos and her son. Photo: Esperança Dias, Fòs Feminista, 2023

Care across borders

We **connect** partners across borders to overcome barriers to accessing **contraception, abortion, and other sexual and reproductive health services.**



ARGENTINA
FUSA

BRAZIL
Projeto Vivas

“Pregnancy and abortion are issues that are central to a woman’s life project.”

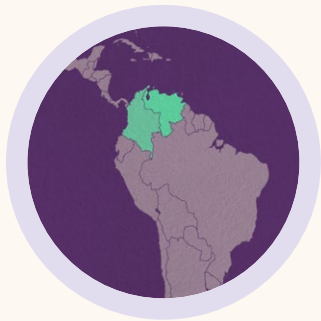
Roseane Santos

A woman-led connection for legal abortion care

In March, 2023, Roseane Santos crossed the border from Brazil to Argentina to have a legal abortion. A 34 year-old mother, she was recently divorced and unemployed and was certain that she did not want to carry the pregnancy to term. Abortion is criminalized in Brazil except in cases of rape, anencephaly, and risk to life, and Roseane sought an alternative that wouldn’t put her life at risk.

Scrolling on social media, Roseane found **Projeto Vivas**, a Fòs Feminista partner that supports women to access legal abortion under the current exceptions in Brazil and abroad, providing information, referrals, and financial and logistical support for travel. Projeto Vivas connected her to **FUSA**, a Fòs Feminista partner in Argentina, where she had a safe and legal abortion and also opted for an IUD.

Roseane also connected with Projeto Viva’s founder, Rebeca Mendes, who in 2017 traveled to Colombia to have a legal abortion after being denied access to care by a Brazilian court. Inspired, Roseane became a volunteer at Projeto Vivas and is now an employee.



COLOMBIA
VENEZUELA

1Doc3
Fundación Halü
Fundación Mujer
y Futuro
Plafam

Accompanying migrant women and their families on their journeys

The complex humanitarian situation in Venezuela leads thousands of people to cross the border to the Colombian city of Cúcuta every day.

As migrant women and girls arrive, Fòs Feminista’s local partners are there to offer services and care to meet their needs. In Cúcuta, **Plafam** and **Fundación Halü** jointly operate a sexual and reproductive health clinic that mostly receives adolescent girls who live in Venezuela and go to the clinic across the border for pregnancy tests, contraceptives, and legal abortion access.

For those who are continuing onward, **Fundación Mujer y Futuro** offers a bus service from Cúcuta to Bucaramanga to protect women and other vulnerable people through the most grueling section of the Andean migration route, where 90 miles of steep mountain roads mean exposure to cold, exhaustion, and violence, including human trafficking.

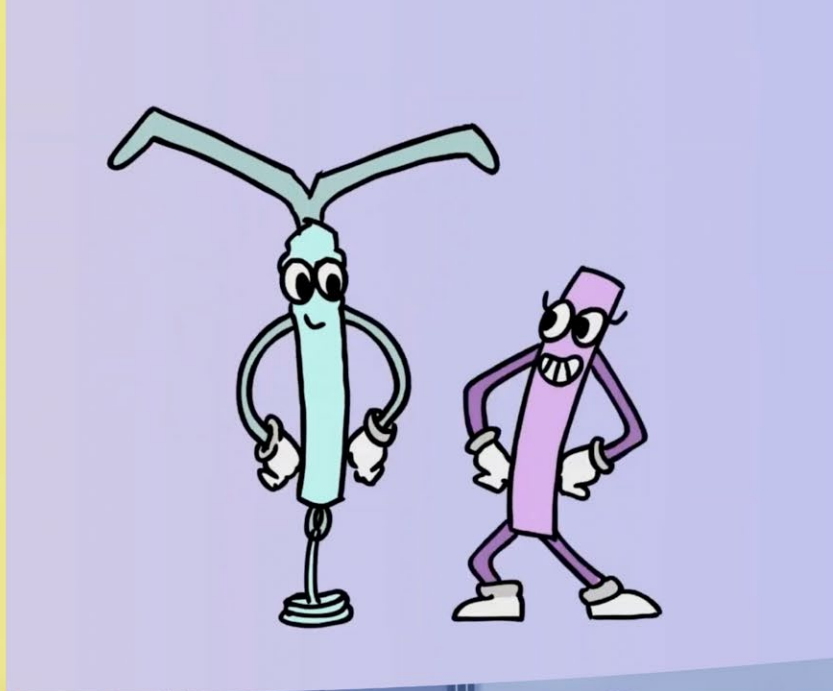
The team provides information on sexual and reproductive health and rights, support services for survivors of sexual and gender-based violence, and migrants’ rights. They also connect passengers to Fundación Mujer y Futuro’s mobile unit (the “Sex Truck”) in Bucaramanga to access comprehensive sexual and reproductive health services, including abortion care provided through a collaboration with the telehealth platform **1Doc3**.

A SAFE HAVEN ON A JOURNEY MARKED BY VIOLENCE

Maura and Disney have fled Venezuela twice: first to Peru, where they lived for a year but had to leave when Maura suffered sexual violence; and now to Colombia, where they are hoping to rebuild their lives after Disney was prevented from reuniting with her two children because of the discrimination she faced from her family and others. Fundación Mujer y Futuro offered them safety on their journey and also a sense of community and solidarity with other women travelers.

▲ Venezuelan migrant walker resting at a referral center in Cúcuta, Colombia. Photo: Esperança Dias Fòs Feminista, 2023.

► Migrant adolescent girls in the waiting room of the clinic in Cúcuta. Photo: Esperança Dias Fòs Feminista, 2023.



Accelerating change

We **promote** the sharing, transformation, and implementation of effective strategies to **multiply our impact**.



LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN

AMAZE
Advocates
for Youth

Fun and accessible sexuality education

Fòs Feminista is the Latin America and the Caribbean regional implementer of the **AMAZE** project, an online platform that offers fun and evidence-based video content for adolescents on topics that make up a comprehensive sexuality education curriculum.

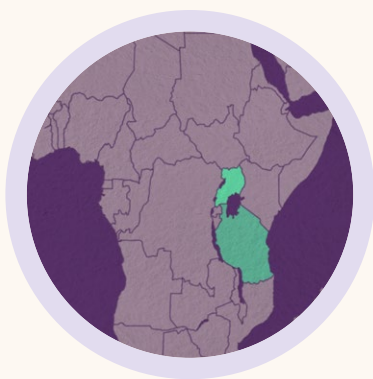
In 2022, we supported partners in Bolivia and Peru to produce Spanish-language videos on body positivity, contraception, puberty, and sexual and gender diversity, and we partnered with UNESCO-LAC to develop new videos specifically for humanitarian settings.

We also launched AMAZE's Latin America and Caribbean Youth Ambassadors Program, training 20 adolescents from 11 countries on communications strategies for talking about sexual and reproductive health and rights with diverse audiences. These Ambassadors are now working with us to create new, locally-relevant content that can be shared with young people across the region.

“The program helped me to question, open my eyes, and recognize that I can be a young girl and also have a voice that matters.”

Danae,
18 years old, AMAZE
Ambassador, Peru

▲ Stills from AMAZE videos produced with support from Fòs Feminista, available at www.amaze.org



UGANDA

Association of Obstetricians
and Gynaecologists in Uganda

Center for Health, Human
Rights and Development

Reproductive Health Uganda

Uganda Youth and
Adolescent Health Forum

TANZANIA

Clear Vision for Change

Tanzania Health and Career
Awareness Program

WADADA Solutions

From Latin America to East Africa: A local solution to unsafe abortion takes root

The Harm Reduction Model implemented by Fòs Feminista partners across Latin America and the Caribbean and beyond builds on a simple principle: avoiding the risks faced by a woman or girl who has decided not to continue a pregnancy in a context where abortion is criminalized or inaccessible.

Pioneered by **Iniciativas Sanitarias** in Uruguay, harm reduction involves sharing information about how to safely self-manage an abortion using medication, and providing counseling and care before and after using the pills. The model's success in reducing maternal deaths in Uruguay helped to change attitudes and social norms around



THE POWER OF INFORMATION

Apama Mary was a teen mother when she first participated in a Young Mothers' Forum, a peer space organized by Uganda Youth and Adolescent Health Forum as part of its harm reduction program. Elders in her community had discouraged the use of contraception, but at the Forum, she learned about her rights, accessed a contraceptive method, and decided to go back to school. Now 22 years old, she has established a group for girls in her community to talk about sexual and reproductive rights, dispel common myths, and share information about contraception.

abortion and, ultimately, to make the case for the 2012 decriminalization of abortion in the country.

For the past nine years Fòs Feminista has been supporting partners in Uganda and Tanzania, which have broad abortion bans, to adapt and implement the model. In addition to providing harm reduction services directly, they train public health care providers and community health workers to reach refugees, people in humanitarian settings, and other underserved communities.

In Uganda, implementing the harm reduction model has also paved the way for expanding access to legal abortion under the exception that allows it when the life of the woman is at risk. In 2022, partners developed clinical guidelines and training manuals for providing expanded clinical and legal abortion care under this exception.



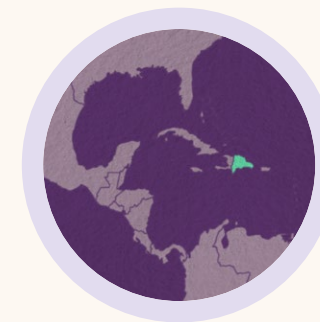
▲ Nurse Imodia Faith Diana leads a training for health workers. Photo: Courtesy of Uganda Youth and Adolescent Health Forum



▲ Fatima Pumarol, feminist activist working with our partner NAM. Photo: Esperança Dias, Fòs Feminista, 2022.

Creative resilience in restrictive contexts

We **support** women, organizations, and movements to lead solutions for women’s and girls’ **bodily autonomy and gender equality** in the most challenging contexts.



DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

28 Lunas
NAM
Tertulia Feminista del Sur
+10 other local partners worldwide

“What we are trying to do is strengthen a social movement that can sustain the struggle for the long term”

Ana Yamilé,
28 Lunas

Strengthening a social movement for the long term

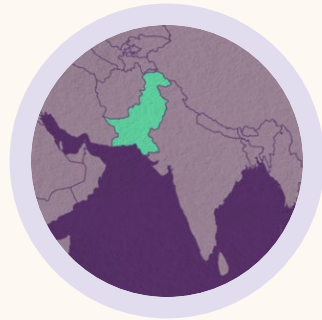
In the Dominican Republic, one of the 22 countries worldwide that impose a total abortion ban, Fòs Feminista partners have been building bridges with activists and organizations from different rights-based movements to build public support for decriminalization of abortion under three exceptions.

Their insistence on talking about abortion and the right to bodily autonomy has sustained the public agenda, opening new windows of opportunity to address abortion stigma and develop strategies for harm reduction. It has also created a national dialogue about sexual and reproductive health and rights in the Dominican Republic more broadly.



A PIONEER FOR GIRLS' EDUCATION

Nazo Pirzada was the first female child in her family to go to school. Trained as a social worker, she has now worked for Aahung for 26 years, longer than any other staff member. During that time, she has talked to countless women and girls about sexual and reproductive health and rights and has trained generations of teachers in Aahung's life skills-based education methodology. She recalls how, during her first training session, she had covered her face in embarrassment when the trainer mentioned menstruation. Now, she says "I get very motivated to do more work when I see girls confidently talk about their bodies, discuss their issues, and ask questions."



PAKISTAN
Aahung

Carving out spaces to reach women and girls

With a deep understanding of local gender norms and power dynamics, Fòs Feminista partner **Aahung** has created multiple pathways for reaching women and girls with information about their sexual and reproductive health.

Aahung's life skills-based education (LSBE) methodology builds from the foundation of protecting girls from abuse and violence to engage young people, parents, teachers, and health care professionals. LSBE seeks to empower girls and women by offering information and leading stigma-free discussions about contraception, menstruation and hygiene, marriage rights,

child and maternal health, and sexual and gender-based violence.

In a country where authoritarian government and entrenched gender inequities combine to systematically disappear women and girls from public life, Aahung integrates LSBE into school curriculums, creates safe spaces to have intimate conversations with women in their homes, and holds sessions in factories that employ women.

The Pakistani province of Sindh has integrated many segments of LSBE into primary and secondary school curriculums, and a similar process is underway in another province.

Through these models, Aahung reached nearly 1 million girls and other young people aged 10-19 during 2022.

"Allowing girls and their caregivers to identify and challenge sexual and gender-based violence, especially child sexual abuse, has been a game changer in building public support for LSBE."

Sheena Hadi, Aahung's Executive Director



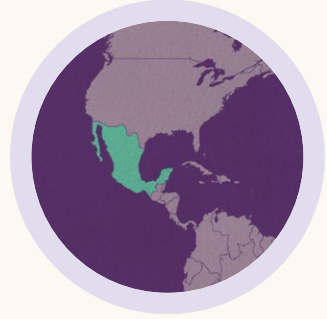
▲ 18-year-old Roshni is a Youth Champion working with Aahung to protect and promote adolescent and youth sexual rights among vulnerable communities. Photo: Esperança Dias, Fòs Feminista, 2023

▲ Aahung works on LSBE capacity sharing with Youth Champions, Lady Health Workers, and other key community leaders in the province of Sindh. Photo: Esperança Dias, Fòs Feminista. 2023



Transforming laws and policies

We **advocate** alongside activists and partners from the Global South for laws and policies that **protect and advance sexual and reproductive health and rights.**



MEXICO
CDD
GIRE

Abortion decriminalized across Mexico

When the Mexican Supreme Court ruled in September 2023 to decriminalize abortion across the country, Rebeca Ramos’s cell phone began to overflow with messages congratulating her on more than 20 years of legal battles to achieve this outcome.

As the director of Fòs Feminsita’s partner **GIRE**, Rebeca has been at the forefront of a country-wide legal strategy to challenge laws and policies that criminalize or place barriers to accessing abortion. Building on the hard-won 2021 Supreme Court ruling that declared the criminalization of abortion to be unconstitutional, GIRE has been working alongside **CDD** and other civil society organizations to push for the implementation of the decision at the local level, one state at a time.

The new Supreme Court decision facilitates the process of making abortion legal in all 32 states and opens the door for all women and people who can become pregnant to be able to access abortion care in any federal healthcare institution in the country.

“The most important thing now is to guarantee the provision of care and services throughout the country. This is not a simple task.”

Rebeca Ramos,
Director, GIRE

▲ Green Wave street protest in Mexico City. Photo: Dafne Huerta

A rising wave for reproductive justice

National, regional, and global advocacy wins



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COLOMBIA

Decriminalization of abortion

In a case filed by the feminist coalition **Causa Justa**, the Constitutional Court ruled to decriminalize abortion up to 24 weeks.

BOLIVIA

New standards for comprehensive care for LGBTQI+ people

CIES contributed to a working group that developed the new national standards, sharing from its experience leading LGBTQI+ friendly health centers.

KENYA

Children's Act includes right to reproductive health information

Working with a group of sexual and reproductive health champions in the National Assembly, **TICAH** successfully advocated for the inclusion of access to age-appropriate reproductive health information in the bill.

ARGENTINA

New guide for addressing sexual violence against children and adolescents

FUSA worked with the Ministry of Health of Buenos Aires province to develop the guide, which contains a chapter on access to abortion.

MEXICO

11th Mexican state decriminalizes abortion

CDD and other feminist organizations successfully advocated for the State Congress of Quintana Roo to decriminalize abortion.

NIGERIA

New anti-violence law recognizes SGBV

EVA worked with the local government of Gombe State to develop the bill, which recognizes different forms of sexual and gender-based violence.

GLOBAL

Commission on the Status of Women

Fòs Feminista is the lead convener of the **Women's Rights Caucus**, which engages more than 300 civil society voices around a shared agenda for the annual Commission on the Status of Women (CSW). Together, we successfully advocated for the CSW's agreed conclusions to recognize the link between climate change and women's and girls' sexual and reproductive health and rights.

LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN

Renewed political commitment to Montevideo Consensus

Fòs Feminista and **Iniciativas Sanitarias** (Uruguay) created a convening space for partners across the region to advance a collective strategy for engaging before, during, and after the 4th Regional Conference on Population and Development. One of our key demands was met when governments reaffirmed the progressive Montevideo Consensus in the Conference resolution.

GLOBAL

UN resolution on Child, Early and Forced Marriage

Fòs Feminista, **Plan International**, **Center for Reproductive Rights**, and **Aahung** (Pakistan) held a technical briefing for Member States on a gender transformative, intersectional approach to addressing child, early, and forced marriage. The final resolution centers vulnerable girls and adolescents, including those in hard-to-reach settings and humanitarian contexts.



COLOMBIA

Resolution to strengthen access to abortion care

La Mesa supported the Ministry of Health to develop new guidelines for providing comprehensive abortion care, including for minors under 14 without parental consent.

BRAZIL

Repeal of anti-abortion decree

Anis and other partners successfully advocated with the new Administration of President Lula to repeal a Bolsonaro-era decree that limited access to abortion for rape survivors.

ARGENTINA

Registration of mifepristone

Fòs Feminista and **INNOVA** catalyzed the registration of this key drug for safe and effective self-managed abortion by donating combipacks of mifepristone and misoprostol and accompanying the government in distribution.

GLOBAL

Comprehensive Sexuality Education Campaign

Fòs Feminista and partners launched the “Families for CSE” campaign to promote the inclusion of CSE in the discussions and outcome documents of the Commission on Population and Development.

MEXICO

Criminalization of abortion in Aguascalientes deemed unconstitutional

In the amparo case filed by **GIRE** and others, the Supreme Court ruled that criminalization of abortion in Aguascalientes state is unconstitutional.



MEXICO

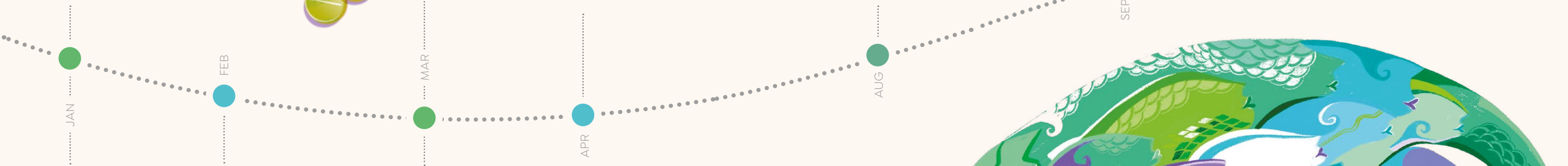
Supreme Court decriminalizes abortion nationally

Ruling in an amparo case filed by **GIRE**, the Supreme Court removed all federal criminal penalties for abortion.

BRAZIL

Supreme Court opens ruling in case to decriminalize abortion

In a case filed by **Anis** in 2017, the Chief Justice voted in favor of decriminalization and introduced the concept of “social reproductive justice” as a premise for her opinion.



GLOBAL

Action Coalition on Bodily Autonomy

Fòs Feminista led the meeting of the Bodily Autonomy Action Coalition of the Global Equality Forum to identify key priorities for the group in the following year.

ASIA AND THE PACIFIC

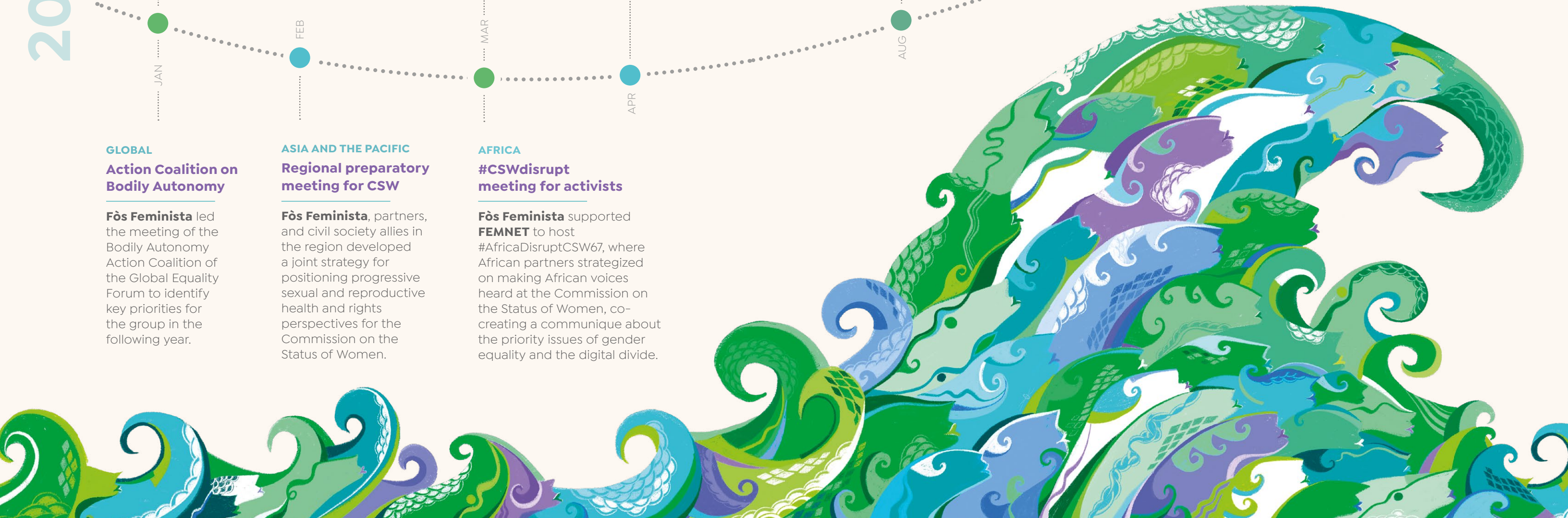
Regional preparatory meeting for CSW

Fòs Feminista, partners, and civil society allies in the region developed a joint strategy for positioning progressive sexual and reproductive health and rights perspectives for the Commission on the Status of Women.

AFRICA

#CSWdisrupt meeting for activists

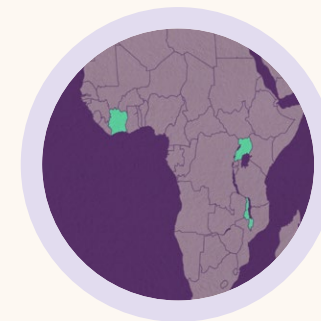
Fòs Feminista supported **FEMNET** to host #AfricaDisruptCSW67, where African partners strategized on making African voices heard at the Commission on the Status of Women, co-creating a communique about the priority issues of gender equality and the digital divide.





Transnational and transregional *learning and solidarity*

We **foster** learning and solidarity across the Global South to strengthen a **collective agenda**.



**COTE D'IVOIRE
MALAWI
UGANDA**

Population
Services
International
Maverick
Collective

A feminist initiative to reach men and boys

In a new collaboration with **Population Services International**, supported by its community of women philanthropists, **Maverick Collective by PSI**, Fòs Feminista is connecting local feminist organizations with national healthcare teams in Cote d'Ivoire, Malawi, and Uganda to break down systemic barriers to women's and girls' sexual and reproductive health and rights by engaging men and boys.

Partners in each country are co-creating tailored and sustainable strategies to transform harmful social and cultural norms surrounding masculinity, such as working with influential leaders at the community level to build men's and boys' support for sexual and reproductive health and rights and to ensure they have access to quality services themselves.

As part of this initiative, Fòs Feminista is also hosting a series of webinars to promote South-South learning on gender, power, healthier masculinities, and how to work with men and boys as allies and as people with unique sexual and reproductive health needs.

◀ Theatre for a Change Malawi, a partner in this initiative, engages men and boys through schools and other events. Photos: Enock Mapulango, 2022 (top); Adam Dickens, 2018 (bottom); courtesy of Theatre for a Change Malawi



THE CHAOS SURROUNDING THE REVOCATION OF THE GLOBAL GAG RULE

In 2021, we celebrated the revocation of the Global Gag Rule, a policy banning organizations receiving certain U.S. foreign funding from engaging in any abortion-related activities or even talking about abortion. In partnership with Emory University and organizations in Malawi, Mozambique, and Zimbabwe, we researched how the policy change was being rolled out during the first nine months. Our *Chaos Continues* report, published in 2022, underscored how the government’s lack of guidance and uneven communications to partners around the world about the end of the gag created confusion and delays, ultimately impacting access to abortion care.

“Before *Dobbs*, the anti-choice, anti-abortion mobilization was there, but moderate, mostly centered in the capital. But after *Dobbs*, this attack is also in the counties.”

Rights advocate,
Kenya

Ripple effects of the *Dobbs* decision in the Global South

When the U.S. Supreme Court overturned the constitutional right to abortion in the *Dobbs* decision in June 2022, it sent shockwaves around the world – and Fòs Feminista conducted research to track in real time the impact on local abortion laws, policies, narratives, and movements in the Global South.

Through media analysis and interviews with more than 70 stakeholders in Colombia, India, Kenya, and Nigeria, we documented how anti-abortion actors were using *Dobbs* to justify and advance their agendas.

- In **Colombia**, which had decriminalized abortion just months before, *Dobbs* reignited anti-rights narratives and misinformation campaigns, now with references to the U.S.
- In **India**, anti-rights activists cited *Dobbs* as a potential path forward for India at a march protesting the country’s broad abortion protections.
- In **Kenya**, opposition groups seized on *Dobbs* to successfully persuade the High Court in Malindi to agree to the application to stay the implementation of a new law affirming the right to abortion.
- In **Nigeria**, *Dobbs* was used in arguments that pressured the Lagos State government to suspend guidelines for legal abortion provision.
- In **all four countries**, influential people made media statements on the need to follow the U.S. example in the *Dobbs* decision.

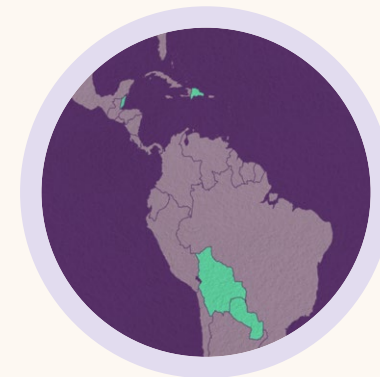
More subtly, the *Dobbs* decision had a chilling effect on policymakers and civil society groups who feared losing access to U.S. funding.

▲ Protest against the overturning of *Roe v. Wade* in front of the U.S. Supreme Court. Photo: Fòs Feminista, 2022



Innovative *financing* for sustainability

We **catalyze** and channel innovative financing to support partners' creativity and long-term **sustainability**.



BELIZE
BFLA

PARAGUAY
CEPEP

BOLIVIA
CIES

**DOMINICAN
REPUBLIC**
Profamilia

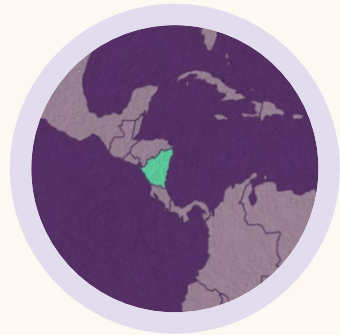
◀ Inauguration of CIES's new clinic in Cochabamba (Bolivia), with traditional celebratory ritual in which *chicha morada* (fermented corn liquor) is poured on the ground to give thanks to Pachamama. Photo: Esperança Dias - Fòs Feminista, 2023

Funding Feminist Change

Fòs Feminista's **Innovation and Social Enterprise Incubation Lab** is an innovative learning platform for partners to develop, test, and refine social enterprise models that generate income to support their mission. Fòs Feminista provides tailored support to partners throughout the process, as well as seed funding and accompaniment to pilot promising initiatives.

Fòs Feminista also manages the **Feminist Impact Fund**, which provides low-interest, flexible loans for partners to implement social enterprise models. To date, the Fund has provided loans to:

- **BFLA** in Belize, to co-finance the renovation of their headquarters to create an expanded clinic with an integrated package of sexual and reproductive health and preventative health services
- **CEPEP** in Paraguay, to purchase and equip a mobile health unit, and to expand an existing clinic to provide revenue to support the mobile unit
- **CIES** in Bolivia, to purchase and renovate a building to establish a new clinic in Cochabamba
- **Profamilia** in the Dominican Republic, to purchase the land on which its busiest clinic in Santo Domingo sits



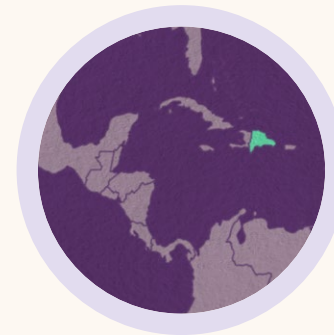
NICARAGUA
ANFAM

A new service to prevent breast cancer

With seed funding and technical support from Fòs Feminista’s Innovation and Social Enterprise Incubation Lab, in June 2022 our Nicaraguan partner **ANFAM** added new services for early detection of breast cancer at their Women’s Center IXCHEN in Managua. Breast cancer is the second leading cause of cancer-related deaths among women in the country, and the new services are helping to ensure that women in Managua have access to affordable prevention services. The income generated from the new services – which include mammograms, psychological care, and massage therapy – subsidizes ANFAM’s programs and services for adolescents and young people.

▲ Health care workers operating ANFAM’s new mammogram machine, purchased with funding from Fòs Feminista’s Social Enterprise Lab. Photo: Courtesy of ANFAM

▶ Contraceptive supplies illustrated by Brazilian artist Karynne Senna for Fòs Feminista, 2022.



DOMINICAN REPUBLIC
Profamilia

An e-commerce platform to expand access to sexual and reproductive health products

In April 2023, **Profamilia** launched an e-commerce platform for selling contraceptives, condoms, injectables, menstrual cups, and other products to doctors, pharmacies, and health centers – filling a gap in private sector access to quality and affordable sexual and reproductive health products. Profamilia developed the e-commerce model while participating in Fòs Feminista’s Innovation and Social Enterprise Incubation Lab from 2021-2022, leveraging a seed grant from Fòs Feminista to create the prototype, pilot, and launch the platform. In its first three months, the platform generated nearly half the annual projected income, which will support Profamilia’s ability to reach young people and other vulnerable populations. With a second seed grant from Fòs Feminista in 2023, Profamilia will expand the platform to be available to the general public.



OUR IMPACT 2022

22.8 M

sexual and
reproductive
health services
provided

1.4 M

CYP* delivered to
protect against
unintended
pregnancy

4 M

contraceptive
services

4 in 5

people reached
were women

1 in 2

people reached
were under 25

1 in 2

people reached
were living in
situations of
vulnerability

Data reflects SRH services provided in 2022 by partners who were part of the Alliance throughout the year.

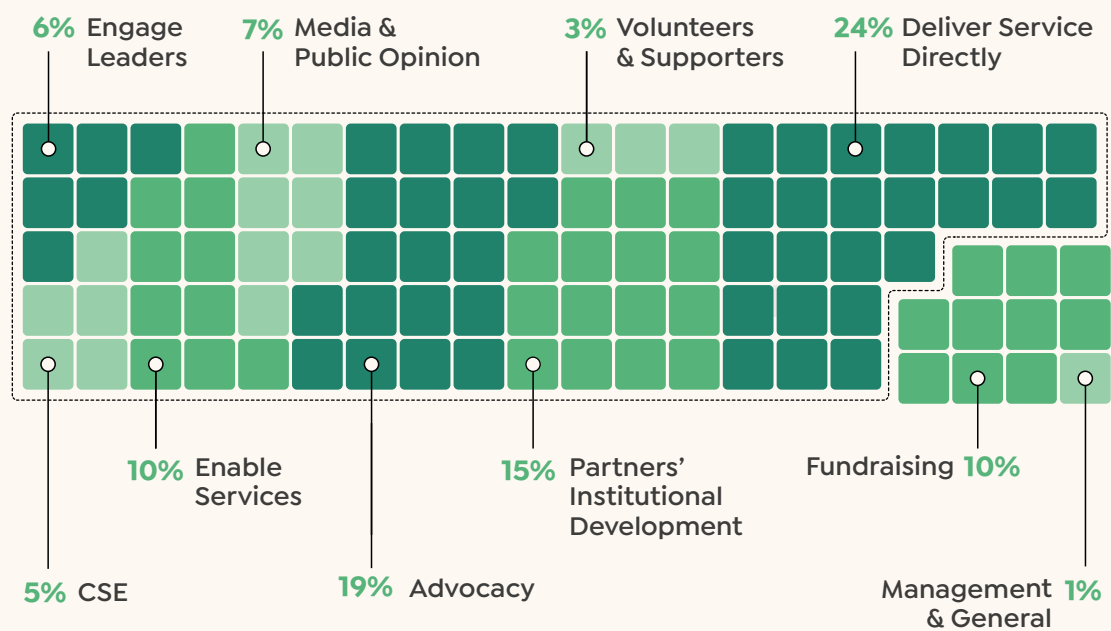
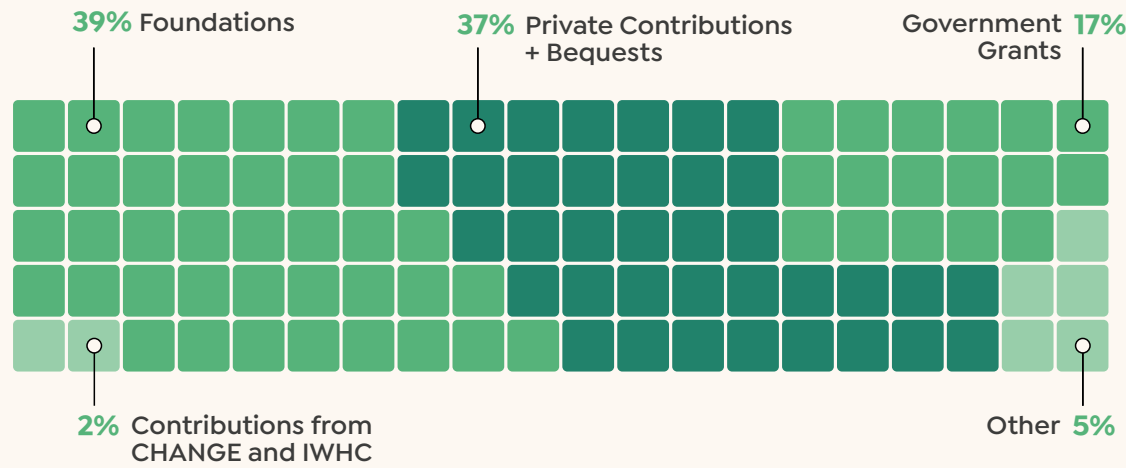
* CYP is a standard measure used in multilateral commitments for calculating the impact of contraceptive care based on the years of protection provided by each contraceptive item distributed.

▲ Glory Benjamin, team member of Education as Vaccine, a Fòs Feminista partner in Nigeria. Photo: Esperança Dias - Fòs Feminista, 2022

2022 Financial Snapshot

January 1 to December 31, 2022

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Total Net Assets
as of December 31st, 2022

\$78,038,454

Total Operating Support and Revenue

\$23,756,221

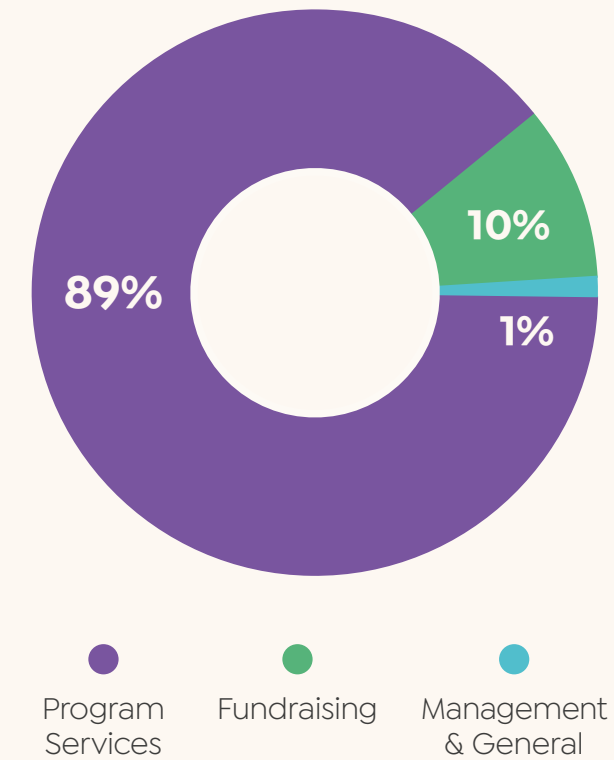
Total Expenses

\$36,339,030

Our Efficiency

You can be sure that your gift will help achieve justice and equity for women, girls, and gender-diverse people.

89% of all donations directly benefits our programs.



► Visual artist Amora Moreira helped spread the word about the SRHR work of our partner Redes da Maré in the streets of the favela da Maré, in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Photo: Redes da Maré - Fòs Feminista, 2022



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We also thank **Adriana Mendoza** (Bolivia) for her tenure on the Board from 2017 to 2022.

Very special acknowledgement to **Susan Nitze** and **Alexander Sanger** for serving as co-chairs of the Fòs Feminista Leadership Council, a giving platform which aims to significantly scale up philanthropy in support of feminist partners advancing sexual and reproductive health, rights and justice around the world.

Deep gratitude to longtime donor **Luiz André Barroso**, who supported Fòs Feminista and Redes da Maré through the most difficult time of the pandemic; Fòs Feminista will continue his dream of reaching the most vulnerable women and girls in Brazil.



COVER PHOTO

Roseane Santos and Rebeca Mendes (standing), members of Projeto Vivas' team – see full story on page 17.

Photo: Esperança Dias, Brazil, Fòs Feminista, 2023

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▲ A woman in rural Venezuela leaving one of Plafam’s community outreach sessions after getting a contraceptive implant. Photo: Courtesy of Plafam, 2023



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