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THE BRAZIL HUMAN RIGHTS FUND INTENDS TO PROMOTE HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE COUNTRY, CREATING SUSTAINABLE FUNDING MECHANISMS AIMED AT SECURING CIVIL, ECONOMIC, SOCIAL, ENVIRONMENTAL, AND CULTURAL RIGHTS.

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# INTRODUCTION

Brazil has one of the world's 11 largest economies, and its dynamism in recent years has helped the country survive relatively unscathed through the economic crisis that has affected other national economies since September 2008. But the wealth produced here in Brazil continues to benefit only a handful of the population. We Brazilians boast one of the world's most extreme levels of social inequality and shameful rates of income concentration in the hands of a tiny minority.

Despite progress with a democratic and stable environment in general, we still need to turn the laws and policies for the protection of rights into reality. The country's redemocratization process has proven incapable of substantially reducing human rights violations against the most vulnerable segments of our population. Things may look better, but the situation with respect for fundamental rights is moving too slowly. We live in a scenario in which homicides resulting from clashes in the countryside, disrespect for indigenous people's rights and diversity in general, police brutality, slave labor, and impunity are constant.

To change this situation, a large, diverse range of civil society organizations, social movements, and individuals have dedicated their work to promoting human rights wherever such violations occur.

In the wake of the transition to democracy and Brazil's political and economic presence in the international scenario, many sources that have traditionally helped finance human rights organizations have decreased

their support for such work in Brazil. Since the available domestic resources are also extremely limited, civil society organizations have experienced increasing difficulties in implementing their projects and achieving institutional sustainability.

Within this context, the Brazil Human Rights Fund was founded in 2006 as a public interest, not-for-profit foundation, with the innovative proposal of creating sustainable mechanisms for resource allocation in the field of human rights. Founded by some of the most widely respected human rights advocates in Brazil and including renowned activists, in just two years the Brazilian Fund has successfully laid the groundwork for solid action, capable of assisting organizations and movements from Brazilian civil society.

The initial support came from the Ford Foundation, which provided the resources for creating an endowment fund, in addition to sponsoring the first activities together with the Avina Foundation. The Brazilian Fund was thus able to carry forward with its fundraising efforts with other agencies, foundations, companies, and individuals committed to the human rights cause, thus allowing the Fund to increase its capacity to support projects even in its first two years of existence and to ensure the continuity of its work.

This report presents the results of these two years, ranging from the organization of work procedures to the submission of proposals and the projects funded during this period.

Sergio Haddad – *President*



# THE STRUGGLE AGAINST INSTITUTIONAL VIOLENCE AND DISCRIMINATION



Photo: Adriana Vianna

The creation of the Brazil Human Rights Fund is the result of the understanding that it is necessary and possible to establish local mechanisms to guarantee the sustainability of organizations working in human rights advocacy in the country. The selection of projects that make the difference and raising funds to make them possible are strategic activities, capable of strengthening the organizations and ensuring their autonomy.

The Brazil Fund supports small organizations and individuals through grants for projects selected through annual calls for proposals. The Fund also disburses small amounts for emergency cases and to meet special needs for technical training in the human rights field.

## ANNUAL CALLS FOR PROJECTS

In December 2006, the Brazil Fund was officially launched and published its first Call for Proposals, for 2007. The thematic focus was defined as the struggle against institutional violence and discrimination, especially related to race and gender. This decision illustrated the Fund's unique nature: to support the most invisible segments of society, for whom very few resources are available.

## SUPPORT FOR THOSE WITH LITTLE OR NO RESOURCES

The Brazil Fund supports projects ranging from 10 to 25 thousand Brazilian reais (approximately 6 to 15 thousand US dollars at the current exchange rate) for up to one year. Each organization may receive funding for a maximum of two consecutive years. The project selection process aims to guarantee regional diversity and prioritizes organizations and individuals with little or no access to other sources of funding.

Project selection is a key activity for the Fund, involving the staff, members of the Board of Directors, trustees, and an independent committee of experts from various human rights areas. The process is painstaking, conducted in distinct stages and levels. The detailed, sensitive view of activists and professionals with in-depth knowledge of the human rights field allows identifying creative and innovative proposals that respond to the real needs of the directly benefited communities or publics.

In our first two years of work, the Fund has prioritized transferring the available resources for direct support to the largest possible number of projects, which therefore does not justify visiting all the projects on a one-by-one basis. Rather, the Fund has opted to establish continuous contact with the grantees by telephone and e-mail in order to permanently monitor the activities, in addition to analyzing financial and activity reports. Once a year, the foundation also has the opportunity to analyze the grantees work more closely, when they convene at a training and technical exchange meeting in São Paulo.

The diversity of actions and national scope of the initiatives supported by the Fund during this two-year period paint a picture of what has been done to fight human rights violations in Brazil. This two-year report, which also points to directions for future work, provides the results of the first two years of work and represents our accountability to all those who have supported the activities, to the human rights organizations and to society at large.

Ana Valéria Araújo - *Executive Director*



# BRAZIL HUMAN RIGHTS FUND IN NUMBERS

In its first two years in operation, the Fund supported, among others, organizations of blacks, women, indigenous peoples, and the LGBT community, included among the segments most vulnerable to human rights violations in Brazil. More than 1.400 proposals were submitted, of which a total of 51 initiatives were funded.

Check the figures:

Numbers	2007	2008	TOTAL
PROJECTS RECEIVED THROUGH THE CALL FOR PROPOSALS	802	621	1423
PROJECTS SELECTED FROM THE CALL FOR PROPOSALS	23	26*	49
PROJECTS RECEIVING EMERGENCY SUPPORT	1	1	2
TOTAL FUNDS (IN R\$ - BRAZILIAN REAIS) - 1 U\$ = 1,7 R\$	549.1 thousand	625 thousand	1.174 million

\* Only 16 of the 26 proposals approved in 2008 received funds during that same year. Funds for the other 10 initiatives were disbursed in 2009.

## HOW THE CALL FOR PROPOSALS WORKS

Calls for proposals are issued in the month of December in print and electronic format. They are made public on the website of the Brazil Human Rights Fund [www.fundodireitoshumanos.org.br](http://www.fundodireitoshumanos.org.br) and distributed nationwide through various human rights networks and electronic media. The proposals undergo an in-depth selection process, lasting some three months and involving various levels inside and outside the foundation, as shown in the diagram below. The results are announced in late June and the first disbursements begin in August.



### SELECTION PROCEDURES



1

Launching of Call for Proposals

2

Receipt and registration of proposals

3

Reading and initial screening of proposals by the Executive team and Board of Director

4

Pre-selection by members of the Board of Director

5

Executive Team analyzes the pre-selected candidates' financial situation

6

Analysis and selection of proposals by members of the Selection Committee

7

Selection Committee presents proposals to the Board of Trustees for the final decision

8

Announcement of Results



# SELECTION COMMITTEE

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THE BRAZIL HUMAN RIGHTS FUND WAS BORN WITH THE INNOVATIVE PROPOSAL OF FOMENTING ACTIVITIES FOCUSED ON HUMAN RIGHTS PROMOTION AND ADVOCACY IN THE COUNTRY BY CREATING SUSTAINABLE GRANT MECHANISMS. IT IS NECESSARY TO EMPOWER INDIVIDUALS AND ORGANIZATIONS FOR THEM TO BE ABLE TO CARRY THEIR STRUGGLES FORWARD, MAKING RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS A REALITY AND OPENING THE WAY FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE.”

**JACQUELINE PITANGUY**, CHAIR OF THE BOARD TRUSTEES

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The Brazil Human Rights Fund and the 2007 Call for Proposals were launched in Salvador, Bahia, at the Olodum rehearsal grounds in the historical Pelourinho neighborhood.



Paulo Vanucchi, the Brazilian National Secretary of Human Rights, and other government officials, representatives of the human rights movement, supporters, and people who shared the idea of creating the Brazil Human Rights Fund were at the launch in Salvador.

## INSTITUTIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

2007

In December 2007, the Fund was officially certified as a human rights organization by the São Paulo State Secretariat of Justice and Defense of Citizenship.

In 2008, the State Secretariat of Finance

declared the Fund exempt from taxes on donations (ITCMD). That same year we also received our official registration with the São Paulo Municipal Council for Social Assistance (COMAS).

2008



# GRANTS AWARDED

THE BRAZIL FUND SUPPORTS PROJECTS BY INDIVIDUALS AND CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS COMMITTED TO HUMAN RIGHTS ADVOCACY IN THE STRUGGLE AGAINST INSTITUTIONAL VIOLENCE AND DISCRIMINATION. THE HUMAN RIGHTS VISION THAT PROVIDES THE BASIS FOR OUR ACTION IS THAT OF INDIVISIBILITY. PROPOSALS SUBMITTED FOR FUNDING SHOULD ALSO CONTEMPLATE ECONOMIC, SOCIAL, CULTURAL, AND ENVIRONMENTAL RIGHTS.

MERELY FOR PURPOSES OF PRESENTATION IN THIS REPORT, WE HAVE GROUPED THE PROJECTS FUNDED IN 2007 AND 2008 INTO FOUR THEMATIC AREAS, NAMELY CITIZENSHIP, GENDER, RACE, AND LAND, INCLUDING INITIATIVES IN DEFENSE OF THE RIGHTS OF WOMEN, INDIGENOUS PEOPLES AND TRADITIONAL COMMUNITIES, RURAL WORKERS, AFRICAN DESCENDANTS, LGBT, AND CHILDREN AND YOUTH, AMONG OTHERS.



# CITIZENSHIP



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HUMAN RIGHTS ARE UNIVERSAL, EQUAL FOR ALL, WITHOUT EXCEPTION, THE BASIS FOR DEMOCRACY AND PEACE, AND SHOULD BE ENJOYED WITH RESPONSIBILITY AND RESPECT FOR EACH INDIVIDUAL AND INSTITUTION AT ALL MOMENTS AND IN EVERY ACT, EVERY DAY.”

**MARGARIDA GENEVOIS,**  
INCORPORATOR, BRAZIL HUMAN RIGHTS FUND



# 2007

## Christians' Action to Abolish Torture – ACAT (São Paulo State)

Visits to penitentiaries and inmates' families in São Paulo to investigate cases of torture against the prison population and provide legal and psychological support. A training meeting was held for young leaders, plus an act to celebrate the United Nations International Day in Support of Victims of Torture.

## Association of Mothers and Friends of Children and Adolescents at Risk – Amar (São Paulo State)

Monitoring and referral of complaints to the Office of the Public Prosecutor for Children and Youth concerning violations of the rights of young offenders confined for socio-educational rehabilitation at Fundação Casa (formerly FEBEM). Support and orientation for mothers on how to proceed in such cases

## Casa Palmares (Minas Gerais State)

Founding of the Association of Friends and Families of Individuals Deprived of Freedom, with 138 members, and organization of eight groups of family members of prison inmates in Greater Metropolitan Belo Horizonte, to monitor and demand enforcement of the prison population's rights. Publication of a booklet and organization of a seminar to provide information on these rights.

## Center for the Defense of Children's and Adolescents' Rights – Cedeca (Tocantins State)

Implementation of the first Center in the State capital, Palmas, to confront problems of physical and psychological abuse against children and adolescents.

## Maria da Graça Brás Center for Human Rights (Santa Catarina State)

Psychological and legal aid to the Joinville Prison Council and individuals in risk situations on issues such as access to housing, land, health, and work, including monthly visits to prison facilities and training meetings.

## Matizes (Nuances) Group (Piauí State)

Courses and talks in the interior of the State of Piauí, with participation by 16 police precinct captains in the training activities. Creation of the first human rights committees and publication of the booklet and folder *Direitos Humanos na Berlinda* (Human Rights in the Limelight), discussing sexual diversity and other issues.

## Network of Communities and Movements against Violence (Rio de Janeiro State)

Assistance for victims of institutionalized violence and their families in Rio de Janeiro, including legal, social, and psychological issues. Awareness-raising meetings on human rights in communities like Jacarezinho, Vigário Geral, Muquição (Guadalupe), and Acari, among others.

# 2008

## Association of Mothers and Friends of Children and Adolescents at Risk – Amar (São Paulo State)

Empowerment of mothers in the defense of the rights of young offenders confined for socio-educational rehabilitation at Fundação Casa (formerly FEBEM), aimed at social control of public policies.

## Walking Metamorphosis Association of Users of Mental Health Services and their Families – Amea (Bahia State)

Organization of the association of users of mental health services and their families in Bahia, creating a space for orientation on their rights in order to discuss mental health problems from different perspectives, such as race/ethnicity, exposing the policy of exclusion and providing support for political practices [N.B. "Walking Metamorphosis" is the title of a song by Raul Seixas, the deceased Bahian rock star, poet, and beloved counterculture hero].

## Mariana Criola People's Legal Aid Center (Rio de Janeiro State)

Awareness-raising workshops on the rights of informal workers, with the participation of 31 residents from the urban land occupations Quilombo das Guerreiras and Chiquinha Gonzaga in the city of Rio de Janeiro. During the project there was a decrease in the number of arrests.

## Center for the Defense of Refugees' Human Rights – CEDHUR (Minas Gerais State)

Preparatory workshops for participation of refugees in the 2nd National Conference for the Promotion of Policies for Racial Equality, held in 2009, to attempt to guarantee the integration of individuals into social inclusion policies and programs.

## Ceará Human Rights Forum (Ceará State)

Consolidation of a publication containing a critical analysis of speeches and approaches to violence and human rights in four TV programs in Ceará, seeking to hold accountable those that use the communications media to incite, tolerate, or condone human rights violations, especially against the black population and youth.

## Institute for Human Rights Advocates – DDH (Rio de Janeiro State)

Free legal aid to victims of police violence in Rio de Janeiro slums, seeking to hold the state legally accountable.

## Human Rights League (Rio Grande do Sul State)

A travelling training project for human rights advocates (women and men) in Rio Grande do Sul State, with workshops, open classes, and a film followed by debate in 14 counties.

## Network of Communities and Movements against Violence (Rio de Janeiro State)

Free legal aid to victims of state violence, especially due to police raids in impoverished communities in Rio de Janeiro, in addition to awareness-raising for victims and their families concerning their rights, through training and exchange activities.







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THERE CAN BE NO TRUE HUMAN RIGHTS STRUGGLE WITHOUT FOCUSING ON THE

HUMAN RIGHTS OF WOMEN. THESE RIGHTS ARE OFTEN HIDDEN UNDER DAILY ACTS OF VIOLENCE THAT EVERYONE TAKES FOR GRANTED. ALL OF US, WITHOUT EXCEPTION, NEED TO REFLECT ON THIS.”

**ROSE MARIE MURARO,**  
INCORPORATOR, BRAZIL HUMAN RIGHTS FUND

# GENDER

## 2007

### Pernambuco Association of Single Mothers – APEMAS (Pernambuco State)

The campaign *Be a Legal Father* [“legal” is also slang for “cool”] encouraged legal recognition of paternity and responsible fatherhood in Pernambuco. Two thousand volunteers, 297 notary public offices, and 1,150 State schools participated. More than six thousand children were registered statewide as a result.

### Collective of Rural Women Workers in the State of Maranhão (Maranhão State)

Training for 300 babassu nut breakers from eight counties in the semiarid area of Maranhão to become multipliers of information on women’s rights.

### Women’s Citizenship Group (Pernambuco State)

Seminars and workshops held throughout the year in Recife, Capital of Pernambuco, resulted in the production of the booklet *Apitaco: Mulheres Enfrentando a Violência* (Blowing the Whistle: Women Against Violence). In cases of violence against women, the action bolstered the complaints filed with the respective jurisdictions, using whistles as an instrument to issue alerts.



## 2008

### Women Friends of Itinga Association – AMMIGA (Bahia State)

Empowerment of the Women’s Forum in the municipality of Lauro de Freitas for social control of public budgets, orienting spending on the promotion of gender and race equity.

### Pombos Women’s Center (Pernambuco State)

Empowerment of the Network for Women’s Human Rights Advocacy in the Zona da Mata, with political training meetings, encouraging the struggle against violations of women’s rights, with the main focus on black women working in the sugar cane fields.

### Interdisciplinary Cooperative for Training and Consultancy – Lilac House (Ceará State)

Aims to decrease the rates of domestic violence against women, with black women and other women of color as the main target public, based on training and political empowerment of 105 community leaders in three neighborhoods with extremely high rates of violence in the State capital of Fortaleza.

### Antigone Institute (Santa Catarina State)

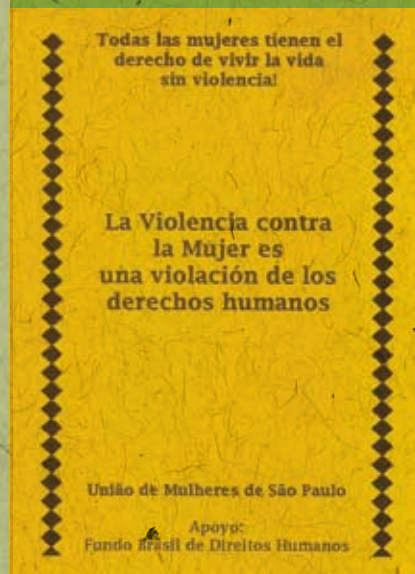
Production of informational material on women’s rights and how to proceed and file complaints in cases of violations. The project publishes texts on the Internet, plus an illustrated print booklet to be distributed in Florianópolis, capital of Santa Catarina.

### Society for the Defense of Sexual Rights in the Amazon – Sodireitos (Pará State)

Monitors cases of missing women, involving suspected cases of human trafficking, establishing international partnerships for searches in other countries. Training courses for law enforcement officers, aimed at qualified action on this issue.

### São Paulo Women’s Union (São Paulo State)

Survey on the situation of Bolivian immigrant women in downtown São Paulo and their living and working conditions, emphasizing gender violence.





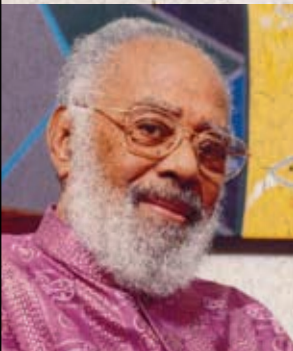


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TO PROMOTE HUMAN RIGHTS IN BRAZIL MEANS TO PRIORITIZE THE EFFECTIVE SOCIAL INCLUSION OF AFRICAN DESCENDENTS, SINCE THE SYSTEM OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATION IN BRAZIL, MORE EFFECTIVE THAN APARTHEID IN SOUTH AFRICA, BUILT A KIND OF RACISM THAT POWERFUL SECTORS OF SOCIETY INSIST ON SOLEMNLY DENYING AND IGNORING, THUS HINDERING THE STRUGGLE FOR EFFECTIVE SOLUTIONS.”

**ABDIAS NASCIMENTO,**  
INCORPORATOR, BRAZIL HUMAN RIGHTS FUND

# RACE

RACE

Photo: Adriana Vianna

## 2007

### Steve Biko Cultural Institute (Bahia State)

Consolidation of the 20-member Group of Young Human Rights Advocates against Racism with thematic and creative workshops to train the group on how to influence and control public policies and mobilize other young black people in four communities on the outskirts of Salvador: Cabula, Itapagipe, Itinga, and Fazenda Couto.

### Institute for Racial and Environmental Advocacy – IARA (Rio de Janeiro State)

Monitoring of cases heard by the Juvenile Court in the city of Rio de Janeiro on the lack of enforcement of mandatory teaching of African Brazilian history, including the production of an electronic database to consult for progress on the cases.

### Amapá Black Women's Institute – Imena (Amapá State)

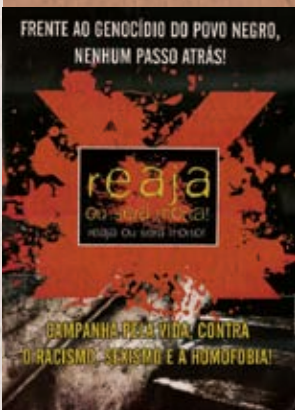
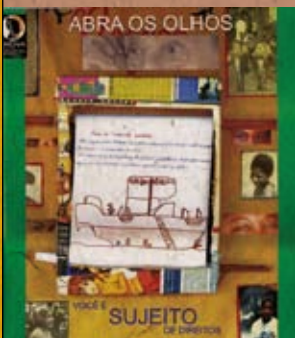
Production of the booklet *Abra os Olhos – Você é Sujeito de Direitos* (Open Your Eyes: You are the Subject of Rights), containing socioeconomic information on 17 quilombola communities (maroons, or descendants of slaves) in Amapá, and a seminar on Human Rights and Institutional Violence at the State University of Amapá, with 191 people attending.

### Nzinga – Black Women's Collective, Belo Horizonte (Minas Gerais State)

Training of 400 health professionals from 17 Health Centers and the Sofia Feldman Maternity Hospital through two seminars and 17 workshops, on black women's health and reproductive rights issues.

### Omi-Dúdù (Bahia State)

A campaign to prevent violence against young people in Salvador, reaching local communities through cultural activities and street mobilizations, like participation in a march organized by the black movement in the city center, *Against Violence, For Life* and in the campaign *React or Get Killed*.



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## 2008

### Brazilian Association for Social Welfare, Social Inclusion, Culture, and Environment – Estimate (Rio de Janeiro State)

Production of the audiovisual series *Cinemina Re-Visão*, with four five-minute videos on institutional racism. The material is publicized at events and has already received more than 800 hits on Youtube.

### Espírito Santo State Forum of Black Youth – Fejunes (Espírito Santo State)

Mobilizes black youth throughout the State of Espírito Santo through a campaign against the extermination of young blacks, and establishes a dialogue with society and government officials to deal with the issue. Includes workshops, manuals, videos, and a website for the campaign.

### Steve Biko Cultural Institute (Bahia State)

Reproduction of one thousand antiracist manuals. Workshops for young black people focusing on the Inter-American Human Rights System. Advocacy to impact the Bahia State Legislature and raise awareness against the extermination of black youth in four communities in Salvador.

### Maria Mulher – Black Women's Organization (Rio Grande do Sul State)

Course with members of community councils advocating for children's and adolescents' rights in Porto Alegre to train them for interventions based on a race and gender equality perspective in situations involving violations of young people's rights.

### Black Observatory (Pernambuco State)

Training and awareness-raising for 30 psychologists working in the public system in the areas of education, health, public security, and social assistance in the city of Recife and Greater Metropolitan Area, to counteract the impact of racism on the psychological conditions of blacks, in addition to publishing a manual on the issue.



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LAND IS THE COMMON  
ENDOWMENT OF THE  
HUMAN FAMILY. TO  
PLUNDER OR USURP IT IS  
A CRIME AGAINST HUMANITY.”

**DOM PEDRO CASALDÁLIGA,**  
INCORPORATOR, BRAZIL HUMAN RIGHTS FUND

Photo: José María Concepción Rodríguez / Brazil Fund Collection

## 2007

### Backlands Community Association – Acoterra (Bahia State)

Diagnosis of at least 16 collective back-pasture areas (shared by small farmers or herders and their families, totaling more than 4 thousand people), in an area with concentrated land tenure in the hinterlands of Bahia. An awareness-raising seminar was held on the small farmers' human rights, to prepare them in the struggle to regularize their landholdings.

### Pastoral Land Commission – CPT (Ceará State)

Application of 386 questionnaires in a survey of rural workers and their families that migrate periodically to other States of Brazil, with the aim of preventing and eradicating slave labor and human trafficking in the interior of Ceará.

### Council of Indigenous Teachers of the Amazon – Copiam (Amazonas State)

Publication of a book for Indigenous peoples on the history of the struggle for their rights, including bilingual and intercultural indigenous schooling.

### Team for Networking and Consultancy to Black Communities in the Ribeira Valley (São Paulo State)

Organization of quilombola communities (maroons or descendants of slaves) in the Ribeira Valley for the defense of rights related to the construction of four dams on the Ribeira de Iguape river.

### Human Images / Public Interest (Federal District)

The project *Pegadas da trama, fatos e imagens* (Footprints from the plot, facts, and images) documented the assassination of missionary Dorothy Stang, killed in Anapu, Pará, in 2005, providing substantive backing for public knowledge and for the court proceedings.

### Brazilian Indigenous Institute for Intellectual Property – INBRAPI (Federal District)

Five workshops in indigenous areas, one in each region of Brazil, with some 250 indigenous leaders, for their participation in developing a legal framework for the protection of traditional knowledge.

### Humanitas Institute (Pará State)

Support for the indigenous peoples' social movement in the campaign for recognition of their rights in the Altamira micro-region, with the production of an anthropological report.

### Living Work Institute (Maranhão State)

Courses focused on eradicating slave labor with 30 social agents and 10 other individuals in each of the micro-regions of Maranhão State, training 110 multipliers of the information provided at the meetings.



# LAND

Photo: Adriana Vianna

## 2008

### Puxirão Networking of the Faxinal Peoples (Paraná State)

Workshops on ethnic and collective rights for training the Faxinals, a traditional population from the interior of Paraná State that works at subsistence farming and sustainable exploration of natural resources in collectively used areas.

### Tembé de Santa Maria do Pará Indigenous People's Association – AITESAMPA (Pará State)

Elaboration of a documented report on the issue of self-demarcation of the Jeju and Areal Indigenous Land, belonging to the Tembé people in Santa Maria, Pará. Workshop and meetings in Belém with representatives of this Indigenous people and public officials, to deal with the issue.

### Linhariño Small Farmers' Development Association (Espírito Santo State)

Workshops for young members of quilombola communities (maroon communities, or descendants of slaves) in the industrial chain for facho, or charcoal produced by burning scraps left over from eucalyptus production, training them to deal with court cases filed by land occupants that refuse to acknowledge their communities' ancestral land rights.

### Pastoral Land Commission – CPT/Xinguara (Pará State)

Meetings in Xinguara, Pará State, with rural workers and representatives from INCRA, the National Institute of Colonization and Land Reform, to attempt to guarantee access to land. Monitoring of court cases involving rural workers.

### Humanitas Institute (Pará State)

Implementation of the Altamira Center for the Defense of Indigenous People's Rights (CDDI) to monitor and denounce human rights violations against indigenous peoples in urban areas.

### Preservar Institute (Rio Grande do Sul State)

Defense of the rights of rural workers against legal prosecution in the State of Rio Grande do Sul. Ensures legal aid and conducts training in human rights

### Living Work Institute (Maranhão State)

Creation of an information clearinghouse for receiving and processing complaints and monitoring action to fight slave labor in the countryside of Maranhão. The *forem-forem.blogspot.com* blog was used to publicize information on the issue.



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## TRAINING ACTIVITIES



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**The Brazil Fund holds training activities** for grantees, like the technical and management training workshop. In 2007, the Brazilian Special Secretariat for Human Rights, covered part of the event's expenses. Representatives of the projects also attended the seminar on "Debating Private Investment in Human Rights".

2007

**B**ACKED BY THE BRAZIL FUND, THE PROJECTS HAVE PRODUCED EXCELLENT RESULTS, SOME EXCEEDING THEIR EXPECTATIONS. OUR SUPPORT HAS FACILITATED THE PROJECTS' ACCESS TO NEW FUNDING. THIS HAS GIVEN THEM INITIAL BREATHING ROOM AND CONTRIBUTED TO THEIR INSTITUTIONAL CONSOLIDATION. IT HAS ALSO ALLOWED CREATING NEW PARTNERSHIPS, EMPOWERING THE STRUGGLES ON SPECIFIC ISSUES."

**DARCI FRIGO**, DIRECTOR FOR EDUCATION AND TRAINING

## SMALL GRANTS FUND

In 2008, the Brazilian Fund granted R\$ 4 thousand in emergency funds to the Barro Indigenous Community on the Raposa Serra do Sol Indigenous Land.

The aim was to cover transportation and mobilization costs for Indigenous leaders coming to the national capital Brasilia to denounce the violence striking their territory due to a legal dispute involving the Roraima State government and rice farmers who had invaded the Indigenous Land. The case went all the way to the

Brazilian Supreme Court, which upheld the Indigenous peoples land rights in a ruling in 2009.

In 2007, the project entitled Justice in the Brasilia Case received an emergency grant of R\$ 4.3 thousand to proceed with the investigation into the assassination of farm workers' union leader Bartolomeu Moraes da Silva (nicknamed "Brasilia"), murdered in 2002 in Altamira, Pará.

2008

2007



# MONITORING

Board Member **Maria Betânia Ávila** (left) was in Recife participating in the launch of the booklet on the **Blowing the Whistle** project



Photo provided by the project

2007

The 2008 Call for Proposals (December 2007) was launched in the **Maria Antônia Center** in São Paulo, featuring the debate “Private Investment in Human Rights in Brazil”, with representatives from the **Group of Institutes, Foundations, and Enterprises (GIFE)**, the **Ethos Institute for Business and Social Responsibility**, and the **Avina Foundation**, among others.



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In 2008, from December 1st to 20th, an exhibit was held at **Conjunto Nacional** in São Paulo on the theme “Human Rights are the Rights of All”. The history and current situation with human rights in Brazil were approached from four perspectives: **Women’s Rights**, **Land and Territory**, **Racial Equality**, and the **Promotion of Citizenship**.

2008

A debate at the **Cultura bookstore** featured representatives from the projects supported by the **Brazil Fund**, activists, and government officials working in the human rights field. **Fouad Hamdan**, **Executive Director of the Arab Human Rights Fund**, attended the debate and presented an overview of the human rights situation in the Arab world.



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2008

# INTERNATIONAL NETWORK

The **Brazil Fund** participated in the **Ford Foundation’s International Initiative to Strengthen Philanthropy (IISP)**. Eighteen organizations from 13 countries came together to identify critical challenges

for local and regional development of philanthropy, including domestic and international fundraising, strengthening the work of local civil society organizations.



# FUNDRAISING

The Brazil Human Rights Fund raises funds through international foundations and agencies in order to increase its capacity to support human rights projects in Brazil.

The Fund has also focused on establishing a local fundraising strategy, targeting governmental agencies, state-owned and private companies, as well as individuals in Brazil.

In 2007, a domestic fundraising plan was prepared that resulted in

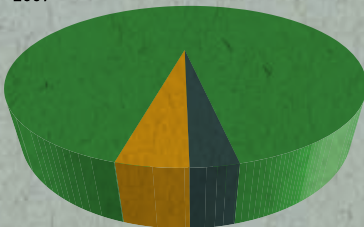
the identification of four possible sponsorship lines:

- Adoption of projects;
- Partners in the promotion of specific causes;
- Friends of the Brazil Fund; and
- Student Friends of the Brazil Fund.

In its first two operational years, the Brazil Human Rights Fund has raised funds and the support of those who sponsored its activities with in-kind donations and pro-bono work.

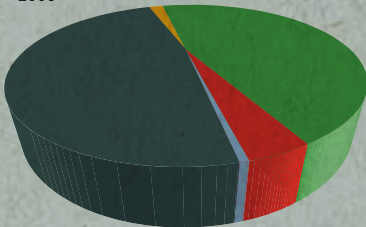
# INCOME

2007



- Foundations - 93%
- Individuals - 4%
- Interest - 3%

2008



- Foundations - 48%
- Individuals - 2%
- Interest - 46%
- Government funds - 4%
- Corporations - 0.32%

\* Including interests earned in the endowment fund.

# COMMUNICATIONS

With a focus on fundraising, the Brazil Fund has sought to develop strategic communications activities based on close dialogue with key sectors of society.

The Fund's website

[www.fundodireitoshumanos.org.br](http://www.fundodireitoshumanos.org.br)

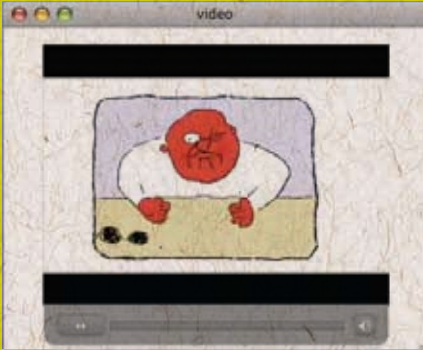
began to feature articles with various human rights approaches, in addition to institutional news and information.

The website has also become a channel for donations to the Brazil Fund.





As part of the effort to inform and raise public awareness on human rights issues, the Fund received important support from filmmaker Kiko Goifman, cartoonist Laerte, and musician Lívio Tragtemberg, who produced a video clip on the theme “Human Rights are the Rights of All”, which can be viewed both on our webpage [www.fundodireitoshumanos.org.br](http://www.fundodireitoshumanos.org.br) and on the Youtube site, at [www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZCaEyQZK7Fg](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZCaEyQZK7Fg)



A video was also produced featuring the history and values of the Brazil Fund, in addition to background information on the founders. Photos by J.R. Ripper illustrate the material, produced in partnership with [X] Brasil – Communications in Public Causes.

## ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

The Brazil Human Rights Fund wishes to thank all those who have contributed to the foundation’s work in its first two years.

### GLOBAL SUPPORT

Avina Foundation  
Ford Foundation  
Oak Foundation

### SUPPORT FOR EDUCATION AND TRAINING ACTIVITIES

Brazilian Special Secretariat for Human Rights (SEDH)  
São Paulo City Commission on Human Rights (CMDH)

### ADOPTION OF PROJECTS

Lucia Seabra

### VOLUNTEERS

André Degenszajn  
Jota Gouvea  
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Kim Dória  
Marta Elizabete Vieira  
Thais Bohn  
Tiago Haddad  
Verena Glass

### COMMUNICATIONS

Adag Publicidade

### FINANCIAL CONSULTING

Janos Comércio Administração e Participação  
Pragma Gestão de Patrimônio

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Paleo TV - Kiko Goifman  
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[X] Brasil – Comunicação em Causas Públicas

\* Collaborators are individuals or companies that have donated services or products, provided space, or collaborated in some other way for the Brazil Fund to conduct its proposed activities in the years 2007 and 2008.



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## INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To:  
The Board of Trustees and Management  
Board Brazilian Human Rights Fund  
São Paulo, Brazil

- We have examined the balance sheets of the Brazilian Human Rights Fund for December 31, 2007 and 2006, and the respective financial statements, the statements of changes in the net equity, and the origins and investments of the funds corresponding to the accounting years ending on those dates, prepared under the responsibility of the Fund's administration. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these accounting statements.
- Our examination of the above-mentioned documents was conducted according to the best accounting standards applicable in Brazil and included: (a) planning of the work, considering the relevance of the balances, amounts, and transactions and the organization's internal accounting and controls systems; (b) observation, based on tests, of the evidence and records backing the amounts and accounting information as published; and (c) evaluation of the most representative practices and accounting estimates adopted by the organization's administration, as well as the presentation of the accounting statements as a whole.
- In our opinion, the accounting statements mentioned in paragraph 1, in all their relevant aspects, adequately represent the net worth and financial position of the Brazilian Human Rights Fund on December 31, 2007 and 2006, the results of its operations, the changes in its net equity, and the origins and investments of its funds corresponding to the accounting years ending on those dates, in accordance with the accounting practices adopted in Brazil.

March 11, 2008.

**JPI**  
Auditors & Consultants  
CNC 2024 401/05  
Diana Maria Pereira  
Accountant, CRC SP 138.924/0-0

2007



## REPORT OF INDEPENDENT AUDITORS

To the Board of Directors and Fiscal Council  
FUNDAÇÃO FUNDO BRASIL DE DIREITOS HUMANOS  
São Paulo - SP

- We have examined the balance sheets of **BRAZIL FUND FOR HUMAN RIGHTS** for the year ended December 31, 2008 and the corresponding cash flow statement, statement of net assets and the income statement of the year then ended, elaborated under the responsibility of your organization's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements.
- We conducted our examination in accordance with approved Brazilian auditing standards which comprehend: (a) planning our audits taking into consideration the significance of balances, the volume of transactions and the accounting and internal control system of the entity; (b) examining, on a test basis, evidence and records supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statement; and (c) assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation.
- In our opinion, the financial statements referred to at paragraph 1, present fairly, in all relevant respects, the ownership and financial position of **BRAZIL FUND FOR HUMAN RIGHTS** in December 31, 2008, the cash flow statement, the statement of net assets and the income statement for the year then ended, in conformity with accounting principles prescribed by Brazilian Law.
- The financial statements at December 31, 2007, presented for comparison purposes, were audited by other independent auditors who issued an unqualified opinion thereon dated March 11, 2008.
- As described in item no. 10, the accounting practices adopted in Brazil were changed as from January 1, 2008. The financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2007, presented together with the financial statements of 2008, were prepared in accordance with these new accounting practices adopted as from January 1, 2008.

April 19, 2009.

**Planers Auditores Independentes**  
CRC SP 171.126-3  
Vitor Hugo de Souza  
Accountant CRC 157.454.317/0-0  
CMA nº 1.018

2008

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ASSETS	2008	2007	2006
<b>CURRENT</b>			
Cash and banks	6.358	9.749	62.965
Financial investments	424.940	239.701	234.646
Advance of expenditures	-	15.000	-
<b>Total Current</b>	<b>431.298</b>	<b>264.450</b>	<b>297.611</b>
<b>NON-CURRENT</b>			
<b>Long-term receivables</b>			
Financial investments	6.910.103	6.391.077	-
<b>Total Long-Term Receivables</b>	<b>6.910.103</b>	<b>6.391.077</b>	-
<b>Fixed Assets</b>			
Tangible Operation Assets	14.463	9.748	-
(-)Accumulated Depreciation	(2.749)	(1.219)	-
<b>Total Fixed Assets</b>	<b>11.714</b>	<b>8.529</b>	-
<b>Total Non-current</b>	<b>6.921.817</b>	<b>6.399.606</b>	-
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>7.353.115</b>	<b>6.664.056</b>	<b>297.611</b>

LIABILITIES	2008	2007	2006
<b>CURRENT</b>			
Suppliers	1.678	5.550	-
Salaries and Benefits	9.016	8.806	-
Taxes/Contributions	3	1.187	-
Advance for Projects	280.096	243.247	234.219
<b>Total Current</b>	<b>290.793</b>	<b>258.789</b>	<b>234.219</b>
<b>EQUITY</b>			
Equity	10.000	10.000	10.000
Accumulated Surplus (Deficit)	318.767	53.392	-
Surplus (Deficit) for the Year	657.055	265.375	53.392
Donation	6.076.500	6.076.500	-
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>7.062.322</b>	<b>6.405.267</b>	<b>63.392</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITY</b>	<b>7.353.115</b>	<b>6.664.056</b>	<b>297.611</b>

RESULTS	2008	2007	2006
<b>INCOME</b>			
Donations and projects	839.116	705.567	53.082
	<b>839.116</b>	<b>705.567</b>	<b>53.082</b>
<b>EXPENSES/INCOME OPERATING</b>			
Financial Revenues	778.695	454.382	427
Personnel	(122.073)	(98.566)	-
Project Costs and Expenses	(580.642)	(494.995)	-
Administrative and Overhead Expenses	(177.129)	(187.035)	-
Financial Expenses	(80.912)	(113.978)	(117)
	<b>(182.061)</b>	<b>(440.192)</b>	<b>310</b>
<b>OPERATING SURPLUS</b>	<b>657.055</b>	<b>265.375</b>	<b>53.392</b>
<b>SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR</b>	<b>657.055</b>	<b>265.375</b>	<b>53.392</b>



A BUSCA DE NOVOS PARCEIROS QUE ADOTEM OS PROJETOS APOIADOS PELO FUNDO BRASIL TEM POR OBJETIVO AUMENTAR O NÚMERO DE INICIATIVAS BENEFICIADAS, FAZENDO CRESCER DE MANEIRA CONSISTENTE A ATUAÇÃO DA FUNDAÇÃO E SEU POTENCIAL DE IMPACTO NA PROMOÇÃO DOS DIREITOS HUMANOS NO PAÍS.”

**OSCAR VILHENA**, DIRETOR VICE-PRESIDENTE DE FINANÇAS

“THE SEARCH FOR NEW PARTNERS TO ADOPT THE PROJECTS SUPPORTED BY THE BRAZIL FUND AIMS TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF INITIATIVES THAT RECEIVE GRANTS, CONSISTENTLY EXPANDING THE FOUNDATION’S WORK AND ITS POTENTIAL IMPACT ON HUMAN RIGHTS ADVOCACY IN THE COUNTRY.”

**OSCAR VILHENA**, VICE-PRESIDENT FOR FINANCES



### ESTADOS BRASILEIROS / BRAZILIAN STATES

AC	Acre	PB	Paraíba
AL	Alagoas	PR	Paraná
AP	Amapá	PE	Pernambuco
AM	Amazonas	PI	Piauí
BA	Bahia	RJ	Rio de Janeiro
CE	Ceará	RN	Rio Grande do Norte
DF	Distrito Federal	RS	Rio Grande do Sul
ES	Espírito Santo	RO	Rondônia
GO	Goiás	RR	Roraima
MA	Maranhão	SC	Santa Catarina
MT	Mato Grosso	SP	São Paulo
MS	Mato Grosso do Sul	SE	Sergipe
MG	Minas Gerais	TO	Tocantins
PA	Pará		

● Projetos apoiados em 2008  
Grants awarded 2008

● Projetos apoiados em 2007  
Grants awarded 2007

OS PROJETOS APOIADOS PELO FUNDO BRASIL SÃO DE UMA DIVERSIDADE TEMÁTICA MUITO GRANDE E VÃO, POR EXEMPLO, DA CONJUGAÇÃO DE ESFORÇOS PARA COMBATER E PREVENIR AS PRÁTICAS DE TRABALHO ESCRAVO EM REGIÕES MAIS REMOTAS DE NOSSO PAÍS, ATÉ O FORTALECIMENTO DE MOVIMENTOS DE RESISTÊNCIA À VIOLÊNCIA INSTITUCIONALIZADA NAS GRANDES CIDADES E CAPITALS.”

**SUELI CARNEIRO**, DIRETORA VICE-PRESIDENTE DE PROJETOS

“THE GRANTS AWARDED BY THE BRAZIL FUND COVER A WIDE RANGE OF ISSUES, RANGING FROM EFFORTS TO COMBAT AND PREVENT SLAVE LABOR IN THE REMOTEST AREAS OF OUR COUNTRY TO STRENGTHENING MOVEMENTS TO RESIST INSTITUTIONALIZED VIOLENCE IN STATE CAPITALS AND OTHER LARGE CITIES.”

**SUELI CARNEIRO**, VICE-PRESIDENT FOR PROJECT MANAGEMENT