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We are Justiça Global.

A Brazilian organization that has been working for over 25 years to defend and promote human rights, confronting institutional and corporate violence, always side by side with social movements, communities, and human rights defenders. With the courage to engage in dialogue across multiple strategic fronts, we seek to promote structural change, strengthen democracy, and advance socio-environmental justice. Our history is defined by a steadfast commitment to anti-racist struggle and gender equity, always standing with those affected by rights violations throughout Brazil.

We build networks of solidarity and knowledge that transcend borders, connecting local struggles to global dimensions. We understand that each violation is a symptom of deeper inequalities. That's why we strive to bring new perspectives to transform reality and ensure that voices are heard and rights are upheld. Along this path, we also resort to international human rights mechanisms, not as an end in themselves, but as part of a broader strategy to strengthen collective resistance and victories.

Transforming local struggles into global pathways.

Justiça Global, 25 years. Courage to dream. Action to transform.

In 2024, Justiça Global celebrated **25 years of steadfast and transformative work in the defense of human rights** — a milestone that invites us to reflect on the past with gratitude and envision the future with boldness. Inspired by the courage of those who came before us, we continue our journey with a clear focus on today's challenges and tomorrow's possibilities for reinvention.

This year marked the conclusion of a significant **cycle of institutional transition that began in 2022**. It brought about profound transformations in our governance, executive leadership, organizational structure, and visual identity. These changes reflect our **commitment to an increasingly pluralistic, anti-racist, feminist approach**, rooted in diverse territories and knowledge systems.

The new Executive Board, comprised of **Glaucia Marinho** as Executive Director and **Daniela Fichino** and **Daniele Duarte** as Deputy Directors, embodies this renewal with strength and coherence. Glaucia took over as Executive Director, succeeding **Sandra Carvalho**, our founder and a key figure in the defense of human rights in Brazil. Her continued role as Program Coordinator — alongside **Isabel Lima**, **Melisanda Trentin**, **Monique Cruz**, and **Lourdes Deda** — ensures the critical continuity of institutional memory and the strengthening of collegial leadership.

We also restructured our governance framework. The presidency of the Deliberative Council is now held by **Cristiane Faustino**, a Black feminist, advocate for socio-environmental justice, and director of the Terramar Institute. The vice-presidency was assumed by **Andressa Caldas**, who returned to the organization after more than a decade working with Justiça Global and who now directs the Mercosur Institute of Public Policy on Human Rights.

The Council is further composed of **Alexandra Montgomery**, a lawyer and specialist in international advocacy, and **Roberto Monte**, founder of the organization and tireless defender of popular memory and human rights. Serving on the Fiscal Council are **Nadejda Marques**, who holds a PhD in Human Rights and Development from Pablo de Olavide University (Seville, Spain) and is one of Justiça Global's co-founders, and **Paula Máiran**, a journalist and human rights defender. **Mikael Carvalho**, a journalist and general coordinator at Justiça nos Trilhos, was appointed to the Advisory Board. This group will serve a term until 2027.

We concluded this cycle of renewal with the launch of a **new institutional brand, accompanied by the restructuring of our team and communication strategies**. These reflect the values we have built collectively throughout our history. The new visual identity encapsulates our commitment to a people-centered, decolonial, and transformative vision of justice — **a justice built from the ground up, rooted in territory, and shaped by the collective construction of knowledge and practice**.

Our new brand is not just an aesthetic change. It is a statement: today, we are an organization that is more deeply rooted, more connected, and more courageous. We continue to dream and to act. **With the courage to imagine the impossible. And concrete action to transform the present.**

1. Making Justice a tangible reality



To make is a verb of action. And for Justiça Global, it is also a direction, a commitment, and a daily practice. Throughout these 25 years, we have reaffirmed our active role in building a horizon of justice — social, racial, climate, and gender justice —in which **rights are not distant promises, but concrete realities in people’s lives.**

The justice we seek is not merely a legal ideal: **it is the embodiment of profound social changes that challenge the structures of violence, oppression, and inequality in Brazil and across Latin America.** Each case we support and monitor, each international complaint we file, each training course we deliver, and each network we help build is part of a **coordinated effort to strengthen democracy, ensure reparations, and prevent future violations.**

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To make this mission tangible, Justiça Global is currently organized around four strategic programs:

PROTECTION OF DEMOCRACY AND HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS

Since its foundation, **Justiça Global has worked to strengthen and protect those who uphold the struggle for rights with their bodies and voices.** In a country marked by systematic attacks on human rights defenders (HRDs), **we develop advocacy, monitoring, and training initiatives, using our own methodologies of Integral Protection,** combined with strategies for care, digital security, legal support, and political empowerment.

We conduct workshops, produce assessments, and contribute to the development of public protection policies, **always in collaboration with social movements and partner organizations.**

We believe that defending the lives and political freedom of human rights defenders is a **non-negotiable pillar of democracy.**

SOCIO-ENVIRONMENTAL AND CLIMATE JUSTICE

The climate and socio-environmental crisis is also a human rights crisis. In Brazil, it disproportionately affects traditional peoples and communities, such as indigenous peoples, quilombolas, and peasants, who resist the logic of predatory exploitation conducted by large corporations and the State.

Justiça Global works to expose violations caused by megaprojects and sectors such as mining, agribusiness, and oil. We defend the right to land and territory, self-determination, and the effective participation of affected communities in decisions that impact their ways of life.

Our initiatives **seek to consolidate a perspective of climate justice and energy transition that incorporates the dimensions of race, gender, and class,** by recognizing the central role of traditional knowledge and calling for the accountability of corporations and the Brazilian state for the damage they have caused.

INSTITUTIONAL VIOLENCE AND PUBLIC SECURITY

Confronting structural racism in the criminal justice and public security systems is a central task for Justiça Global. Our program focuses on challenging and overcoming practices of State violence, such as executions, torture, mass arrests, and the overincarceration of Black and peripheral people.

We conduct research, monitor emblematic cases, build partnerships with social movements and victims' families, and engage in public policy advocacy. We are committed to decarceration, ending police violence, providing full reparations, and strengthening the capacities of organizations, social movements, and families of victims of state violence and survivors of the prison system in the fight against human rights violations and in promoting justice and preventing future abuses.

INTERNACIONAL JUSTICE

Our work connects local struggles to international mechanisms, shedding light on what is often rendered invisible within national borders. We work with the Organization of American States (OAS) and the United Nations (UN), leveraging international human rights systems as tools for **pressure, reparation, and structural transformation.**

The complaints we bring to these spaces are not ends in themselves: they are strategic instruments to mobilize the State, ensure responses to affected communities, and create precedents that strengthen the human rights framework across the region.

Each of these programs operates in a coordinated manner, integrating knowledge, strategies, and alliances. This is how we transform struggle into policy, complaints into redress, and resistance into a vision for the future. **Making justice a tangible reality is what drives us—every day, in every territory, for every life.**





2. Change as collective action

OUR PARTNERS ON THIS JOURNEY

At Justiça Global, we believe that social transformation does not happen on its own. **Our victories, complaints, and strategies are born and strengthened through encounters with other voices and organizations committed to building a more just world.**

Throughout our trajectory, we have invested in dialogue and collective action with social movements and organizations — local, national, and international — with whom we have co-created initiatives of resistance, visibility, and mobilization. Together, we amplify the fight for reparations, democracy, environmental justice, and the advancement of human rights.

We are guided by the principles of **autonomy, transparency, publicity, and respect for human dignity**, and we remain open to mobilizing in solidarity with individuals, groups, and communities facing human rights violations.

STRENGTHENING SOCIAL MOVEMENTS: THE “SOLIDARITY CNPJ”

One of the most concrete expressions of our commitment to collective construction is an initiative we affectionately call the Solidarity CNPJ (CNPJ Solidário, in Portuguese) — a **strategy for providing institutional and political support to grassroots groups that have not yet formalized their organizational structure.**

Through this model, Justiça Global acts as a **fiscal sponsor for collectives and movements seeking funding for their activities, offering administrative and accounting support.** This includes managing deadlines and contracts, preparing financial reports, and providing training and capacity building in management, accountability, and organizational sustainability.

More than just a bureaucratic tool, the Solidarity CNPJ represents a **firm commitment to the autonomy and sustainability of social movements** and entities that are not incorporated as legal entities, particularly initiatives emerging from historically vulnerable territories and communities.

NUMBERS THAT REFLECT OUR IMPACT

Over the last
5 years

34
INITIATIVES
SUPPORTED

In 2024 alone

5
PROJECTS
IMPLEMENTED

5
LOCAL ACTIONS
SUPPORTED

6
MOVEMENTS/
COLLECTIVES
INVOLVED

3
PARTNER
DONORS

NETWORK-BASED ACTION: PRESENCE AND POLITICAL COMMITMENT

Participating in networks, forums, and coalitions is a core component of **Justiça Global's political strategy**. These alliances strengthen political advocacy, amplify civil society's voices, and foster collaboration to resist setbacks and advance social justice.

We are actively engaged in various national and international coalitions.

Highlights include:

- Agenda Nacional pelo Desencarceramento;
- Aliança pela Volta Grande do Xingu;
- Articulação Internacional dos Atingidos e das Atingidas pela Vale (AIAAV);
- Coalizão da ADPF das Favelas (ADPF 635);
- Coalizão Negra por Direitos;
- Coalizão pela Socioeducação;
- Comitê Brasileiro de Defensoras e Defensores de Direitos Humanos;
- Comitê Justiça Por Marielle e Anderson;
- Comitê Nacional em Defesa dos Territórios frente à Mineração;
- Rede Internacional para os Direitos Econômicos, Sociais e Culturais (Rede-DESC);
- Plataforma de Recolocação Temporária da União Europeia (EUTRP);

- Federação Internacional de Direitos Humanos (FIDH);
- Fórum Popular de Segurança Pública do Rio de Janeiro (FPOPSEG);
- Fórum Memória, Verdade, Reparação Integral, Não Repetição e Justiça para os Povos Indígenas;
- GT Corporações;
- Movimento Escazú Brasil;
- Organização Mundial Contra a Tortura (OMCT);
- Plataforma Dhesca Brasil;
- Plataforma RPU – Coletivo RPU Brasil;
- Rede Brasileira de Justiça Ambiental (RBJA);
- Rede Justiça Criminal (RJC);
- Stop Corporate Impunity;
- Treaty Alliance.

The change we strive for is only possible because we move forward collectively.

Because we learn from the experiences, resistance, and knowledge of the many organizations and communities with whom we share our path. Collective action is the foundation of our strength. It is what sustains our courage to keep fighting — and dreaming — for a more just future.

Justiça Global is also committed to strengthening and expanding spaces for social participation, which are essential to the consolidation of democracy in Brazil



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In 2024, we took part in the following bodies:

- National Committee for the Prevention and Combat of Torture;
- Deliberative Council of the Program for the Protection of Human Rights Defenders, Communicators, and Environmentalists (PPDDH);
- Sales Pimenta Technical Working Group;
- National Human Rights Council:
 - Standing Committee on Human Rights Defenders and Combating the Criminalization of Social Movements;
 - Working Group on Business and Human Rights.

INSTITUTIONAL ADVANCES

Following a carefully designed and transparent process, the year in which Justiça Global marked its 25th anniversary also brought significant organizational changes, strengthening our ability to act and mobilize.

REBRANDING AND STRENGTHENING COMMUNICATION

In February 2024, we unveiled a new visual identity and launched a new website — more comprehensive, more accessible, and with a more inspiring approach to the fight for human rights. The launch was accompanied by the development of a strategic communication plan.

Our new brand incorporates a broader color palette, each hue reflecting a key aspect and dimension of our mission and work: the struggle (red); energy (orange); depth (moss green); active listening (salmon); serenity (mint green); lightness (white), and evidence- and fact-based work (black).

The new branding also organized our values and purpose: to make justice a tangible reality. And it reaffirmed our creative stance, grounded in both our history and our aspirations: what can

be imagined can be created — with determination, courage, loyalty, and strategic vision.

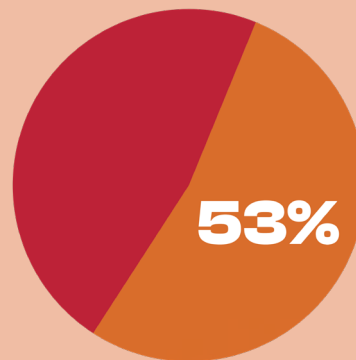
Despite the growing number of individuals and institutions working in the human rights field, our media presence expanded in 2024. There were 67 publications in media outlets with high- and medium-audience reach — including TV channels, newspapers, online news portals, political commentary columns, and podcasts.

INTERNAL RESTRUCTURING AND COMMITMENT TO THE WORK ENVIRONMENT AND THE TEAM WELL-BEING

This new chapter was made possible by the consolidation of a governance restructuring process, which introduced new fundraising channels, including an individual donor fundraising platform, and the implementation of a new internal system for annual performance evaluation and feedback. Finally, over the course of the year, we also developed Justiça Global's Integrity Program, aimed at preventing moral and sexual harassment, with the establishment of reporting channels and investigation protocols.

MORE STAFF AND GREATER DIVERSITY

Between 2023 and 2024, our team grew by more than 20%. In line with the Policy to Combat Institutional Racism adopted in 2022, our current permanent staff includes 17 team members, 9 of whom self-identify as Black.



Racial composition of the permanent staff (2024):
53% Black people.





3. Opening Paths Means Opening Dialogues

OUR ACTIONS IN 2024

Justiça Global's actions in 2024 reflect our ongoing commitment to building a **country where life, dignity, and democracy are core priorities**. We have worked to defend climate justice, protect human rights defenders, combat institutional violence, and confront racism, sexism, and all forms of oppression. The milestones reached this year highlight the breadth and consistency of an **agenda focused on strengthening democracy, defending territories, and promoting new ways of pursuing justice**.

PROTECTION OF DEMOCRACY AND HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS

NATIONAL PLAN FOR THE PROTECTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS

A Justiça Global **played an active role in the Sales Pimenta Technical Working Group**, responsible for drafting the new National Plan for the Protection of Human Rights Defenders, Communicators, and Environmentalists, which was submitted to the Ministry of Human

Rights and the National Human Rights Council. The plan proposes a protection policy structured around three key pillars: State and community-based protection, access to rights, and accountability of perpetrators. In addition, a draft bill was presented to formalize this protection policy as a permanent State policy.

CONVICTION OF MARIELLE FRANCO AND ANDERSON GOMES' KILLERS

After six years and seven months of tireless advocacy, the 4th Jury Court of Rio de Janeiro convicted the killers of city councilor Marielle Franco and driver Anderson Gomes. **Over the years, Justiça Global contributed to the pursuit of justice in this case, which marks a historic moment in the fight against political violence rooted in gender and race in Brazil**. This ruling is a significant step toward justice and answers for countless other families affected by state violence, many of whom had received support from Marielle during her career.

DELIBERATIVE COUNCIL OF THE PROTECTION PROGRAM

In 2024, **Justiça Global** became a member of the **Deliberative Council of the Program for the Protection of Human Rights Defenders, Communicators, and Environmentalists (Condel-PPDDH)**, coordinated by the Ministry of Human Rights. Our participation strengthens the link between civil society and public authorities in the implementation, oversight, and evaluation of the national protection policy, as well as in the monitoring of individual cases under State protection.

20 YEARS OF THE BRAZILIAN COMMITTEE OF HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS

The Brazilian Committee of Human Rights Defenders, made up of 48 organizations and social movements, celebrated two decades of advocacy. **Our organization**

is a **founding member and part of the Committee's "Facilitation Group"**, a network committed to strengthening public protection policies, providing emergency support to defenders at risk, and conducting planned or emergency missions to investigate serious threats and attacks.

PROTECTION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL DEFENDERS IN BRAZIL, PERU, COLOMBIA, AND MEXICO

At the request of **Justiça Global** and other Latin American organizations, the **Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR)** held a regional hearing to address the recurring attacks against environmental defenders. This hearing was part of the 190th Period of Sessions, which took place both virtually and in person in Washington, D.C.



MONITORING AND DATA COLLECTION ON POLITICAL AND ELECTORAL VIOLENCE

Amid a rising trend of violence in political spaces — in parliaments and electoral campaigns alike — Justiça Global, in partnership with Terra de Direitos, released the **third edition of the study Political and Electoral Violence in Brazil** in 2024. The first edition was published in 2020, but the full data series documents incidents dating back to 2016. Findings from this report were widely cited in major media outlets such as O Globo, Valor Econômico, Veja, Folha de São Paulo, Rádio Tupi, Brasil de Fato, g1, Agência Brasil, and others. The data were also mentioned in debates on the topic in state legislatures, with special attention to racial and gender-based dynamics in political violence.

FIRST COURT CONVICTION FOR POLITICAL VIOLENCE

The Regional Electoral Court of Rio de Janeiro convicted state legislator Rodrigo Amorim (União Brasil-RJ) for political gender violence against city councilor Benny Brioli (PSOL-RJ). **The case was originally reported to the IACHR by Justiça Global and partner organizations.** In a 2022 speech delivered in parliament, Amorim directed offensive remarks at Benny, the first transgender person to hold elected office in the state of Rio. She is currently enrolled in the Program for the Protection of Human Rights Defenders, Communicators, and Environmentalists.

CEPI: JUSTIÇA GLOBAL'S SHELTER AND TEMPORARY RELOCATION CENTER

The Integral Protection Center (CEPI - Centro de Proteção Integral, in Portuguese) is a Justiça Global project offering temporary relocation and shelter for human rights defenders in Latin America facing life-threatening situations, emergencies, or extreme stress due to their political work. Its mission is to provide a safe and supportive environment where defenders can protect themselves, recover, and plan their next steps to carry on with their work.

Justiça Global has operated CEPI since 2022. Selection of defenders is conducted through public calls for applications, with candidates endorsed by organizations and entities that have monitored their work in their respective territories. In 2024 and 2025, the program focused on welcoming individuals from across Latin America, expanding transnational networks of solidarity in response to regional challenges to human rights.



Renato Santana/ Cimi

SOCIO-ENVIRONMENTAL AND CLIMATE JUSTICE

JUST ENERGY TRANSITION

Justiça Global has taken a strategic stance to ensure that Brazil's energy transition **does not replicate the same patterns of violence and environmental racism historically embedded in large infrastructure projects**. One emblematic case is the **Grão-Pará Maranhão (GPM)** port-railway project, which also includes plans for a "green energy" station.

The project, slated for Brazil's Legal Amazon region, would directly affect the Reentrâncias Maranhenses Environmental Protection Area and threaten 87% of the Quilombola territory on Cajual Island, in Alcântara, the state of Maranhão (MA). It would also impact 21 municipalities, 16 agrarian reform settlements, and

6 Indigenous lands — four of which are home to Indigenous peoples in voluntary isolation.

In 2024, Justiça Global held a seminar in São Luís (MA) and led an exchange in Alcântara with affected communities, strengthening resistance networks and documenting the project's socio-environmental impacts. **The fight for a just energy transition requires land demarcation, free, prior, and informed consultation, and the protagonism of communities in defining their own future.**

This topic was also addressed in Geneva at a side event held during the 13th UN Forum on Business and Human Rights, organized independently by ten civil society organizations, focusing on human rights violations associated with large-scale logistics projects in Latin America.

Additionally, in an effort to contribute to the public debate on the subject, Justiça Global carried out the digital campaign “Is it really that green?” (“É tão verde assim?”, in Portuguese), explaining the main alternatives for the decarbonization of the energy matrix, while highlighting the contradictions of **new models that continue to pose risks to human rights and cause environmental harm.**

BUSINESS AND HUMAN RIGHTS

Holding companies accountable for human rights violations and environmental damage is one of the pillars of Justiça Global’s work. **In 2024, we furthered our advocacy for binding national and international regulatory frameworks capable of curbing corporate abuses.**

Alongside the **International Federation for Human Rights (FIDH)** and other entities, we organized a regional seminar on business and human rights in Brasília,

bringing together activists, jurists, and lawmakers from across Latin America. **During the event, we launched the “Legislative Agenda for Corporate Responsibility for Human Rights Abuses and Environmental Damage in Latin America”, which proposes structural reforms to the legal frameworks of countries in the region.**

Justiça Global also participated in **sessions of the Interministerial Working Group (GTI) on Business and Human Rights**, composed of 17 federal government agencies. Within this forum, we contributed to the formulation of a new National Policy on Business and Human Rights, alongside a civil society coalition that operates in a coordinated manner in both the Legislative and Executive branches. The aim is to strengthen legal accountability mechanisms and prevent new instances of corporate misconduct.

Ana Mendes/ISA



ALCÂNTARA IS QUILOMBOLA LAND

In 2024, we published a critical analysis of the agreement presented by the Brazilian government regarding the titling of the quilombola territory of Alcântara (MA). This commitment is the result of a historic decision by the International Labour Organization (ILO), which recommended collective land titling.



Justiça Global is one of the petitioning organizations in the case and has worked to ensure that reparation efforts **prioritize the communities, respect their ways of life, and uphold mechanisms for full participation.** The case of Alcântara reinforces the urgent need for the titling of quilombola lands and for reversing the impacts caused by militarization policies, such as the use of the Alcântara Launch Centre (CLA). **The ruling was published in March 2025,** marking a victory after years of struggle and litigation.

PEOPLE'S SUMMIT AT THE G20

Justiça Global participated in the People's Summit vs G20, held in Rio de Janeiro as a counterpoint to the official meeting of the world's largest economies. The event brought together more than 700 participants, including grassroots movements and civil society organizations, reaffirming the **urgency of alternatives to the false solutions promoted by the G20 in response to the global, climate, and economic crises.**

We participated in panels and workshops that **denounced the role of the G20 in advancing extractivist policies, the financialization of nature, increased inequality, and the criminalization of activists.** Our presence underscored our commitment to a decolonial perspective, in dialogue with the people's struggles of the Global South.



Marcelle Decotter, ADPF

PATHWAYS OF STRUGGLE FOR SOCIO-ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE

Justiça Global has brought together scholar-activists to strengthen the debate on socio-environmental justice, broaden the understanding of human rights, and give visibility to people and territories engaged in resistance. With this goal in mind, the **Pathways Collection (Coleção Caminhos, in Portuguese)** presents works that document resistance processes, especially those involving communities affected by large-scale projects. The series debuted in 2023 with a book by quilombola jurist Danilo Serejo, ILO Convention No. 169 and the **Quilombola Question: Elements for Debate**.

In 2024, two new titles were released: **Full Reparation for Socio-Environmental Damage and the Repetition That Looms**, by Layza Queiroz and Carolina Spyer, on the collapse of the Samarco dam in Mariana (MG); and **Stories and Political Practices in Resistance to Vale S.A.**, by Marina Praça and Larissa Cabral, which recounts 15 years of resistance against the company's extractivist model.

INSTITUTIONAL VIOLENCE AND PUBLIC SECURITY

ADPF OF THE FAVELAS

In 2024, the Federal Supreme Court (STF) began the trial of ADPF 635 (Claim of Non-Compliance with a Fundamental Precept), known as the ADPF of the Favelas, and filed in 2019 by the Brazilian Socialist Party (PSB). Justiça Global acted as amicus curiae, delivering oral arguments in the plenary alongside a coalition of victims' families, favela-based movements, human rights organizations, activists, and researchers. **This marked the first time that social movements were admitted as amici curiae in a case before the Supreme Court.**

The case has led to important institutional milestones for the protection of life in favelas, including restrictions on police operations during the pandemic and progress in implementing the use of body cameras on uniforms and in police vehicles. In 2025, **the STF's ruling upheld some of these advances, despite several limitations acknowledged by the civil society organizations involved.**

SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES OF VICTIMS OF POLICE VIOLENCE

In 2024, we followed emblematic trials of killings committed by military police officers, all of which, regrettably, ended in acquittals. Justiça Global provided direct support to the families of victims of extrajudicial executions.

We also held workshops on full reparation with mothers and family members, discussing measures and policies to hold the State accountable and prevent recurrence. The body of knowledge built during these encounters led to the publication of a new volume of the Establishing Dialogues Collection (*Abrindo Diálogos*, in Portuguese), a journal published by Justiça Global dedicated to systematizing experiences of confronting human rights violations.

OPERATION SUMMER AND THE FIGHT AGAINST INSTITUTIONAL RACISM TARGETING BLACK YOUTH

Justiça Global participated in a conciliation hearing at the STF that debated the abuses committed during the Operation Summer, a joint initiative by the state and municipal governments of Rio de Janeiro. The operation involved the arbitrary detention of children and adolescents on the city's beaches — without arrest warrants or in *flagrante delicto*.

The organization's role as *amicus curiae*, alongside the Rio de Janeiro Public Defender's Office, Instituto Alana, and Conectas Human Rights, was decisive in the Supreme Court's decision to prohibit such detentions and acknowledge the selective nature of the operation, which targeted Black children and favela residents.





10 YEARS LATER: PROGRESS AND CHALLENGES AT THE CURADO PRISON COMPLEX

2024 marked ten years since the Inter-American Court of Human Rights issued **provisional measures in response to rights violations at the Curado Prison Complex in Recife, state of Pernambuco (PE)**. Alongside the efforts of other civil society actors, these measures helped pressure the Brazilian State to adopt urgent actions to ensure the safety and lives of all individuals at Curado.

A decade later, the effects of these measures are evident, with **progress in protecting the lives and physical integrity of persons deprived of liberty**. In 2024, we took part in the **18th Brazilian Forum on Public Security**, held in Pernambuco, where we discussed the **ongoing challenges of torture, overcrowding, and structural neglect within the Brazilian prison system**, as well as the effects of the Inter-American Court's decision mandating that time served at the Curado Complex should be counted double. **The outcome of this decade of litigation is the complete**

restructuring of the Curado Complex, which now operates at compatible capacity, although there are still several critical points of ongoing violations. The systemic effects of the decision on the prison system in the state of Pernambuco were also widely discussed at the event.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO COMBAT RACISM IN THE PRISON SYSTEM UNDER THE 'FAIR SENTENCE' PLAN'

During a public hearing held in April 2024, we presented **16 strategic proposals for the "Fair Sentence" Plan**, developed by the Judiciary and Executive branches as a result of ADPF 347, which recognizes an Unconstitutional State of Affairs in Brazilian prisons.

Our contributions address topics such as decarceration, combating torture, strengthening the public defenders' office, holding public agents accountable, and promoting alternative forms of justice. The plan, consolidated at the beginning of 2025, has the potential to become a milestone in prison policy and reflects years of mobilization by civil society.

COMMITTEE FOR THE PREVENTION AND COMBAT OF TORTURE

In 2024, **Justiça Global** was elected, along with other 11 organizations, to join the National Committee for the Prevention and Combat of Torture (CNPCT) for the term 2024 to 2026. The Committee, established by the federal government in compliance with the Optional Protocol to the UN Convention Against Torture, is one of the main forums for the development and monitoring of public policies aimed at eradicating torture in Brazil.

ADDRESSING VIOLATIONS IN THE JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM

In 2011, reports by **Justiça Global** from the Human Rights Center of Serra about mistreatment, torture, and deaths at the Juvenile Socio-Educational Internment Unit (UNIS) in Cariacica (ES), led to the first resolution by the Inter-American Court requiring protective measures to protect children and adolescents deprived of their liberty. After years of monitoring, these measures resulted, in 2024, in the signing of a plan of intent for a more structured and integrated approach among the Judiciary, the Executive — both federal and state — and the petitioning organizations. The plan addresses the use of force (particularly less-lethal weapons), health, education, the system of guarantees, and the implementation of socio-educational policy in the state.

INTERNACIONAL JUSTICE

CONVICTION OF THE BRAZILIAN STATE FOR THE MURDER OF ANTONIO TAVARES

The Inter-American Court of Human Rights found Brazil guilty of the killing of landless worker Antônio Tavares, who was murdered by military police in Curitiba, as well as for violations committed against several members of the Landless Workers' Movement (MST). The petition was submitted by **Justiça Global** in partnership with MST and Terra de Direitos. The ruling establishes **reparations for family members and determines that crimes committed by military personnel against civilians should not be tried by military courts — a historic precedent.**



TWO HEARINGS ON RURAL VIOLENCE: THE ALMIR MUNIZ AND MANOEL LUIS CASES

The Brazilian State returned to the dock before the Inter-American Court to answer for two serious human rights violations: the murder of Manoel Luiz and the forced disappearance of Almir Muniz, both rural workers from the state of Paraíba and activists in land movements. We acted in these cases alongside the Pastoral Land Commission – Northeast and Dignitatis, reinforcing the fight against impunity, rural violence, and the actions of rural militias.



ENGAGEMENT WITH THE INTER-AMERICAN COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS

A Justiça Global also played a prominent role in multiple initiatives before the IACHR throughout 2024, coordinating complaints, hearings, and precautionary measures in partnership with allied organizations and communities affected by systematic violations. Key actions include:

- Expansion of precautionary measures **in favor of the Pataxó people, in response to escalating violence in the context of land demarcation.** The IACHR recommended that the Brazilian State immediately adopt measures to guarantee land titling and permanently reject the Time Frame thesis;
- **Hearing on business and human rights, focused on the responsibilities of transnational corporations** — in partnership with the National Human Rights Movement, FIDH, and with the presence of a UN representative;
- **Hearing on climate, territories, and Indigenous rights,** coordinated with the Articulation of Indigenous Peoples and Organizations of the Northeast region, Minas Gerais, and Espírito Santo;
- Submission of a petition requesting precautionary measures for communities in the Xingu (PA) impacted by the Belo Monte Hydroelectric Dam;
- Complaint about violations against the Guarani-Kaiowá people, in a session held in Washington, D.C.

ENGAGEMENT WITH THE UNITED NATIONS

Justiça Global actively participated in United Nations human rights forums, denouncing systematic violations and working with international monitoring mechanisms. The topics addressed during sessions of the UN Human Rights Council reflected the breadth and complexity of the Brazilian context: political and electoral violence, violence against Indigenous peoples, the need to combat torture in the prison system, algorithmic racism and the discriminatory use of facial recognition systems, environmental crimes, and their impacts on traditional communities.

We also contributed with reports, complaints, and international advocacy, including:

Submissions to UN Special Rapporteurs:

- Mary Lawlor – Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders;

- Ashwini K.P. – Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism;
- UN International Independent Expert Mechanism to Advance Racial Justice and Equality in the Context of Law Enforcement.

Complaints submitted to the UN and OAS:

- Murder of Fátima Muniz de Andrade (Nega Pataxó), an Indigenous leader;
- International alert on the formation of rural militias, such as the group “Zero Invasion”, composed of landowners and police officers;
- Complaint regarding police repression during the student occupation at UERJ (Rio de Janeiro State University) in September 2024, involving disproportionate use of force by the Rio de Janeiro Military Police.



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4. We do not walk alone

WHO SUPPORTS OUR WORK

Our journey, marked by resistance, reinvention, and courage, is **only possible thanks to partners who trust, support, and share our principles.**

Every international complaint, hearing, publication, mission, or direct action in defense of human rights is made possible by a network of supporters who believe in the strength of our work and in the urgency of deep, structural transformation.

In 2024, we were supported by national and international institutions and organizations that believed in our commitment to social, environmental, racial, and gender justice, and trusted in our ability to influence both local and global arenas with impact and coherence.

To all of them, our deepest appreciation and gratitude:

- Ford Foundation;

- Open Society Foundations;
- Brazil Human Rights Fund;
- Heinrich Böll Stiftung;
- ProtectDefenders.eu;
- Accountability Accelerator;
- World Resources Institute (WRI);
- Cultures of Resistance;
- New Zealand Embassy;
- FIDH – International Federation for Human Rights;
- Ômega Research Foundation;

Without this diverse, sensitive, and committed support, it would not be possible to sustain the continuity and boldness of our actions. We continue to honor this trust with transparency, responsibility, and courage — **certain that the fight for rights is a collective and solidarity-based journey.**

5. Transforming local struggles into global paths

OUR BET ON THE FUTURE

The world we live in stands at a historic crossroads. The far right is advancing, hate speech is intensifying, everyday life is becoming increasingly militarized, and the structural inequalities that shape social, environmental, and economic relations are worsening. Democratic institutions are being eroded from within, while climate disasters continue to pile up, disproportionately affecting peoples and populations that have been historically marginalized — Indigenous, Quilombola, Black, peripheral, and impoverished communities.

In this scenario, what role is left for human rights? In the face of the complexity of today's challenges, we must go beyond denunciation: we must reinvent, reconnect, and reframe human rights from the standpoint of territories, ancestral knowledge, collective struggles, and concrete realities.

Justiça Global embraces this challenge with seriousness and courage. We recognize that the traditional frameworks of the human rights field no longer fully respond to the urgent needs of the present. **Decolonizing human rights means recognizing the enduring colonial structures within the justice system, politics, and development,**

while affirming alternative ways of living, existing, producing knowledge, and promoting justice.

We are committed to valuing the knowledge, strategies, and solutions that emerge from peoples, communities, and movements. **This active listening and deep respect for local experiences guide our actions to dismantle oppressive structures by drawing on the practices of those who resist at the grassroots.**

We remain steadfast in confronting militarization, institutional violence, and the advance of the far right, with strategies that combine legal advocacy, international engagement, and political mobilization. **The democracy we defend is antiracist, anti-capitalist, feminist, and decolonial.**

More than reacting to violations, we seek to propose new paths. **In the coming years, our work will be marked by the boldness to imagine new horizons of justice, in dialogue with the ecology of knowledge in each territory and with collective ways of caring for life. It is time to create what does not yet exist.**



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