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Protecting the Rainforest and our Climate in Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples



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Top cover photo: André Dib/Amazon Watch; Lower cover photo: Juan Bay, Jhajayra Machoa, and Nadino Calapucha from Ecuador with Amazon Watch staff engaging California officials to phase-out Amazon crude.



Dear Friends of Amazon Watch,

From the rooftop of the Casa de Mujeres Amazónicas in Puyo, Ecuador, the horizon opens onto the vast tapestry of the southern Amazon. The Casa is more than a building – it is a collective: a sanctuary for women seeking safety, a space for movement building, and a hub for women's economic initiatives. It is a profound honor that Patricia Gualinga, Kichwa of Sarayaku and founding member of Mujeres Amazónicas, joined our board this year.

As I stood there watching the sun set over the rainforest and mountains, I was surrounded by the courageous women of Mujeres Amazónicas and our team, a few experiencing the Amazon's majesty for the first time. This most biodiverse region on Earth is now the front line of an intensifying struggle between powerful forces pushing for more oil drilling and Indigenous peoples defending their territories, the rainforest, and their ways of life.

At this critical moment, an unprecedented alliance of seven Indigenous nations across Peru and Ecuador – the Achuar, Wampis, Chapra, Sápara, Shiwiar, Kichwa, and Andoa – has come together to resist oil expansion in their territories. I am proud that Amazon Watch is accompanying this historic alliance, mobilizing resources, amplifying their voices, and standing as a crucial ally in the defense of the rainforest. Solidarity is not only our mission – it is the foundation of our work.

Alongside the advance of oil companies, a surge in organized crime is putting enormous pressure on Indigenous peoples. In response, our new Amazon Crime campaign is exposing the problem, advancing critical policy recommendations, and supporting partners to strengthen their territorial governance. Over the last year, we mobilized resources to protect threatened defenders through the Amazon Defenders Fund, providing evacuation, safe houses, security systems, and installing large-scale solar and communications infrastructure in 15 Indigenous communities resisting the expansion of coca production in Peru's Ucayali region.

In a world increasingly in denial about the consequences of climate change and fossil fuel extraction, Amazon Watch is doubling down on our grassroots partnerships. This is a hallmark of my leadership: just as our partners on the ground do not have the luxury of backing down, neither can we. We are deeply grateful for your partnership on this journey. **I invite you to read this Annual Report as a testament to what we have achieved together – and as a call to continue standing with those defending the Amazon, our climate, and our collective future.**

For the Amazon,
Leila Salazar-López
Executive Director

MISSION

Amazon Watch works to protect the rainforest and advance the rights of Indigenous peoples in the Amazon Basin. In partnership with Indigenous and environmental organizations, we campaign for human rights, corporate accountability, and the preservation of the Amazon's ecological systems.

PURPOSE

The Amazon Basin is home to the Earth's largest rainforest, 500+ Indigenous nations, and one-third of all plant and animal species. It stabilizes our planet's climate, contains 20% of the world's flowing freshwater, and drives global weather systems.

Yet, the Amazon rainforest is under intense pressure from oil, mining, agribusiness, and criminal economies which pollute air and water, cause deforestation, and harm the lives and well-being of forest communities. Scientists warn that the Amazon is at a tipping point, with 26% of the rainforest deforested or degraded.

Western science has also confirmed what Indigenous peoples have known for centuries: that they are the best guardians of the rainforest, and with it, our common future. Their stewardship supports an intricate and biodiverse web of life which sustains ecosystems and weather patterns around the globe.

Our theory of change is that by upholding Indigenous rights and advancing Indigenous-led solutions, we can protect the Amazon rainforest, safeguarding the global climate and all life on Earth.

Background photo: Massape Indigenous villages, where around 200 Kanamari people live, Javari Valley, Brazil. Bruno Kelly/Amazonia Real

IMPACT

Advocacy

15 

Enabled partner participation at **15** international decision-making forums

Solidarity

\$708K

Mobilized **\$708,825** in solidarity grants to Indigenous partners

Power

15 

Installed solar power and communications systems in **15** communities

Exposure

80+ 

Staff and reports quoted in **80+** articles in major international media outlets

Research

4 

Produced **four** major research reports to influence decision makers

AMAZON FIRE RESPONSE

When destructive fires fueled by months of drought hit Indigenous territories in 2024, Amazon Watch mobilized funding, resourcing Indigenous fire brigades in Ecuador, Peru, Brazil, and Bolivia with equipment, training, and supplies to plan for the next fire season. We are grateful to the donors who contributed specifically to the Amazon Fire Response Fund.



Leila Salazar-López with Nemonte Nenquimo, Ceibo Alliance, and Brazilian congresswoman Celia Xakriabá at New York Climate Week 2024



Ednei Arapiun, prior coordinator of the Tapajós-Arapiuns Indigenous Council.
Photo: Leonardo Milano/Amazon Watch



Photo: André Dib/Amazon Watch

END AMAZON CRUDE

The Amazon is a No-Go Zone for Oil Drilling

Oil extraction threatens the Amazon's delicate ecosystem, contaminating water, causing health hazards, and expanding infrastructure that enables further devastation. Amazon Watch works in close partnership with Indigenous peoples to stop oil extraction at the source and reduce global demand. We also support Indigenous communities in Ecuador and Peru to obtain reparations and remediation for the devastating impacts of decades of oil operations in their territories.

Yasuni National Park



Olivia Bisa Tirko protesting at Citibank Headquarters, NY Climate Week

Petroperú: No Bids for Extraction on Indigenous Land

In April 2025, our campaign with the Chapra, Wampis, and Achuar peoples delivered a remarkable victory: not a single company bid to partner with Petroperú in the exploitation of oil Block 64 in northern Peru, underscoring the power of Indigenous opposition. Block 64, at 764,000-hectares (the size of the entire state of Delaware), overlaps the territories of the Chapra, Wampis, and Achuar – who, with our support, have evicted five different oil companies over 20+ years.

HIGHLIGHTS

- ◆ Published a major report exposing Petroperú's oil spills and human rights abuses. **Result:** The company failed to secure a single bid to drill in Block 64 – a historic victory for the Achuar, Chapra, and Wampis peoples.
- ◆ Accompanied Achuar, Chapra, and Wampis territorial governance activities to strengthen collective decision-making and protect leaders at risk. **Result:** Alliances strengthened and Indigenous self-determination reinforced.
- ◆ Brought leaders to engage directly with executives at JPMorganChase, Bank of America, and Goldman Sachs, to reinforce the need for Free, Prior, and Informed Consent in their consideration of new financing for Petroperú. **Result:** Petroperú received no new financing, suffered three credit downgrades, and its entire board resigned, due to the company's mismanagement.
- ◆ Created social media content reaching 200K+ followers and secured widespread media coverage. **Result:** Petroperú's disastrous record became visible to the global public, exposing risk for potential investors.



Top left photo: Shiwiar Assembly 2025. Top right photo: Juan Bay, Jhawayra Machoa, and Nadino Calapucha with CA State Senator Josh Becker, after the introduction of the resolution to evaluate the state's ties to Amazon oil. Office of Senator Josh Becker (D-Menlo Park)

Mobilizing Against Oil Extraction in Ecuador

Alongside Indigenous partners, Amazon Watch is challenging Ecuador's plans to auction up to 14 oil blocks across nearly 2.3 million hectares of roadless rainforest and its delay in implementing the national referendum to keep oil in the ground in Yasuni National Park. These oil projects place some of the most biodiverse ecosystems on Earth at stake. At the same time, we are challenging the State of California, the top consumer of Amazon Crude, to examine its oil supply chain and phase out imports.

HIGHLIGHTS

- ♦ Released a [Threat Assessment](#) showing the economic, ecological, and political risks of Ecuador's planned oil block auction and its pipeline integration plans with Peru. **Result:** The analysis informed campaign strategy, was a key tool for Indigenous allies, and was leveraged to influence media, decision makers, and the public.
- ♦ Attended multiple Indigenous peoples' assemblies, to strategize about the threat of the new oil round and to mobilize resistance. **Result:** Fortified alliances with Indigenous federations towards resisting the auction.
- ♦ Organized a delegation of Indigenous leaders to Sacramento, CA. **Result:** The California State Senate introduced a resolution calling attention to the state's role in importing crude from the Ecuadorian Amazon.
- ♦ Sustained pressure to implement the 2023 Yasuni referendum to stop drilling in the National Park. **Result:** On the anniversary of the vote, during the National Association of Waorani of Ecuador's historic [summit](#) to push for action, [the government finally shut down the first of 247 wells](#); 10 have now been closed with 48 more scheduled in the coming year.

“Ecuador’s new oil auction is a direct threat to our territories. After 60 years of extraction, we’ve seen only death and destruction – not development. We’re here to build solidarity with Californians impacted by the same oil, and to call on the state to stop fueling demand and support a just transition that protects communities on both ends of the supply chain.”

- Nadino Calapucha, Kichwa representative, PAKKIRU

MINING OUT OF THE AMAZON

Indigenous Rights, Not Mining Rights

The Amazon rainforest sits atop vast reserves of critical minerals, drawing intense interest from the global mining industry. This crisis is escalating, driven by the “green” energy transition, soaring gold prices, and a surge in open-pit mining operations. Amazon Watch stands with Indigenous peoples calling for their territories to be mining no-go zones. We combine grassroots and legal support with high-level advocacy against advancing mining in Indigenous territories without consent.

Over the last year, a key campaign focus was amplifying Indigenous and community resistance to one of the most controversial mining projects in the Amazon, the Belo Sun gold mine. Proposed for the Xingu River region in Pará, the project threatens Indigenous territories, riverine communities, and critical Amazon ecosystems. If built, it would become Brazil's largest open-pit gold mine.

Pueblo Shuar Arutam No Mining Campaign, Ecuador.
Photo: Lluvia Comunicaciones / Amazon Watch

HIGHLIGHTS

- ◆ Provided financial, legal, and technical support to Brazil's Volta Grande do Xingu Alliance of local communities and joined its legal working group to increase pressure on the federal government to uphold the nullification of Belo Sun's land concession. **Result:** In a major win, a federal court ruled upon a filing by Amazon Watch, canceling Belo Sun's contract. Without legal access to the land, the gold mine cannot advance. The court's decision also nullified multiple lawsuits Belo Sun brought against settlers, activists, and NGOs for contesting the project.
- ◆ Facilitated a new anti-mining alliance between the Mura people, who actively oppose a potassium mining project by Brazil Potash near their territories, and the Munduruku people, who have historically resisted mining (including forcing mining company Anglo American from their territories in 2021). **Result:** The alliance creates pathways for joint strategies, media collaboration, and knowledge sharing on Indigenous rights approaches effective against mining.

“We are protecting the Xingu not just for us, but for the future of all who depend on the Amazon.”

– Volta Grande do Xingu Alliance



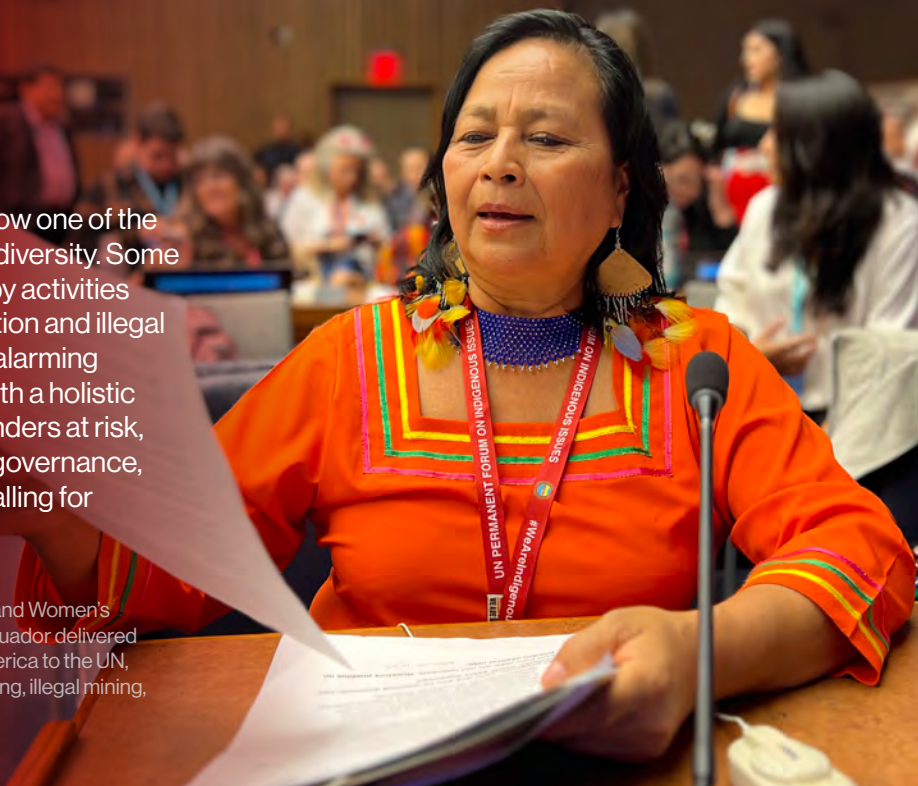
Protest against Belo Sun in Canada

AMAZON CRIME

Strengthening Indigenous Defense

Across the Amazon Basin, organized crime is now one of the greatest threats to Indigenous peoples and biodiversity. Some 70% of Amazonian municipalities are affected by activities ranging from illegal gold mining to coca production and illegal logging, fueling violence and habitat loss on an alarming scale. In 2024, we launched a new campaign with a holistic approach combining protection for Earth Defenders at risk, strengthening Indigenous rights and territorial governance, advocating for effective State measures, and calling for international cooperation and action.

Nely Shiguango, Kichwa leader and Head of Education, Culture, and Women's Affairs at the Federation of Indigenous Organizations of Napo, Ecuador delivered a group letter from 34 Indigenous organizations across Latin America to the UN, demanding concrete responses to the expansion of drug trafficking, illegal mining, and other illicit activities.

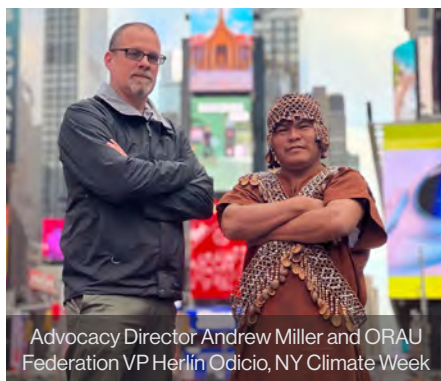


HIGHLIGHTS

- ◆ Launched groundbreaking research documenting the impact of organized crime in the Amazon, and presented it at influential diplomatic spaces. This included three reports: Illegal Gold Mining in Ecuador, narco-trafficking threats to the Kakataibo in Peru, and the Impacts of Drug Trafficking in Peru. **Result:** The campaign achieved high level media coverage elevating these issues in key policy spaces.
- ◆ Accompanied the first-ever Indigenous delegation to the UN Convention against Transnational Organized Crime (UNTOC). **Result:** Peruvian Indigenous leaders provided testimony to UN diplomats, criminal justice officials, and civil society, receiving a standing ovation and garnering strategic media coverage.
- ◆ Implemented creative social media and press strategies to show the impacts of organized crime, and the need to support Indigenous peoples in their territorial defense. **Result:** These stories have been witnessed by millions of people, policy makers in Amazonian countries, and the international community.
- ◆ Organized multiple diplomatic delegations, accompanying partners to the UN Biodiversity COP16, the G20 Summit, and the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues. **Result:** Secured Indigenous inclusion in policy discussions and reinforced global recognition of their rights and experiences.



Kakataibo territory, Peru



Advocacy Director Andrew Miller and ORAU Federation VP Herlin Odicio, NY Climate Week



Raphael Hoetmer, Western Amazon Director, accompanies Miguel Guimaraes, VP of AIDESEP and Herlin Odicio to the UN COP on Organized Crime

SECURE INDIGENOUS LAND RIGHTS

Indigenous Land Rights are Climate Justice

At some 250 million hectares, Indigenous territories make up one-third of the Amazon — lands that are by far the best protected from deforestation. Yet, one-fifth of these territories lack legal recognition, leaving them vulnerable to invasion and environmental destruction. Amazon Watch works in direct partnership with Indigenous peoples to uphold and advance land rights as a cornerstone of climate justice. We provide legal and technical support, amplify Indigenous voices through media and advocacy, and back community-led resistance to extractive industries, agribusiness, and organized crime.

Advancing Land Titling (“Demarcation”), Brazil

For over a decade, Amazon Watch has partnered with the Munduruku people to defend their territory in Brazil’s middle and upper Tapajós River Basin. This vast, biodiverse region is an ecological link between the Cerrado savanna and the Amazon rainforest. The Munduruku are working to secure legal title for two territories, Sawré Muybu and Sawré Ba’pim, covering 365,000 hectares of intact forest. Yet their lands are under constant threat from illegal mining and extractive projects that risk turning it into a sacrifice zone for gold, timber, soy, and hydropower.

HIGHLIGHTS

- ♦ Funded both advocacy delegations to advance land titling and conversations with the government, as well as the self-demarcation of Sawré Muybu, wherein the Munduruku marked territorial borders and carried out monitoring and mapping activities. **Result:** The government “declared” Sawré Muybu, advancing it to the final stages of the demarcation process and opening the way for removal of illegal occupants.
- ♦ Supported the establishment of a village in Sawré Ba’pim to strengthen the Munduruku’s territorial claims. **Result:** Thanks to these and other efforts, Sawré Ba’pim progressed to the first stage of the government’s demarcation process.
- ♦ Completed a three-month security project with threatened Munduruku leaders during federal government operations to dismantle illegal mining, ensuring effective risk analysis, security infrastructure, and the establishment of protocols for threatened leaders. **Result:** The government was able to remove illegal miners from the Upper Tapajós while Munduruku leaders remained safe.



“Free Land Camp” Indigenous gathering in Brazil. Photos: Anderson Barbosa



No Ferrogrão protest on the Tapajós River, Brazil. Photo: Leonardo Milano

Stopping the Ferrogrão Grain Railway, Brazil

The Ferrogrão is a dangerous infrastructure project that would drive environmental devastation across Brazil's Amazon and Cerrado biomes. The planned 1,000-kilometer railway is vehemently opposed by Indigenous peoples, and would dramatically increase soy and corn exports, locking in the expansion of the agribusiness frontier. Amazon Watch is co-leading a campaign against the mega-project alongside a powerful alliance of Brazilian and global organizations including the Mundurucu and Kayapó peoples. Together, we have created critical delays in the licensing process, preventing the Ferrogrão from advancing and raising its political risks.

HIGHLIGHTS

- ◆ Convened 200 Indigenous peoples, traditional communities, and NGOs in Santarém for strategy meetings, including a Popular Tribunal to symbolically judge the project's environmental and human rights violations. **Result:** Sustained national momentum, connected movements, and sharpened strategies to resist the Ferrogrão.
- ◆ Facilitated a major act of artistic resistance: an 11-story mural of Goldman Environmental Prize winner Alessandra Mundurucu in one of South America's busiest thoroughfares, which was covered by top Brazilian media and the New York Times. **Result:** Drew massive public attention to this disastrous project.
- ◆ Accompanied a direct action of hundreds of Indigenous people blocking commodity shipping on the Tapajós River in protest of mounting agribusiness threats. **Result:** These efforts and subsequent protests by Alessandra Mundurucu against the Ferrogrão during the UN's COP29 summit garnered impressive Brazilian press coverage, maintaining pressure on the government to reconsider its support of the project.



"Free Land Camp" Indigenous gathering in Brazil. Photos: Anderson Barbosa



PARTNERSHIP PROFILE:

PUEBLO ORIGINARIO KICHWA DE SARAYAKU

Amazon Watch 2025 staff retreat in Sarayaku

It all began with a satellite phone. In 2002, as the Argentine oil company, CGC, and the Ecuadorian military invaded their territory to carry out seismic testing, the Kichwa people of Sarayaku declared a state of emergency. The community was isolated from communication with the outside world. At their request, we provided a satellite phone and video camera so that Sarayaku could tell the world what was happening in their territory. From there, press releases, media coverage, and international solidarity transformed their struggle from an isolated fight in a remote rainforest into a story with global ramifications.

That was the beginning of a partnership rooted in trust, solidarity, and shared vision. Due to Sarayaku's formidable resistance, CGC abandoned the territory. Yet, a new threat emerged: ConocoPhillips. Together, we used communications and advocacy to confront the oil giant – from producing grassroots videos documenting the company's threats of violence, to bringing Indigenous leaders to shareholder meetings in Houston, where their testimony made headlines. By 2008, ConocoPhillips also abandoned Block 23.

The struggle continued. Sarayaku filed a case against Ecuador at the Inter-American Court of Human Rights for rights violations, and we accompanied them through each step. In 2012, the Court issued a

precedent-setting ruling in Sarayaku's favor, ordering reparations and affirming their right to Free, Prior, and Informed Consent. With this victory, Sarayaku purchased a plane to traverse their territory, ensuring that these 135,000 hectares of Amazon forest remain defended and importantly, roadless.

From there, Sarayaku's vision expanded. They articulated Kawsak Sacha – the Living Forest – a worldview that recognizes the forest as a community of living beings with whom humans are in relationship. Amazon Watch has been honored to help bring this vision to the global stage: from its public launch in Quito to the United Nations and major media outlets.

This past March, the entire Amazon Watch team had the profound privilege of gathering in Sarayaku for a retreat. Spending time in the Living Forest and reflecting on decades of partnership together not only strengthened and deepened our relationship, it gave perspective to how much Sarayaku has influenced our vision, and how their dreams have inspired our dreams.

As new oil auctions loom on the horizon, Sarayaku's leadership and vision remain essential, not only for their own people, but for the defense of the entire Amazon.

THE AMAZON DEFENDERS FUND

The Amazon Defenders Fund (ADF) is an activist-led solidarity fund that mobilizes flexible, timely, and direct support to frontline communities defending their territories, cultures, and collective rights. Rooted in decades of trusted partnership and guided by the principles of **relationality, reciprocity, and interconnectedness**, the ADF is shaped by the wisdom and cosmology of Indigenous peoples. It reflects our belief that lasting change begins with those most directly impacted and most equipped to lead solutions.

Over the last six years, Amazon Watch mobilized over \$8.7 million for women-led initiatives, Earth Defenders at risk, crisis response to oil spills and wildfires, communal economies, assemblies and organizing, health initiatives, territorial governance, and regenerative agriculture projects.

Amazonian People's Focus Areas

The ADF is an unrestricted fund; the areas below represent Amazonian partners' priorities.

■ **Organizing, Mobilizing, and Strategizing:**

Autonomous Indigenous governance, ancestral knowledge, legal advocacy, Indigenous media; mobilizations, assemblies, and congresses

■ **Women-led Initiatives:** Protection and security, leadership, health, political advocacy, legal defense, regenerative economies, revitalization of ancestral wisdom

■ **Alliance Building:** Formation and strengthening of local, national, regional, and international alliances

■ **Defenders at Risk:** Individual and collective protection plans, Indigenous guards, legal defense and advocacy, security, well-being, and healing

■ **Crisis Response:** Responding to emergencies including forest fires, droughts, and oil spills

■ **Other:** Capacity building, health initiatives, solar power and communications, infrastructure improvements, and funeral services for murdered Earth defenders



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Indigenous peoples, federations, and organizations receiving grants

\$3.5K

Average grant size

\$708,825

Total funding



5

Countries reached

Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru

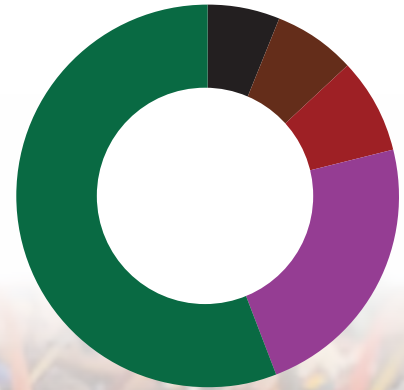


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Solidarity grants

SOLIDARITY GRANT HIGHLIGHTS

- 56% Organizing, Mobilizing, and Strategizing
- 23% Women-led Initiatives
- 8% Defenders at Risk
- 7% Crisis Response
- 6% Other



Historic summit on the one-year anniversary of the Yasuní referendum

National Association of Waorani (NAWE) Summit for Yasuní - Ecuador

The ADF supported NAWE's historic summit on the one-year anniversary of the Yasuní vote, and their creation of an action plan to advance the historic Yasuní referendum. Following the summit, attendees marched to Congress, joining Parliamentarians for a Fossil Free Future, a network of 800 legislators from 95 countries, in calling for a phaseout of fossil fuels and a transition to renewable energy. The ADF also supported Mullu, a media collective amplifying the voices of Indigenous peoples, to cover the NAWE Summit, raising international visibility of the Waorani people's struggle in defense of Yasuní.

Solar and Communications System Installation, Shipibo and Asháninka Communities - Peru

In coalition with the [Federation for Ucayali and Afluentes Native Communities](#) and Empowered by Light, with funding from EKOenergy, we installed solar power systems in 15 communities, who are defending their territories against [illegal activities](#), agribusiness, oil, and mining. Solar power helps communities monitor threats, communicate across vast terrain, improve security, and collaborate with authorities to improve territorial monitoring. With their new connectivity and energy access, the communities are also developing tele-health centers to access medical help remotely, as well as pursuing new economic opportunities and food sovereignty pathways like using industrial freezers to store fresh fish for sale and their own consumption.



Fire brigades at work in Brazil. Photo: @brigadadealter

Drought and Fire Response - Coordination of Indigenous Organizations of the Brazilian Amazon (COIAB) - Brazil

The ADF supported Indigenous community drought and fire response through a significant grant to COIAB, which represents Indigenous organizations across the Brazilian Amazon. Amazonian Indigenous territories are at the forefront of the climate crisis, and were severely affected by historic droughts and fires in 2024, requiring rapid response to mitigate impacts and prepare for future crises. Funds supported communities to alleviate drought impacts, expand fire resilience capabilities, and respond strategically to the evolving climate emergency.

Security Checkpoint Infrastructure, Kakataibo Territory - Peru

The 150,000-hectare Kakataibo Indigenous Reserve, home to several uncontacted communities, is overrun with coca growers, cattle ranchers, and loggers. The ADF provided solidarity funding for the Kakataibo Indigenous People's Guard to build its first territorial control post in the community of Unipacuyacu, a strategic area where the community has repeatedly encountered illegal activities related to drug trafficking and mining. The structure will serve as a strategic checkpoint for territorial control. Amazon Watch has partnered with the Kakataibo to advance their land title claims and to obtain justice for six Indigenous leaders murdered in just the last four years.

WOMEN DEFENDERS OF THE AMAZON

Amazon Watch channels one-third of its solidarity funding directly to women-led initiatives. Indigenous women are key stakeholders in the movement for the Amazon, with growing representation and leadership in organizations and state institutions. Amazon Watch has helped facilitate this shift by accompanying Indigenous women to exercise their leadership in dignified conditions. Solidary grants have also supported women's coalition-building, safety and security, and participation in strategic advocacy, legal, and decision-making processes.

Zenaida Yasacama - Vice President, CONAIE Indigenous Federation. Photo: Karen Toro



Indigenous Women's Leadership and Healing - Ecuador

The Kichwa, Shuar, Shiwiar, Achuar, Andoa, Sápara, and Waorani women of Mujeres Amazónicas are advancing women's rights in Indigenous organizations, the public sphere, and their communities, where they play a key role in the struggle against extractivism. We mobilized funds for their International Women's Day activities: trainings, exhibitions, press conferences, and meetings with strategic allies, and provided ongoing support for the Casa de Mujeres Amazónicas, an organizing and healing space in Puyo.



Women Farmers Caring for Life, Chagra de la Vida - Colombia

Amazon Watch supported the Association of Indigenous Women at Chagra De La Vida in raising an urgent call to defend their ancestral territory in Mocoa, Colombia. Their mountains, water, and lives are being threatened by mining company Giant Copper, who sows division as a tactic to weaken community resistance. These women are mobilizing to demand withdrawal from their territory.

Defending Indigenous Frontline Guardians - Peru

Olivia Bisa Tirko is the first woman President of the Chapra Nation. A powerful leader denouncing extractive industry and pursuing justice and reparations, her activism has made her a target of relentless intimidation. When Olivia and her family received death threats for challenging Petroperú's plans to drill in Chapra territory, the ADF responded within hours to evacuate her and her young children, providing safe transport, shelter, food, and a secure mobile phone.

"It is very important to acknowledge that behind a good leader, a fighter with vast knowledge, there is a mother with her ancestral wisdom, with her knowledge that has raised and shaped that child."

- Olivia Bisa Tirko, President, Autonomous Territorial Government of the Chapra Nation



\$175,000

mobilized in small grants
to women-led initiatives

35% Defenders at Risk

3% Health Initiatives

16% Women's Leadership



**34% Organizing, Mobilizing,
and Strategizing**

12% Political Advocacy



Kayapo women join the Indigenous Women's March, Brazil. Photo: Anderson Barbosa

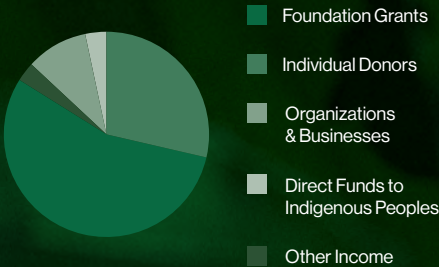
Munduruku Wakoborün Women's Association Territorial Monitoring and Self-demarcation - Brazil

Hailing from the highly preserved rainforests of the Tapajós River basin, the Munduruku people have protected their territory from hydroelectric plants, mines, and soy cultivation, but face ongoing threats from illegal gold miners and other invaders. The Women's Association plays a key role in territorial and community defense, promoting demarcation, protection of defenders, and strengthening their people's way of life. Over the last year, the ADF supported a new stage of territorial monitoring including training on geo-referencing, mapping, drone use, and GPS technologies.

FINANCIALS

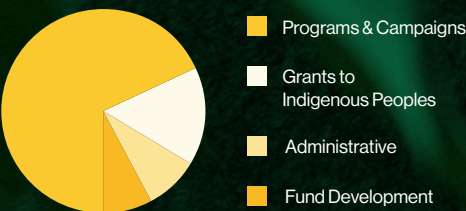
Summary Financial Report Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2025

Income



Foundation Grants	\$1,248,423
Individual Donors	\$2,413,340
Organizations & Businesses	\$132,242
Direct Funds to Indigenous Peoples	\$430,346
Other Income	\$136,805
Total Income	\$4,361,156

Expenses



Programs & Campaigns	\$3,130,752
Grants to Indigenous Peoples	\$708,825
Administrative	\$387,709
Fund Development	\$355,345
Total Expenses	\$4,582,630

Unaudited Financials. For current audits, please see amazonwatch.org/about/annual-reports.

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André Dib/Amazon Watch

In memoriam:

Milan Momirov, a Legacy of Solidarity

In honor of long-time Amazon Watch ally and generous supporter Milan Momirov, we are proud to announce the creation of an annual \$10,000 solidarity grant under the Amazon Defenders Fund. This dedicated fund will support Indigenous Earth Defenders at risk, ensuring their protection, well-being, and continued leadership in the face of mounting threats.

Milan's commitment to justice, his unwavering support for Indigenous sovereignty, and his deep respect for the sacred relationship between people and forest continue to inspire our work. The fund created in his name reflects these shared values and extends his legacy of solidarity to frontline defenders who are courageously resisting destruction and upholding life.

This annual fund will provide rapid, flexible support to Indigenous leaders and communities facing threats, whether through physical protection, legal defense, healing and care, or safe passage. The fund is guided by the same principles that shape the ADF – reciprocity, accountability, and long-term accompaniment. We are grateful to Milan and his wonderful family for their steadfast support and friendship over the years. We honor and cherish his memory, while celebrating a life lived in service to others.



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