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Between June 12th and 15th, a Convening to Systematize the Rapid Response Grants (RRGs) related to the upsurge of fundamentalisms in the region was held in Rionegro, Antioquia. Activists from Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico,

Paraguay, Peru, and the Dominican Republic participated. This space was based on the experiences and reflections of women defenders whose initiatives have been supported by UAF-LAC RRGs. During the three days, we constructed maps of fundamentalisms in Latin America, identified similarities among

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the actors and their strategies and alliances, described the impacts produced by the upsurge, and articulated how these are manifested at the individual, collective (organizational), and social-community level. We also organized a space to acknowledge our resistance strategies, and how each activist and organization has responded

to fundamentalisms in their countries, identifying ways to regionalize these strategies and move beyond national borders. During the convening's last phase, we dedicated space to talk about the importance of self and mutual care as cross-cutting and key actions in our struggles and resistance.

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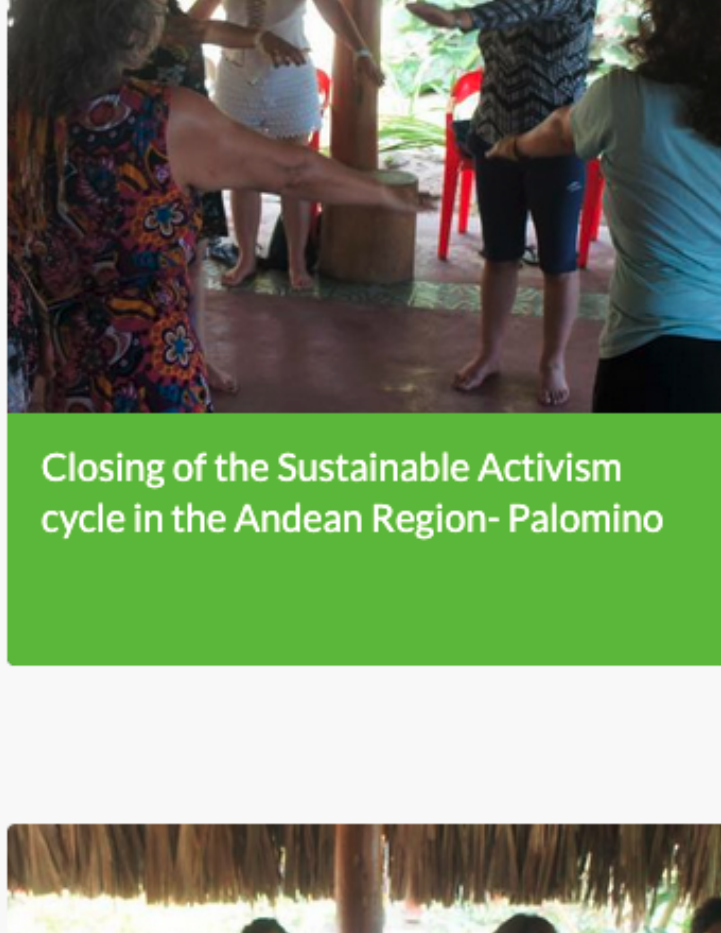
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It was a space to weave alliances and connect. In the individual evaluations, some described their experience as: "I have been in many spaces, but never one where I felt like I was in my own living room," "we are together and connected, and in spite of the borders, we have a common aim."

During the event, Argentina's abortion law was being debated, and when it passed the second round of debates, we celebrated together, accompanying our Argentine sisters in their struggle and victory.

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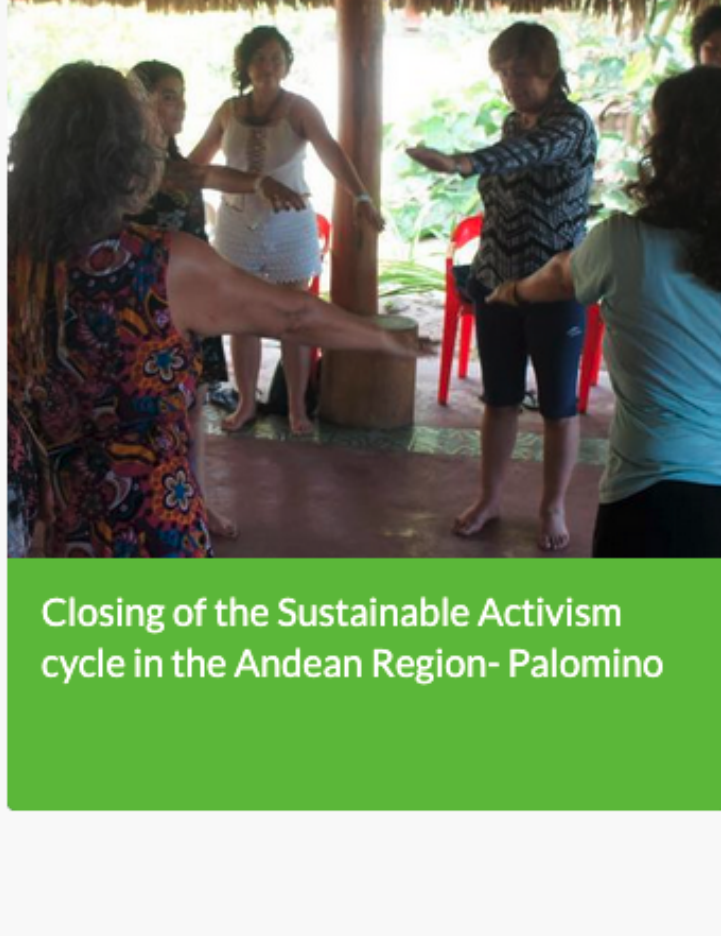
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In August, the Andean Region Sustainable Activism training process was concluded. Trans defenders and activists participated from Bolivia, Colombia, Chile, Ecuador, Peru, and Venezuela. One group initiated the process, others joined, and 12 diverse women finished the cycle.

We experienced the journey of delving into Sustainable Activism for collective protection, framed by a perspective of ethical and political care, that is caring for oneself and collective care. Over these three years, we have insisted on the call, the invitation, and the journey to review our daily practices or customs in activism.

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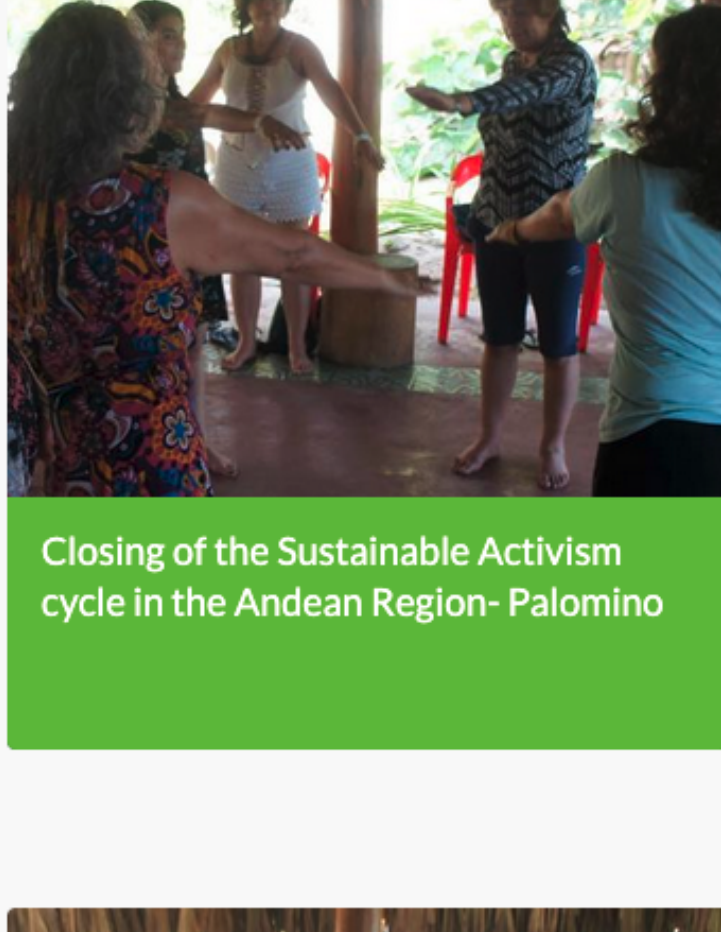
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Questions have arisen in each gathering and we address them time and time again, in order to be reminded of them, as well as to raise them at the personal, organizational, and community levels, reflecting more deeply and taking the necessary decisions to open up to transformation.

This cohort gave us the gift of reflection, allowing us to remember that change is constructed from daily experience and that this is as important as grandiose proposals and actions.

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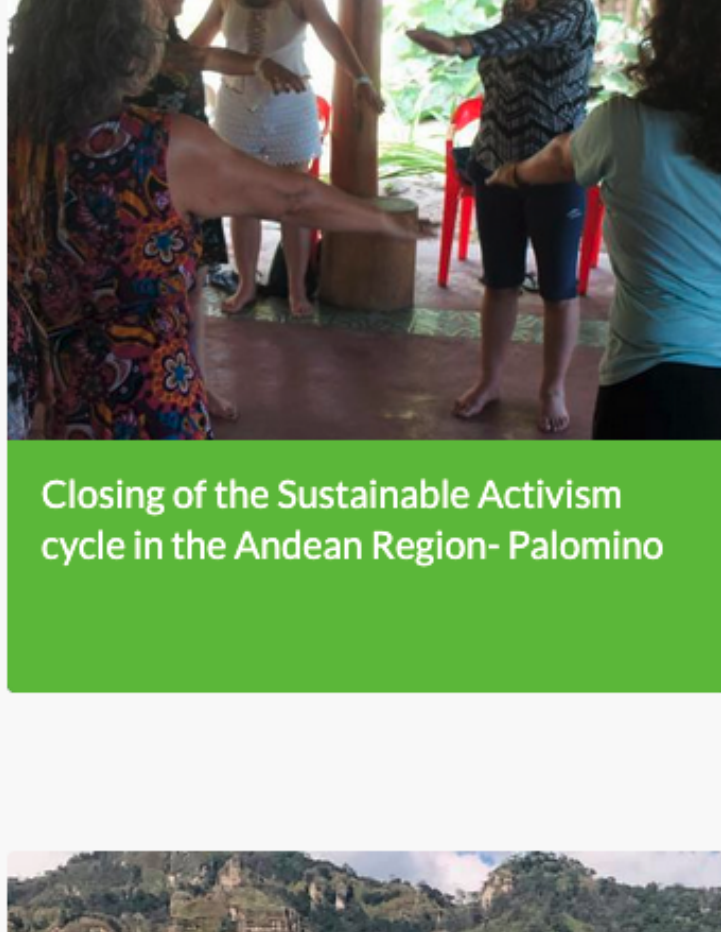
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"There are small, nano, daily insurgencies that are stronger than any battle" "Asking how are you? has changed the organization's dynamics" "I take care of myself and then I can take care of others" "Care is a daily practice, there are no recipes" "Open our hearts and heal, so we can help others"

Each convening placed collectively identified and daily challenges before us, for example:

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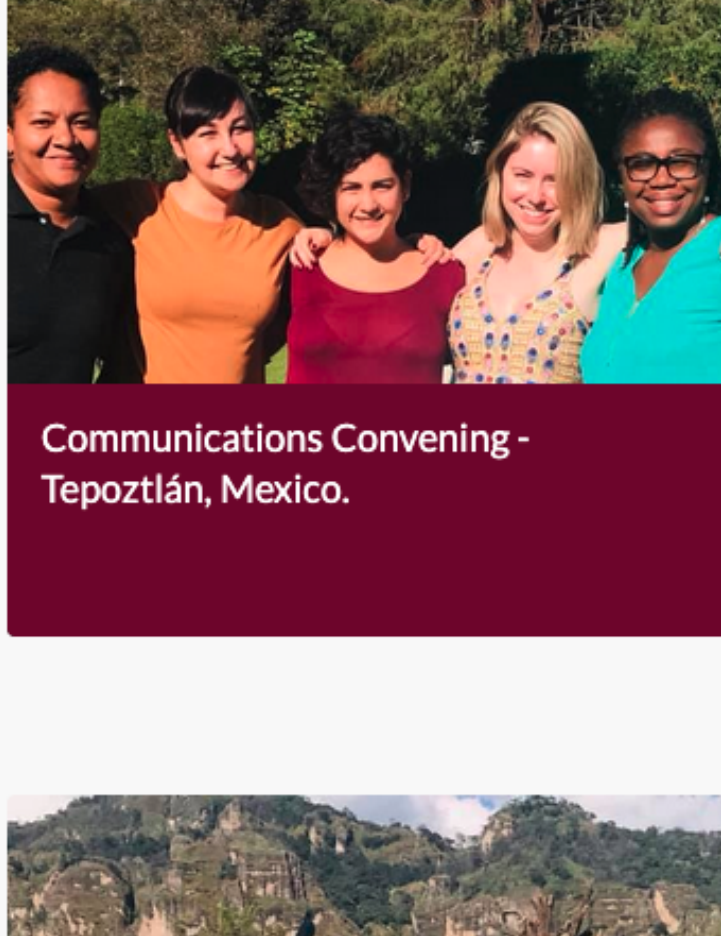
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- We must work on guilt to be able to carry out healthy activism.
- Awareness that care is a daily practice.
- We must identify self-care as a need in order to start that process (or processes).
- Movement and laughter are very important.
- Recognize that everything changes and is transformed.

This has been an opportunity for mutual growth amidst the laughter, tears, stories, individual reflections, and group work. Today, what is most important is knowing that the life of each individual is vital for continuing what they do within their organizations, communities, and territories.

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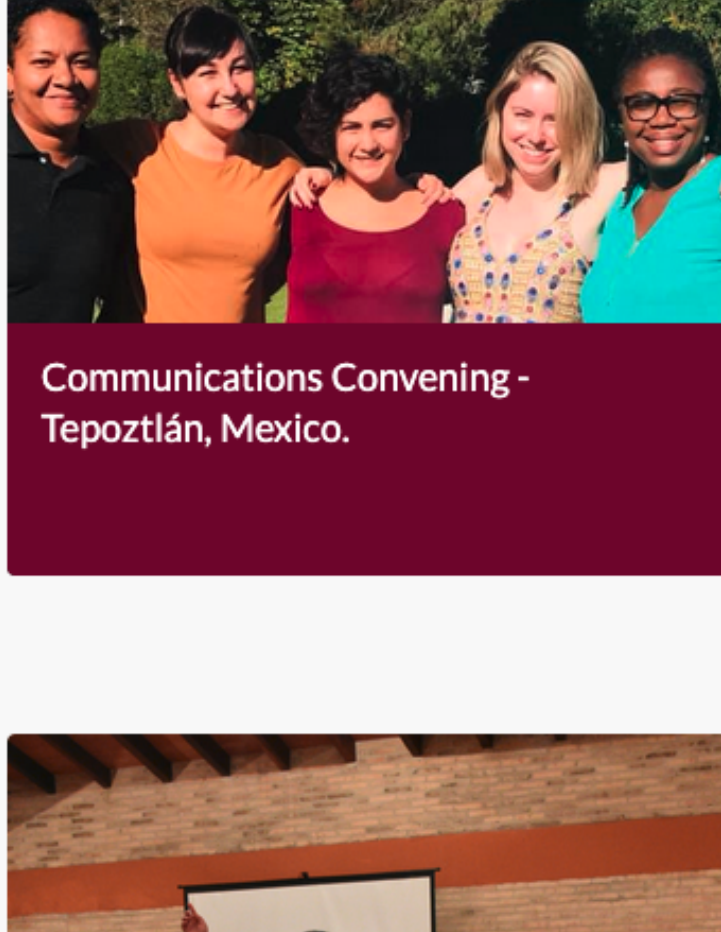
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Between October 21st and 23rd of 2018, UAF-LAC, leader of communication processes among the four Urgent Action Funds, convened a planning meeting with the individuals in charge of communications. Onyinyenchi Okechukwu of UAF-Africa, Olivia Trabish of UAF-WHR headquartered in the United States, Tavaí Bale of UAF-Asia & Pacific,

and Sara Munárriz, Communications Coordinator for UAF-LAC participated. Over the three days, the four communications coordinators, together with Manuela Garza, a Grupo Cometa facilitator, were able to develop their first work plan for 2019, finalize communications principles that will guide their work, and open up spaces to get to know each other better.

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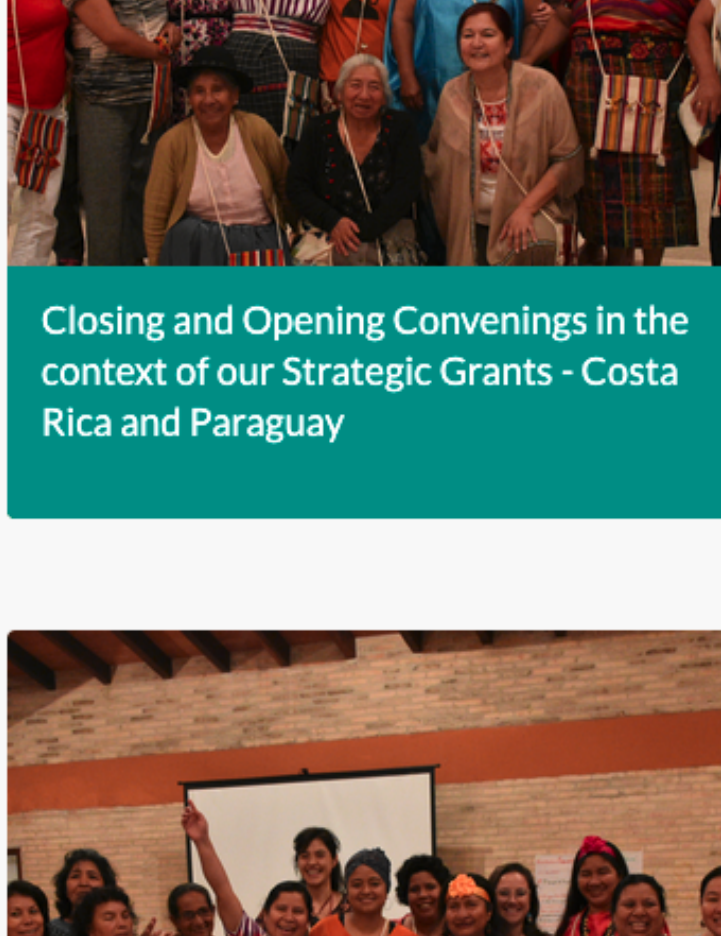
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They created safe spaces based on trust, making it possible to recognize the richness of their differences and identify common goals. This is a contribution to strengthen the consortium of sister Urgent Action Funds through communications initiatives.

We will continue collaborating as sister funds to lift up the voices of women human rights defenders and activists around the world!

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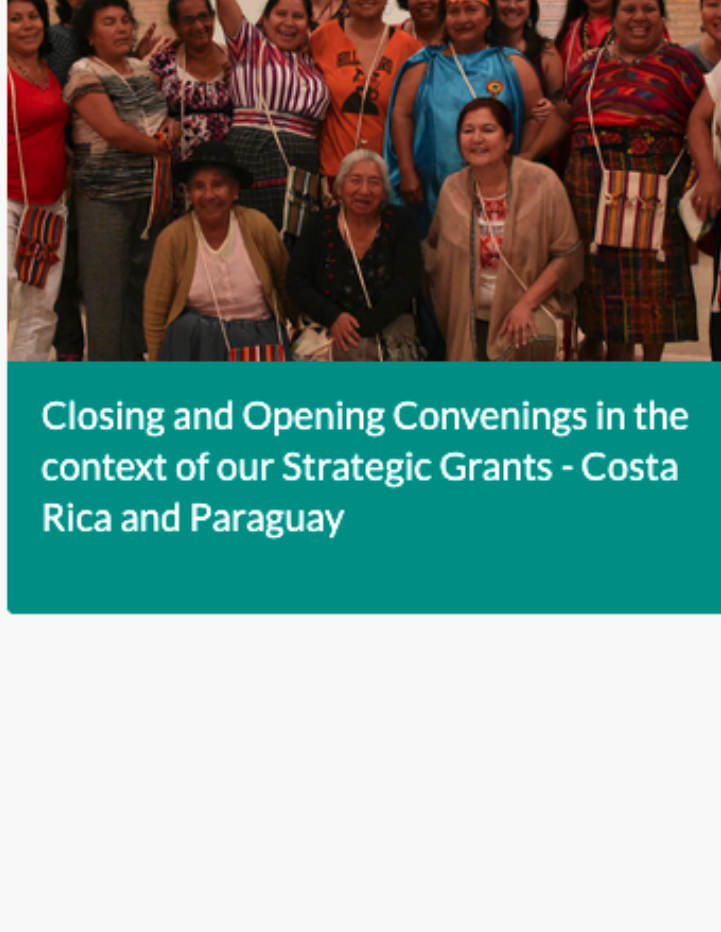
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Our Strategic Grants for women defenders of territory in Latin America promote resistance and creative strategies within organizations who fight for environmental justice and women's rights in the region.

In the framework of these grants, we held convenings to accompany, strengthen capacities, and generate safe spaces to share experiences and reflect on holistic protection and care.

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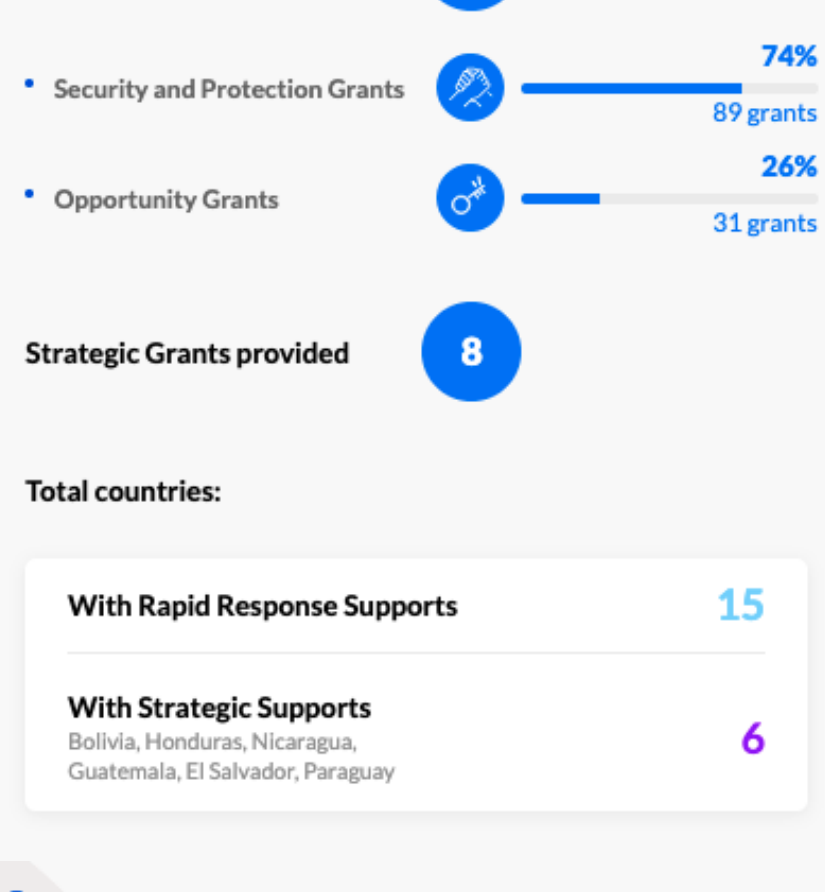
In August 2018, in Costa Rica, we held a convening to close the process with seven organizations which received our support in 2017. There we jointly evaluated and celebrated the grant's impacts, reflected on the lessons learned, and strengthened the support networks among the activists and UAF-LAC.

In November 2018, in Paraguay, we held an opening convening with eight new organizations. In this space we provided joint feedback on the organizations' action proposals, we shared experiences and strategies, and we initiated a reflection on holistic protection and care based on our perspective of Sustainable Activism.

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Results

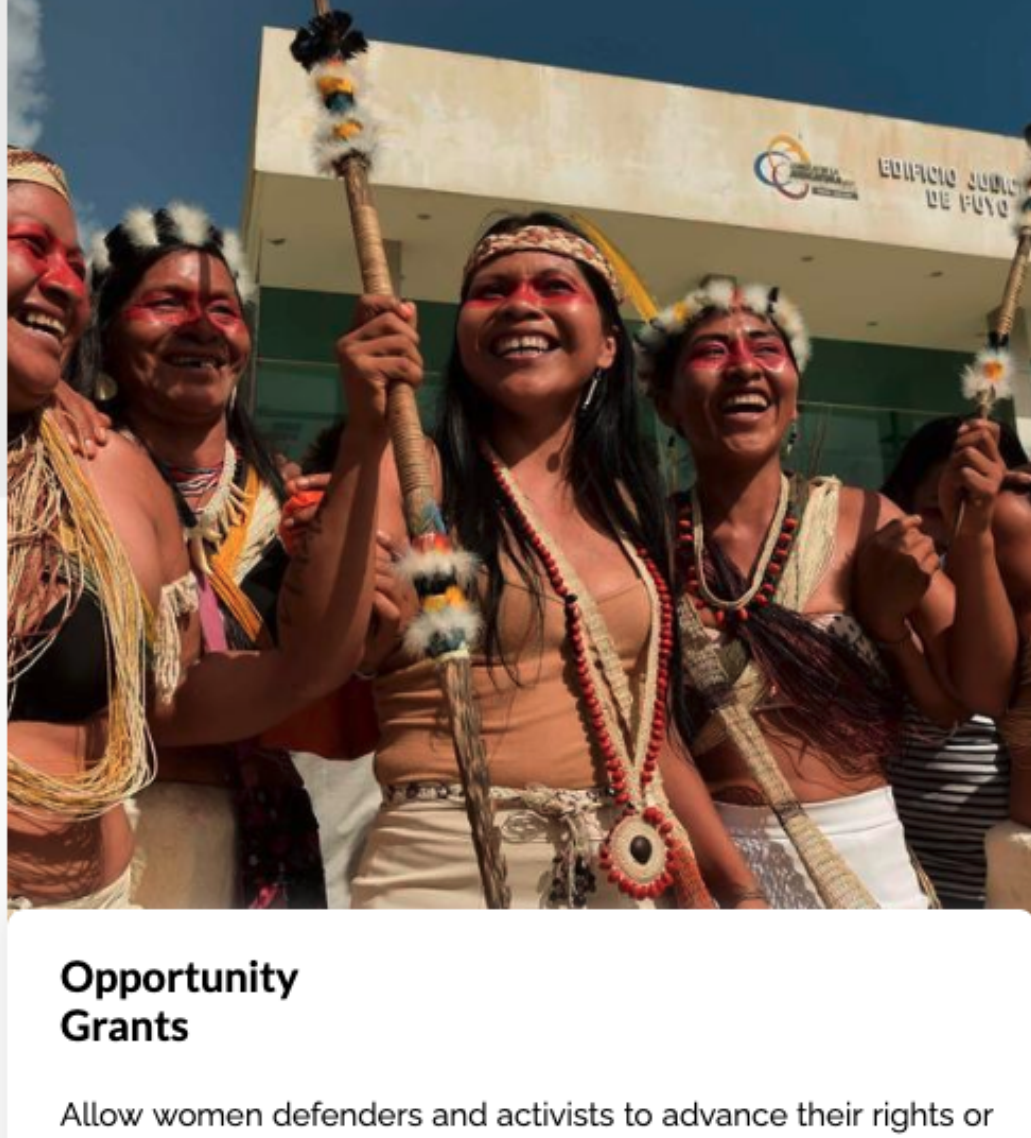
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TOP five Issues supported in 2018



What do our resources support?



Opportunity Grants

Allow women defenders and activists to advance their rights or to avoid setbacks. We support the work of feminist, women's, and trans organizations that struggle for justice, against fundamentalisms, to curb violence, or to amplify their voices and resistance.



Security and Protection Grants

Guarantee that threatened or at-risk women defenders have access to temporary relocation, legal support, or physical and digital security measures, both individual and collective. In hostile socio-political contexts, we support holistic feminist protection.

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Strategic Grants

We support the resistance initiatives and collective power of women defenders and activists who work in favor of territory, nature, and common goods in Central America and Bolivia. We reinforce their protection, advocacy, and communications strategies, strengthening their networks and holistic feminist protection practices.

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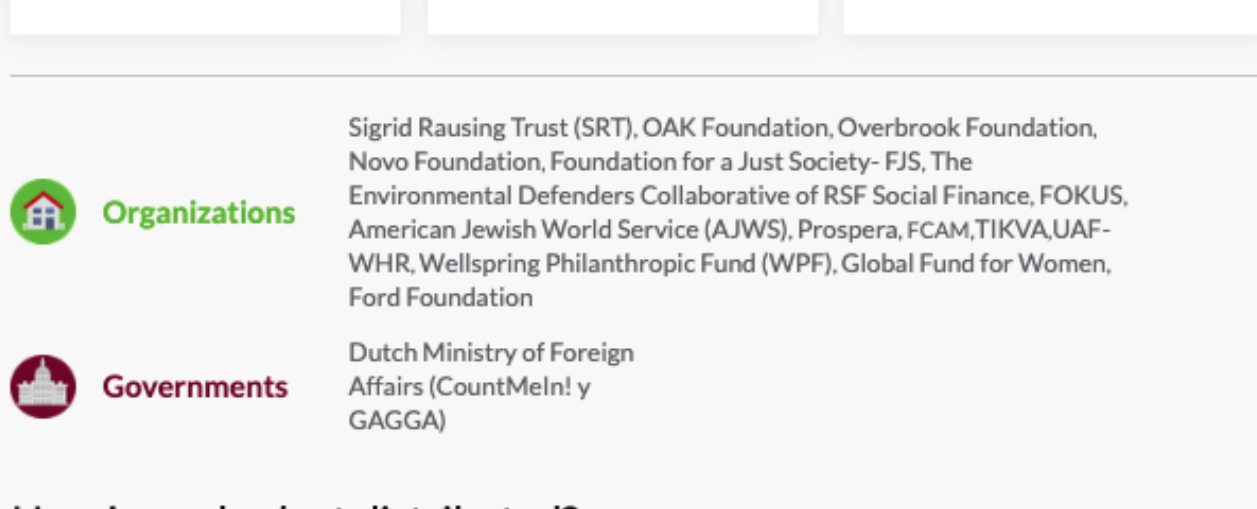
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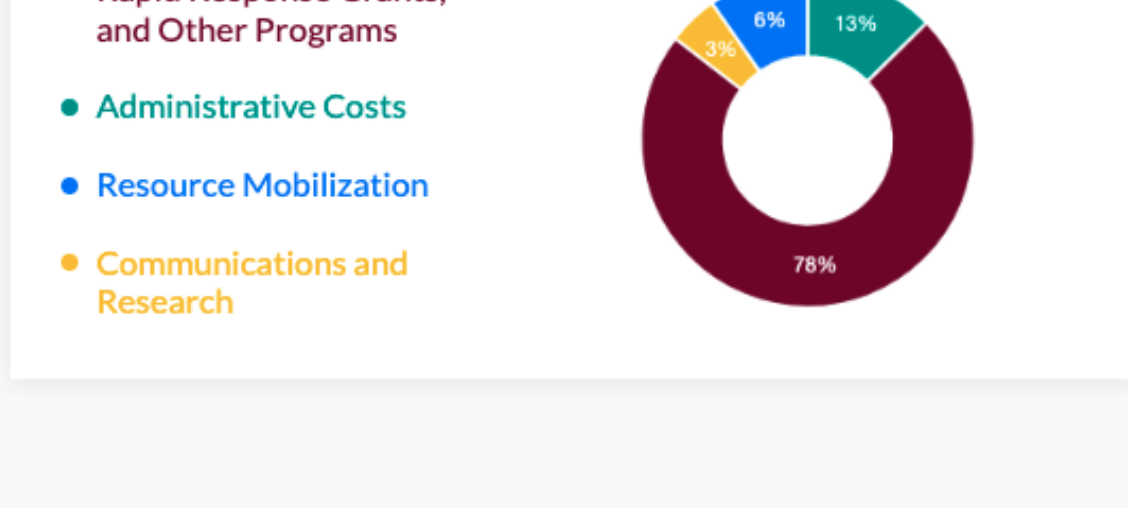
In 2018 we mobilized a total of:

\$1,600,601 USD

Where does this money come from?



How is our budget distributed?



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