



To the community of activists, advocates, allies, and donors who have accompanied us along our path, particularly at this time of grief

We want to express our deep-felt gratitude for your expressions of affection and solidarity around the passing of our dear Executive Director, Tatiana Cordero Velásquez, last April 13th. At this time, **your support warms our hearts and gives us the strength to take on this process**, one step at a time.

We are still processing our grief and making the necessary adjustments to take care of, and accompany each other, while sustaining our work. We are planning several spaces to continue honoring Tatiana's memory and legacy, inside our team, with our Urgent Action Sister Funds and with you: activists, advocates, allies, and community of donors of Latin America and the world. In a few weeks, we will share information about these open spaces and the way in which you can support us in these and other future actions.

Though mourning such a sensitive and irreparable loss has proven quite a challenge in itself, UAF-LAC will continue with its usual work under the leadership of our **Colectivo de Dirección**. Tatiana established this *Colectivo de Dirección* in 2019 as **a feminist practice for the construction of collective leaderships**. The *Colectivo*, who has supported the Executive Director in its decision-making process, took on the role and responsibilities of the Executive Director in January 2021, when Tatiana took her medical leave to start her healing process. Likewise, the Board of Directors is providing close support to the team and to the *Colectivo* in an effort to respond to this situation together.

We will strive to honor Tatiana's life and teachings in each of our actions by placing care at the center, thus contributing to the profound social transformations we need and to the sustainability of feminist and women movements in Abya Yala.

If you wish to contact the *Colectivo de Dirección*, please email us at: colectivodireccion@fondoaccionurgente.org.co

With gratitude,

UAF-LAC Team and Board of Directors

