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INTRODUCTION

The first half of 2025 marks another important step in consolidating Podáali as an instrument of autonomous management and Indigenous leadership in the Amazon. We continue to strengthen our structures, improve processes, and expand the reach of our actions, always committed to ensuring that the resources directed to the territories generate real and positive impacts.

Our work remains guided by the principles of buen vivir, territorial protection, climate justice, and the appreciation of Indigenous ways of life. Every decision, every support provided, and every partnership built is grounded in respect for traditional knowledge and the autonomy of Indigenous organisations.

In this report, we present the main results achieved during the first months of 2025. These are actions that reflect collective effort—from the initiatives supported, Indigenous leadership, and partners walking alongside us. More than numbers, this is a portrait of the tangible impact that the Podáali Fund has been generating across different Amazonian territories.

We remain steadfast in our commitment to strengthening Indigenous solutions to the social, environmental, and climate challenges we face. May this report serve as another opportunity to share achievements, lessons learned, and the next steps that lie ahead.

Enjoy the reading!

Valéria Paye
Executive Director of Podáali

SUPPORTING INDIGENOUS INITIATIVES

INDIGENOUS SCIENCES AWARD: "ANCESTRAL SOLUTIONS FOR THE CLIMATE, FOR THE AMAZON AND FOR ALL LIVES"



Launched during the 2025 Free Land Camp (ATL), the Indigenous Sciences Award: "Ancestral Solutions for the Climate, for the Amazon and for All Lives" is one more modality of support for Indigenous initiatives in the Amazon. The award is an achievement of Indigenous peoples, a concrete response built from the territories, where knowledge systems and unique ways of caring for Mother Earth and life are developed. It is an initiative of Podáali - the Indigenous Fund of the Brazilian Amazon - and its purpose is to recognise, value, and strengthen collective initiatives led by Indigenous peoples, communities, and organisations in the Brazilian Amazon in facing the climate crisis.

The Award forms part of the Indigenous Campaign **"We Are the Answer"**, led by the Coordination of Indigenous

Organisations of the Brazilian Amazon (COIAB), which reaffirms: the solutions to the climate crisis already exist and are expressed in Indigenous ways of life and territories. The campaign highlights and strengthens what Indigenous peoples have practised for generations: caring for people, protecting territories, and maintaining the vital relationship with Mother Earth, aligning ancestral knowledge and sciences with the response to the climate crisis.

Applications were open between April and May and included Indigenous initiatives from all nine states of the Amazon. They were aligned with the thematic areas:

◆ *Indigenous territorial and environmental management and protection;*

◆ *Sustainable economy and food sovereignty;*

Cultural strengthening and Indigenous traditional knowledge.

A TOTAL OF 47 AWARDS WILL BE GRANTED
ACCORDING TO THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES:

CATEGORY A:
BRL 20,000 FOR EACH
AWARDED INITIATIVE
OR COLLECTIVE

CATEGORY B:
BRL 40,000 FOR
EACH AWARDED
ORGANISATION

CATEGORY C:
BRL 50,000 FOR EACH
AWARDED COIAB
NETWORK ORGANISATION

Application Overview

From across the nine states of the Brazilian Amazon, the award received 170 applications, reaffirming that the response to the climate crisis lies within the territories.

APPLICATIONS BY STATE:

 TOTAL: 170 APPLICATIONS

ACRE - 28
AMAZONAS - 36
AMAPÁ - 06
MATO GROSSO - 16
MARANHÃO - 24
PARÁ - 19
RORAIMA - 11
RONDÔNIA - 07
TOCANTINS - 17



Pathways

The month of May was marked by intensive outreach, dialogues to support the application process, and clarifications with relatives as part of Stage 3: Reception, Screening, and Registration of proposals. As part of this effort, the communications team produced and distributed explanatory cards and videos about the Award, using accessible language tailored to local realities.

During this period, dialogues were held among organisations of the COIAB Network, students from the Amazonian Centre for

Indigenous Training (CAFI), and COIAB's network of Indigenous communicators. Individual meetings were also conducted upon request, alongside a steady flow of exchanges via WhatsApp with the secretariat, projects, and communications team, aimed at addressing questions regarding the Award. This stage was crucial to broaden engagement and ensure that more Indigenous organisations and collectives were prepared to submit proposals that value their ancestral knowledge and their solutions to tackle the climate crisis.



Podáali Advances in Supporting the Selected Initiatives of the 2nd Call

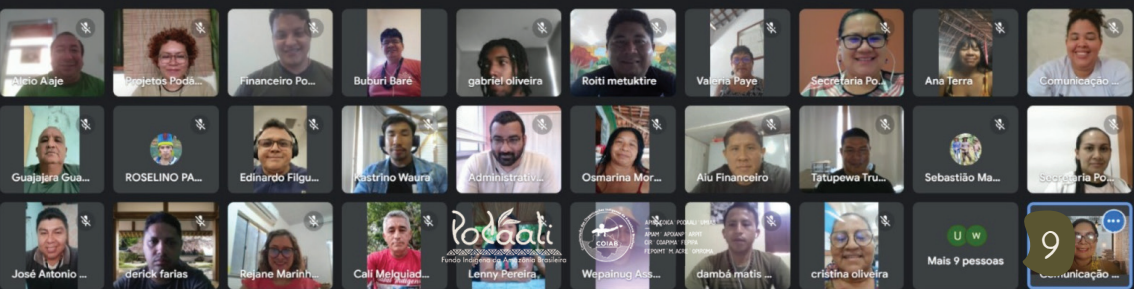
In the first semester of 2025, Podáali advanced in providing support to those selected under the 2nd Call "Indigenous Amazon Resists: in defence and care of lives". In January, the selected initiatives participated in workshops focused on strengthening capacities for management, implementation, and the use of resources. This activity corresponds to Stage 05 of the Call process.

With firm commitment to the selected initiatives, 40 contracts were signed with Indigenous organisations from different regions of the Amazon, with grants ranging from BRL 20,000 to BRL 50,000. These were distributed across four thematic areas: 1. territorial and environmental management and protection; 2. sustainable economy and food sovereignty; 3. institutional strengthening

and promotion of rights; and 4. Indigenous education/professional training. This activity corresponds to Stage 06 of the Call process.

Following this step, all initiatives are currently under implementation and have until August 2025 to complete their activities. After this period, they will have an additional two months to submit their final reports, with the deadline in October 2025.

Throughout this process, the Podáali team continues to follow up with the organisations, in line with Stage 07: "Monitoring and evaluation: follow-up of implementation, results, and accountability", ensuring the efficient and transparent use of resources within the territories.



OVERVIEW OF THE 1ST CALL: INDIGENOUS AMAZON RESISTS

Launched in December 2022, the 1st Call for Support to Small Projects marked the beginning of Podáali Fund's direct actions in supporting Indigenous initiatives in the thematic areas of territorial management and protection, sustainable economy, and institutional strengthening. In total, 47 projects were supported, with grants amounting to **BRL 2,350,000**.

The implementation of activities took place in two phases: the first in 2023, when the Call supported 32 projects; the second in 2024, when a further 15 initiatives were selected from remaining proposals. Both phases are currently in Stage 07: "Monitoring and evaluation: follow-up of implementation, results, and accountability", carried out by Podáali's technical team.

By June of this year, 25 organisations had submitted narrative reports and 24 had presented financial data. The remaining organisations continue to receive support from the technical team, with a focus on the full regularisation of their submissions.

Stages to be Followed in Podáali Calls:

Podáali Fund in the listening and dialogue spaces of Indigenous Peoples and their organizations;

Monitoring and evaluation: follow-up of implementation, results, and accountability;

Granting of support;

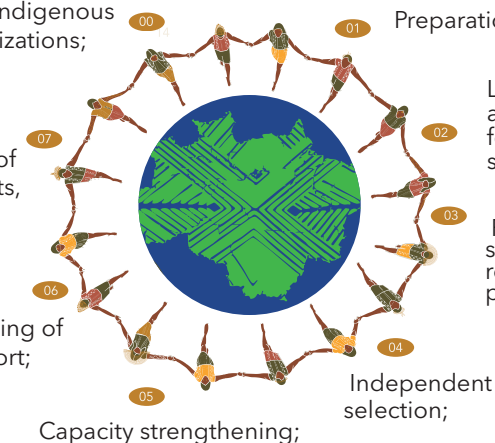
Capacity strengthening;

01 Preparation;

02 Launch, outreach, and support for proposal submissions;

03 Reception, screening, and registration of proposals;

04 Independent selection;



XAVANTE AWARD RECOGNISES 14 INDIGENOUS INITIATIVES IN MATO GROSSO

The Xavante Award – A'uwē uptabi mã, da'u'öbö – was launched by the Podáali Fund as a spontaneous demand modality, an unprecedented action aimed at recognising Indigenous best practices in the areas of territorial management and protection, and sustainable economy. Fourteen initiatives were selected from **38 applications**, with a total of BRL 280,000 awarded (BRL 20,000 per prize).

The process included stages of outreach, screening, independent evaluation, and granting of the award throughout 2024. Since then, Podáali has been carrying out follow-up field visits, focusing on documenting impacts, supporting the groups, and strengthening self-monitoring.

To date, **11 initiatives** have already been visited. The remaining three visits are scheduled to take place by the end of 2025, concluding Stage 07 of self-monitoring, with emphasis on recording results and impacts, and supporting the initiatives in finalising their reports and accountability.



ONGOING IMPLEMENTATION: SECURING TERRITORIAL RIGHTS



**GARANTINDO
OS DIREITOS
TERRITORIAIS**
DOS POVOS INDÍGENAS
DA AMAZÔNIA BRASILEIRA

In the first semester of 2025, the Podáali Fund continued to follow the implementation of the project Securing the Territorial Rights of Indigenous Peoples of the Brazilian Amazon, carried out through the Invitation Letter modality with support from the Tenure Facility. The initiative directly supports five Indigenous territories, and for the implementation of activities, Podáali signed contracts with five Indigenous implementing organisations, with investments exceeding **BRL 14.000.000** (14 million.)

The first disbursements took place in April 2024. Since then, Podáali has conducted orientation workshops, provided continuous technical support, and is currently monitoring the implementation of activities in the territories.

Highlights of the semester include: analysis of the implementing organisations' financial reports; submission of the final report to the Tenure Facility (March 2025); participation in the first meeting of the Implementing Committee; and support in developing the activity plan for the second year. Technical monitoring continues through field visits and direct support to the organisations.



Implementation Committee Meeting - Securing Territorial Rights Project

On 8th of April, 2025, in Brasília, the Implementation Committee Meeting of the project Securing the Territorial Rights of Indigenous Peoples of the Brazilian Amazon was held. The meeting brought together leaders from the five Indigenous territories supported by the project, representatives from COIAB, the Tenure Facility, and the Podáali Fund Board. The main objective was to hear directly from territorial leaders about the progress, challenges, and perspectives in each territory. Also in attendance were Nonette Royo, Executive Director of the Tenure Facility, and Aurélio Vianna, the organisation's focal point in Brazil.

During the meeting, COIAB's departments presented their actions, with particular emphasis on the Department for Isolated and Recently Contacted Indigenous Peoples, which addressed the situation in the Ituná-Itatá territory. The Podáali Fund also provided clarifications, commended the progress in the territories, and reaffirmed its commitment to the technical support of the implementing organisations.

The initiative is coordinated by COIAB and managed by the Podáali Fund, with support from the Tenure Facility. It works to strengthen Indigenous organisations in the territories of Kaxuyana-Tunayana (PA), Kapyra-Kanakury (AM), Riozinho do Iaco (AC), Ituná-Itatá (PA), and Taquaritiua (MA).



RESULTS OF THE JOURNEY

With Podáali's Support, COAPIMA Develops Its First Institutional Communication Plan

Between the 18th and 22nd of March, 2025, in Imperatriz (MA), the Coordination of Indigenous Peoples' Organisations and Articulations of Maranhão (COAPIMA) achieved a milestone in its trajectory: the development of its first Institutional Communication Plan.

The process brought together Indigenous leaders, communicators, former coordinators, and partners in a collective space for dialogue and planning. Listening to grassroots voices and the political decisions of the leadership guided the drafting of the plan, which seeks to strengthen the visibility and advocacy of the Indigenous Peoples of Maranhão.

This initiative was supported by the Brazilian Amazon Indigenous Fund - Podáali, through the 2nd Call "Indigenous Amazon Resists: in defence and care of lives". The plan represents an important step in consolidating communication as a strategic tool for resistance and institutional strengthening.



III General Assembly of the São Marcos Indigenous Land Supported by Podáali through the 1st Call

From the 11th to the 14th of February, 2025, the Podáali Fund took part in the III General Assembly of the São Marcos Indigenous Land, held in the Boca da Mata Community, in Alto São Marcos, Roraima. The institution was represented by Secretary Director Claudia Soares Baré at the event, which brought together leaders from

the Upper, Middle, and Lower São Marcos Ethno-regions. The support of the Podáali Fund was essential for the realisation of the event, through the project "Anna' Meruntî Yonpayamî - United We Are Strong", selected under the 1st Public Call, within the thematic line of institutional strengthening and promotion of rights.



Support from the 1st Call: I Extraordinary Assembly of the Recanto dos Cocaís Village

On the 20th and 21st of March, the Wewetyj Community Association of the Recanto dos Cocaís Village, located in the Krikati Indigenous Land, held its I Extraordinary Assembly, a moment dedicated to institutional strengthening and planning of territorial actions.

The meeting was attended by Podáali's Financial Director, Sandro Baré, who followed the discussions and reaffirmed the commitment to strengthening Indigenous associations in their own ways of organising and decision-making.

The assembly was one of the initiatives supported by Podáali's 1st General Call "Indigenous Amazon Resists", under the thematic line of institutional strengthening and promotion of rights. With this support, the Wewetyj Association was able to redesign its logo, hold a project management workshop, and, finally, carry out the assembly.



Indigenous Governance

Amendment of the Internal Regulations as an Outcome of Podáali's 5th Extraordinary Meeting of the Deliberative Council

On the 28th and 29th of January, in Alter do Chão, Santarém (PA), the 5th Extraordinary Meeting of the Deliberative Council of the Brazilian Amazon Indigenous Fund – Podáali was held. The main objective of the meeting was the reading, analysis, and revision of the institution's Internal Regulations. The deliberative councillors engaged in a thorough discussion of the articles, chapters, and provisions of the document, reaffirming their commitment to strengthening the Fund.

The leaders present highlighted the strategic importance of revising the Internal Regulations. The then President of the Deliberative Council, Alcebias Sapará (Deputy Coordinator of COIAB), described the moment as an important step towards institutional improvement.



3rd Ordinary Meeting of the Fiscal Council

Reinforcing its commitment to transparent, responsible, and participatory management, the Podáali - Brazilian Amazon Indigenous Fund held the 3rd Ordinary Meeting of the Fiscal Council on the 19th and 20th May. The meeting took place at Podáali's headquarters in Manaus (AM), bringing together fiscal councillors Mário Nicácio, of the Wapichana people; Angela Kaxuyana, of the Kahyana people; and Txai Suruí, of the Paiter Suruí people.

The meeting included dialogues with the Executive Board and Podáali's technical team, reinforcing the collective nature of governance for the proper functioning of the Indigenous Fund. Over the two days, the councillors conducted a thorough analysis of institutional documents, including financial and institutional audit reports, projects, calls for proposals, and other materials. This process strengthens governance, management, and Podáali's commitment to transparency in the use of resources and to the strengthening of Indigenous organisations.



10th Ordinary Meeting of the Deliberative Council

Gathered in Brasília on 5th and 6th June, leaders comprising the Deliberative Council of Podáali held the 10th Ordinary Meeting of the collegiate body. The meeting was chaired by the Council's president and also coordinator of the Coordination of Indigenous Organisations of the Brazilian Amazon (Coiab), Toya Manchineri, and was attended by the entire executive board, as well as councillors from eight states of the Brazilian Amazon and the Union of Indigenous Women of the Brazilian Amazon (Umiab).

The indigenous leader, founding member and alternate councillor of Podáali for the state of Amapá, Demétrio Tiriyo, emphasised his concern to closely monitor each stage of the Fund's development, in order to ensure its safe and sustainable operation. He highlighted the importance of constant vigilance, so that Podáali does not repeat mistakes made in the past by other indigenous mechanisms.

“Podáali is very important for indigenous peoples. Therefore, we have the duty to strengthen it – this Fund is ours. In Amapá, support has already arrived. We cannot allow it to weaken; this must be our commitment. We need to ensure that, increasingly, support reaches the communities”, affirmed Demétrio.

The councillors present at the 10th Meeting unanimously approved the financial statements for the year 2024, reaffirming Podáali's commitment to transparency and good management of resources.



Institutional Strengthening

Podáali holds 1st Institutional Diagnostic Workshop in Manaus

On 4th and 5th February 2025, the Indigenous Fund of the Brazilian Amazon (Podáali) promoted the 1st Institutional Diagnostic Workshop in Manaus (AM). The meeting brought together the technical team and representatives from all governance bodies of the Fund for a collective process of listening, evaluation and reflection on the institution's five years of operation.

During the workshop, challenges were identified,

suggestions for improvement were highlighted and pathways were analysed to further strengthen the Fund's role in supporting indigenous peoples of the Amazon.

The meeting marked an important step in consolidating Podáali as a reference in direct financing to indigenous peoples, reaffirming its commitment to the autonomy and protagonism of indigenous peoples and organisations in the Amazon.



Planning the Podáali Fund for 2025

On 6th and 7th February, the Podáali Fund held its action plan alignment meeting for 2025. The meeting brought together the technical team, the executive board and representatives from the fiscal council and advisory council, with the objective of evaluating 2024 activities and defining the next steps for institutional strengthening.

During the meeting, an assessment was made of the achievements and challenges faced throughout the past year, highlighting actions aligned with the 2022-2026 strategic plan. According to the executive director, Valéria Paye, the process was essential to reinforce priorities and ensure that the Fund continues to be an instrument for strengthening the struggles and agendas of indigenous peoples of the Amazon.

The new action plan will serve as a foundation to expand the impact of the Fund's activities in 2025, reaffirming its commitment to the autonomy, rights and strengthening of indigenous communities.



Strengthening capacities for project management

The technical Projects and Finance teams of Podáali participated in the Project Management Fundamentals Learning Journey, promoted by Niatero. The training comprised seven sessions, which addressed essential themes for structuring and conducting initiatives, from conception of the idea through to closure, covering the stages of planning, monitoring, evaluation and accountability.

Conducted in a participatory manner, the sessions promoted exchanges among participants, contributing to the strengthening of technical and organisational capacities. Throughout the process, it was possible to deepen knowledge about management tools, indicator definition, schedule development, budget planning and strategic communication.



Podáali at Free Land Camp 2025

Indigenous Fund participates in the opening of ATL 2025

On 7th April, in the main tent of Free Land Camp 2025, the executive director of Podáali, Valéria Paye, alongside other indigenous leaders, participated in the plenary "APIB | We Are All of Us: In Defence of the Constitution and Life". In her powerful and inspiring speech, Valéria recalled the collective trajectory of struggle of indigenous peoples and the firm presence of indigenous women in building this journey.

She highlighted the fundamental role of indigenous women of the Amazon in strengthening COIAB and in the emergence of APIB itself. Concluding her participation speech, Valéria reinforced the collective and plural format of indigenous struggle:

“The APIB organisation only exists and is strong because of all of us who are here at this Free Land Camp. Congratulations to all of us, to our leaders”.



Dialogues at the Free Land Camp 2025 (ATL)

Throughout Free Land Camp 2025, Brazil's largest indigenous mobilisation, Podáali was present at the COIAB tent, which carried the motto "For the Climate and for the Amazon: We Are the Answer". Together with its team, the Fund engaged in dialogue with partners and indigenous leaders, answered questions about the Indigenous Sciences Award, explained the call processes and distributed communication materials.

This moment reinforces, once again, Podáali's role as an Indigenous Fund committed to the indigenous movement and to defending their rights.



Hand in hand with the COIAB Network

Dialogues on Amazon Bonus

Podáali participated, during the end of March, in the “Dialogues on Amazon Bonus” meeting with the participation of representatives from grassroots organisations of the COIAB Network. Organised by the Management of the Amazon Indigenous Training Centre (CAFI) of COIAB, it also counted on the presence of the Fund for the Development of Indigenous Peoples of Latin America and the Caribbean (FILAC), the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) and the World Bank.

The meeting took place in Manaus, where indigenous organisations and invited partners exchanged knowledge about new forms of financing. On that occasion, indigenous representatives from the Brazilian Amazon had the opportunity to understand how the financing theme has been discussed in other countries, as well as present their knowledge and perspectives on the agenda, in addition to presenting the challenges for implementation within the territories.



Podáali participates in the certification of indigenous leaders trained by CAFI

On the evening of 17th May 2025, the Indigenous Fund of the Brazilian Amazon – Podáali was represented by its financial director, Sandro Baré, at the certification ceremony of the Strategic Training Course for Indigenous Leaders, held in Manaus (AM).

The training, promoted by the Amazon Indigenous Training Centre (CAfi/COIAB), trained 30 leaders nominated by the nine grassroots organisations of COIAB and by the Union of Indigenous Women of the Brazilian Amazon (UMIAB), after three months of face-to-face classes.

The course is part of the Indigenous Networks of the Amazon project, developed by COIAB in partnership with The Nature Conservancy (TNC Brasil) and with funding from the Amazon Fund. The initiative seeks to strengthen the institutional, political and technical capacities of indigenous organisations in the Amazon, promoting the protagonism and autonomy of leaders in their territories.



2nd Training for Indigenous Women and Diversities

On 4th April, the Podáali Fund attended the 2nd Training for Indigenous Women and Diversities, held by COIAB through CAFI - Amazon Indigenous Training Centre.

With the theme "Building contributions for a new society of care", the meeting brought together women nominated by the nine grassroots organisations of COIAB, UMIAB, as well as representatives from COIAB's fiscal and deliberative councils.

The executive director of Podáali, Valéria Payé, participated in the panel "Building new opportunities", highlighting the essential role of indigenous women in defending territories and reaffirming Podáali's commitment to strengthening projects led by them.



Weaving Dialogues with Indigenous Organisations

Podáali at the 54th General Assembly of Indigenous Peoples of Roraima

With the theme “Strengthening Indigenous Politics of Malocão”, the Indigenous Fund of the Brazilian Amazon participated on 14th March in the 54th General Assembly of Indigenous Peoples of Roraima, held in the Malacacheta community, in the municipality of Cantá, state of Roraima. With intrinsic commitment to indigenous peoples, Podáali was represented by its deliberative council president and coordinator of the Coordination of Indigenous Organisations of the Brazilian Amazon (COIAB), Toya Manchineri, who participated in the panel “Strengthening the Economic Autonomy of Indigenous Communities of Roraima: Resources and Public Policies to Meet Community Demands”.

During his speech, Toya Manchineri reinforced the importance of partnership between indigenous funds so that increasingly more indigenous initiatives are supported in the territory.

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Podáali joins in strengthening local funds, such as Rutê - the Indigenous Council of Roraima Fund, in supporting communities, so that increasingly more territories in the Amazon are supported”, reflected Toya.



Podáali participates in the State Meeting of Indigenous School Education in Amazonas

Between 28th and 30th January 2025, the Indigenous Fund of the Brazilian Amazon (Podáali) participated in the State Meeting of Indigenous School Education, held at Chácara Abraço Verde, in Manaus (AM). With the theme "Strengthening Education Policies in the Face of Climate Crisis in the Ethnoeducational Territories of Amazonas", the event brought together indigenous leaders, representatives from educational networks and public bodies to discuss strategies for strengthening indigenous school education in the face of challenges imposed by the climate crisis.

Podáali was represented by the alternate Deliberative

Councillor for the State of Amazonas, Herton Mura, who contributed with reflections and proposals aligned with the demands of ethnoeducational territories and the defence of an indigenous education that is contextualised and committed to cultural and environmental preservation.

For Podáali, the space was an opportunity to contribute to the collective construction of solutions that reinforce the right of indigenous peoples to quality education, strengthening cultural and environmental preservation in alignment with the demands of each ethnoeducational territory in Amazonas.



Collaboration and strengthening between community funds

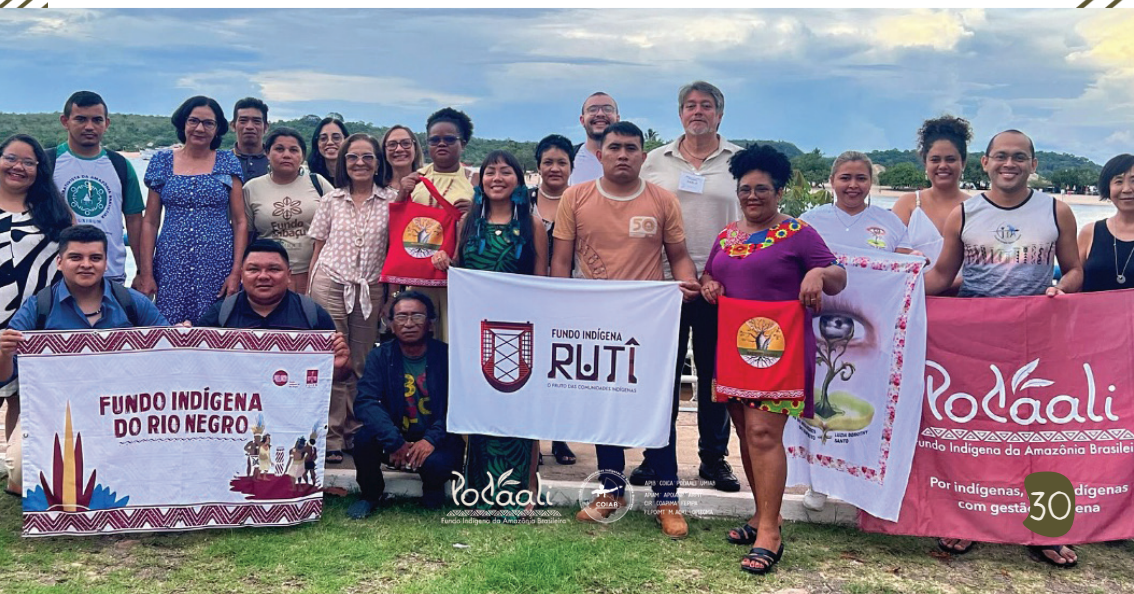
VI face-to-face meeting of the Brazilian Amazon Community Funds Network

Between 8th and 9th February 2025, in Alter do Chão (Santarém-PA), the 6th face-to-face Meeting of the Brazilian Amazon Community Funds Network was held. The meeting brought together representatives from the nine funds that comprise the Network to debate perspectives, challenges and advances, as well as align the action plan for the 2025-2026 biennium.

The Indigenous Fund of the Brazilian Amazon - Podáali actively participated in the discussions, represented by

its executive director, Valéria Paye, and by the vice-director, Rose Apurinã, strengthening the institutional commitment to articulation and strengthening of community initiatives in the Amazon.

With strategic focus on the Network's lines of action, the moment provided a collective reflection on the paths already taken and the results achieved, reinforcing the mission to promote access to resources for indigenous peoples, quilombolas and traditional communities, aiming for the good living of their territories.



International Meeting of Community Funds in Alter do Chão (PA)

From 10th to 14th February 2025, Alter do Chão, in Santarém (PA), hosted the Meeting "Dialogue and Learning Exchanges: Strengthening Funds Led by Indigenous Peoples, Quilombolas and Traditional Communities". The event brought together around 60 participants from various countries, with the objective of strengthening the global community of community funds and promoting the exchange of experiences. The Amazon

Community Funds Network was present, representing nine funds from the region, including the Podáali Fund.

During the meeting, the vice-director of Podáali, Rose Apurinã, shared the trajectory and political role of the first indigenous fund of the Brazilian Amazon, highlighting its connection with the Amazon indigenous movement - COIAB.



Indigenous funds of the Amazon echo their voices and debate direct financing for indigenous peoples at Free Land Camp 2025

In the programme of Free Land Camp (ATL) 2025, in Brasília, the Indigenous Fund of the Brazilian Amazon – Podáali participated in the conversation circle “Financing and solutions of indigenous peoples of the Amazon – harvesting fruits”, held on the morning of 9th April in the tent of the Coordination of Indigenous Organisations of the Brazilian Amazon (COIAB).

The meeting brought together representatives from different indigenous funds of the Amazon, such as FIRN (Rio Negro Indigenous Fund), the Timbira Fund (MA and TO) and the RUTÍ Indigenous Fund (RR), who shared experiences, challenges and advances in building their own direct financing mechanisms, with indigenous governance and real impact in the territories.

Representing Podáali, vice-director Rose Apurinã highlighted the importance of autonomy in resource management and the strengthening of financing models that respect the knowledge and priorities of indigenous peoples. During the conversation circle, Sineia Wapichana, co-president of the Indigenous Caucus, reinforced the warning:

“The Amazon is experiencing an environmental catastrophe. We need specific indicators that recognise this reality and ensure that climate resources really reach our communities.



Podáali participates in the II Exchange of the Amazon Community Funds Network

On the banks of the Rio Negro, in São Gabriel da Cachoeira, the Brazilian Amazon Community Funds Network gathered from 15th to 22nd March for the II Network Exchange. This time, the host was FIRN - Rio Negro Indigenous Fund. The meeting took place at the House of Knowledge of FOIRN - Federation of Indigenous Organisations of Rio Negro, with the objective of strengthening articulation between the funds and discussing strategies for climate financing based on the challenges faced in territories caused by climate change.

The event counted on the participation of the secretary-director of Podáali, Cláudia Baré, who highlighted the importance of the Exchange as an opportunity for a debate about resources for climate mitigation and adaptation, with the intention that community initiatives be implemented.

Representatives from the 09 Funds that are part of the Network participated in the II Exchange. The space was crucial and important in view of the realisation of COP30 in Brazil.



Contributing to the Provisional Governance Committee of the Kayapó Fund

Between 14th and 16th April, in Brasília, secretary-director Cláudia Soares Baré participated in the 2nd Meeting of the Provisional Governance Committee of the Kayapó Fund, which is in the phase of structuring its governance body.

“Our participation was important with the intention of contributing to the governance creation process of the Kayapó Fund, where we share our learnings, what our challenges were, what solutions were built throughout the trajectory of the Podáali Fund”, affirmed Cláudia Baré.

The meeting brought together Kayapó indigenous leaders and partners to debate fundamental concepts such as governance, responsibilities and attributions. During the event, Cláudia Baré shared practical experiences in building management models, contributing to strengthen the processes of autonomy and collective decision-making among indigenous peoples.

On the last day of participation, an evaluation was carried out that recognised the relevance of the Podáali Fund's experience as a reference for creating Kayapó governance.

“ *Knowing that it is possible to structure indigenous governance, in which decisions are taken by the leaders themselves, is important for this fund that is theirs.*

- Cláudia Baré.



Podáali receives visit from Puxirum Fund for exchange on experiences and resource management

On 24th and 25th March 2025, the Indigenous Fund of the Brazilian Amazon - Podáali received, at its headquarters in Manaus (AM), a visit from the executive secretary of the Puxirum Fund, Pablo Leonardo. The meeting was marked by a rich exchange of experiences about public call procedures, forms of support, governance and the paths taken by Podáali in creating its own mechanisms for raising and redistributing resources.

The vice-director of Podáali, Rose Apurinã, and the secretary-director, Cláudia Baré, presented the fund's institutional structure, its internal and external processes, and the tools developed over recent years to directly support indigenous initiatives in the territories.

The Puxirum Fund, created from an initiative of the National Council of Extractive Populations (CNS), is preparing to launch its first call for proposals. The visit to Podáali was a strategic opportunity to deepen knowledge and strengthen its institutional foundations. "We want to learn from those who have already travelled this path. Podáali is a reference, and this exchange helps us to assemble our knowledge toolkit", highlighted Pablo Leonardo.

Both funds are part of the Brazilian Amazon Community Funds Network, which promotes collective strengthening through the exchange of practices, methodologies and learnings. For Rose Apurinã, the experience reaffirms one of Podáali's pillars: "Sharing our journey is part of our commitment to the autonomy of peoples and to building joint paths for direct financing in the territories."



Dialoguing with the Pawanka Indigenous Fund

On 25th February, in Brasília, the executive director of Podáali, Valéria Paye, met with members of the Coordination Committee of the Pawanka Indigenous Fund, which, in the language of the Miskitu people means “to grow and strengthen”. The dialogue took place within the Pawanka Fund’s annual agenda in Brazil. The space was marked by the exchange of experiences between the management of Podáali and the Pawanka Fund, both with common objectives: the strengthening of indigenous initiatives.

The executive director of Podáali, Valéria Paye, presented the Institution’s structure, governance and operation, the procedures developed by Podáali and how decisions about support are made, and its relationship with other funds.



Representation and sharing of experiences at events

Amazon Challenges and the Living Amazon Programme

On 27th January 2025, Podáali – Indigenous Fund of the Brazilian Amazon, was presented as one of the highlighted experiences during the event “Amazon Challenges and the Living Amazon Programme”, promoted by the World Bank during a visit to the Legal Amazon.

The secretary coordinator of COIAB, Marciely Ayap Tupari, represented the Fund and shared its importance as a direct financing mechanism

for indigenous organisations in the Amazon, contributing to territorial governance and institutional strengthening of indigenous peoples.

The panel also brought together representatives from different sectors, including Priscila Almeida (ASSOBIO), Fábio Galindo (Future Climate) and Alex Del Giglio (Secretary of Finance of Amazonas), in a dialogue about sustainable strategies for the development of the region.



Podáali accompanies World Bank visit to Parque das Tribos, in Manaus

On 28th January 2025, the Podáali Fund and COIAB (Coordination of Indigenous Organisations of the Brazilian Amazon), accompanied the World Bank Group delegation on a visit to Parque das Tribos, Manaus's first urban indigenous neighbourhood (AM).

During the visit, COIAB and Podáali presented to local leaders and the international delegation the strategies used for raising and managing resources, focusing on direct strengthening of indigenous organisations in COIAB's 64 ethno-regions. They also reinforced the importance of allocating resources directly to indigenous funds, such as Podáali, ensuring autonomy

and respect for the sociocultural specificities of peoples.

The leaders of Parque das Tribos shared experiences and projects developed in the community, such as the Ateliê Derequine, coordinated by Vanda Witoto and supported by Podáali's first call for proposals, as well as initiatives in the areas of education, health, culture, youth and food security. The visit provided a space for direct dialogue with the grassroots and reaffirmed the strategic role of community funds in supporting actions led by the indigenous peoples of the Amazon themselves.



Kuntari Katu Programme: Indigenous Leaders in Global Politics

In Brasília, the Indigenous Fund of the Brazilian Amazon marked its presence on 16th April at the Kuntari Katu Programme: Indigenous Leaders in Global Politics, an initiative of the Ministry of Indigenous Peoples, in partnership with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change.

Secretary-director Cláudia Baré represented the Podáali Fund as a speaker in the third stage of the programme, at the "Financing" panel, bringing to the diplomatic training space the fund's experience with resource mobilisation and strengthening of initiatives built by indigenous peoples themselves in their territories.



1st Global Congress of Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities of Forest Basins

Between 26th and 31st May, the Podáali Fund participated in the 1st Global Congress of Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities of Forest Basins, held in Brazzaville, Republic of Congo.

Represented by its fiscal councillor, Mário Nicácio (Wapichana people), Podáali was part of the Brazilian delegation, composed of indigenous leaders who also serve on the Fund's councils, such as Toya Manchineri, Angela Kaxuyana, Kleber Karipuna and Marcilene Guajajara.

During the debates, Mário Nicácio gave the example of Podáali's experience as a concrete example of indigenous governance and direct management of resources aimed at Amazon territories.



Podáali brings alternatives during seminar in Germany

Between 2nd and 5th June, the fiscal councillor of the Podáali Fund, Mário Nicácio, joined strategic international agendas on sustainability, indigenous peoples' rights and protection of tropical forests.

On 2nd and 3rd June, he participated in the Sustainability Seminar, held in Hamburg, Germany, which brought together indigenous leaders and specialists from various parts of the world. On the 5th, he was in Berlin, at the 10-year Conference of

the Amsterdam Declaration, a milestone in international efforts for deforestation-free supply chains.



Climate Week in London

Between 21st and 29th June 2025, Podáali - Indigenous Fund of the Brazilian Amazon participated in the London Climate Action Week, one of the most relevant climate events in the international calendar. In its seventh edition, the week brought together representatives from governments, donors, social movements, indigenous organisations and community funds to discuss concrete solutions in confronting the global climate crisis.



Representing the Podáali Fund, councillor Mário Nicácio, from the Wapichana people, was part of the Brazilian delegation composed by the Articulation of Indigenous Peoples of Brazil (APIB), and other Brazilian indigenous funds: Rutî Fund, Jaguatã Fund, Maracá Fund and the Timbira Fund.

Participation in Climate Week was strategic to strengthen the defence of direct financing to peoples and local communities, one of the central agendas of the indigenous movement in preparation for COP30, which will take place in November, in Belém (PA).



Podáali at the Bonn Conference, Germany

The Coordination of Indigenous Organisations of the Brazilian Amazon (COIAB) and the Indigenous Fund of the Brazilian Amazon (Podáali) participated in the Bonn Climate Change Conference 2025, which took place in Germany in June. During the agenda, the organisations delivered the Indigenous NDC, formulated during the Indigenous Pre-COP, to the COP30 president, ambassador André Côrrea do Lago. The document brings together the climate priorities defined by indigenous leaders of the Amazon Basin.

Podáali was represented by its executive director, Valéria Paye, who was with the COIAB network delegation formed by COIAB's secretary-coordinator, Marciely Tupari; the manager of the Amazon Indigenous Training Centre (Cafi), Gracinha Manchineri; COIAB's international adviser, Alana Manchineri; and cacique Ak Jabor Kayapó.

Podáali's participation reaffirms its role as a strategic instrument for international advocacy and strengthening of proposals built by the indigenous peoples of the Amazon themselves. The document delivered consolidates the contributions of more than 500 indigenous peoples of the Amazon Basin, gathered during the Indigenous Pre-COP, held in Brasília at the beginning of June.

The Indigenous NDC highlights six fundamental priorities for the climate agenda:

- ◆ Recognition and protection of indigenous territories as climate policy;
- ◆ Direct and accessible financing to indigenous peoples;
- ◆ Full and effective participation in decision-making processes;
- ◆ Protection of indigenous defenders;
- ◆ Valorisation of indigenous knowledge systems;
- ◆ Creation of exploitation-free zones in indigenous territories.

Weaving Partnerships

Pathways to indigenous protagonism in PES

On 10th, 11th and 12th March, Podáali - Indigenous Fund of the Amazon received, at its headquarters in Manaus (AM), the Training Workshop on Payments for Environmental Services (PES). The opportunity also included a diagnostic assessment by Podáali on the theme. Both activities are part of the partnership established between Podáali and GIZ (Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit).

The workshop is the first activity following the signing of the partnership agreement between Podáali and GIZ. This is a pilot initiative within the scope of the FiBraS project, which counts on the participation of the Ministries of Finance (MF), Racial Equality (MIR), Environment and Climate Change (MMA), Indigenous Peoples (MPI), as well as the community funds Podáali and Puxirum.



Podáali holds agenda with Thousand Currents to strengthen ties and celebrate indigenous initiatives

On 13th and 14th March 2025, Podáali received at its headquarters, in Manaus, the regional director of Thousand Currents for Latin America and Caribbean, Sandra Silva. The visit was marked by powerful dialogues, exchange of experiences and field experiences.

On the first day, Podáali's team and board presented the trajectory, challenges and advances achieved in the Amazon. The meeting reinforced the importance of mutual listening and building strategies to expand the impact of indigenous actions.

On the second day, Sandra got to know closely projects supported by the Fund, such as the Ateliê Derequine, located in Parque das Tribos, where indigenous women produce clothing with traditional graphics, generating income and strengthening the culture of their peoples.

The agenda also included a meeting with partner organisations supported in Podáali's calls such as APIAM, MEIAM and Foreeia, showing the direct impact of grassroots support. For Sandra, the experience was transformational: "Here we see indigenous protagonism happening in practice".

The visit resulted in a commitment to strengthen the partnership and plan new support, consolidating a philanthropy that is rooted and built from the territories.



Weaving Links

Podáali participated on 22nd May in the “Weaving Links” Seminar, held in Manaus (AM). Promoted by Porticus Brasil, the event brought together partner organisations for a day of dialogues and reflections.

The meeting promoted discussions about sustainable economic practices, protection of collective rights and valorisation of indigenous knowledge as sciences, with much evidence of effectiveness already verified. With the participation of reference leaders, such as shaman Davi Kopenawa, the teacher and indigenous leader Alva Rosa, from the Tukano people, and Patricia Gualinga, indigenous leader from the Kichwa Sarayaku people of Ecuador, as well as indigenous organisations Makira e'ta and FOREEIA, and representatives from other social movement organisations. The seminar highlighted the importance of collective articulation in building solutions for the territories of the Pan-Amazon.

The indigenous Fund's participation in the event held by Porticus Global, which is part of Podáali's network of partners, reinforces the strategic role of the Indigenous Fund, which is committed to autonomy, shared management and the constant search for strengthening indigenous organisations, through partnerships that help in supporting the territories.



Towards COP30

INDIGENOUS PRE-COP

During the first week of June, indigenous authorities gathered in articulation at the Indigenous Pre-COP, in Brasília (DF), with the presence of the international coalition 'G9 of indigenous Amazon', indigenous representatives from Brazil and other parts of the world.

The meeting aimed to align climate negotiation demands and present them at the end of the meeting to authorities and representatives from Amazon Basin countries. One of the main demands is the recognition of demarcation, titling and protection of indigenous territories as climate policy as part of countries' NDCs (Nationally Determined Contributions), as well as the incorporation of indigenous knowledge and technologies into proposed climate solutions.



Dialogue with the UK Embassy

In Brasília, on 4th June, the executive directors of Podáali, Valéria Paye and Rose Apurinã, met with representatives from the UK Embassy. Present at the occasion were Maggie Charnley, International Director of Forests at FCDO (UK Foreign Office), and Tom Chadwick, from the Economy and Forests Unit. Also participating in the meeting was the Tenure Facility representative, Aurélio Vianna.

The meeting aimed to discuss the Fund's perspectives for COP30, present how Podáali has supported indigenous initiatives in the Amazon and highlight the fundamental role of indigenous lands for global climate balance.



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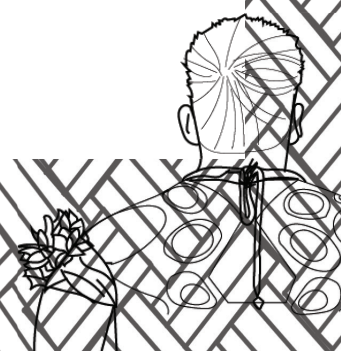


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