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Photo: F. Semilla

An aerial photograph of a wide, brown river flowing through a dense green forest. A small, light-colored boat is visible in the middle of the river. The bottom portion of the image is obscured by a large, solid green shape with a wavy, mountain-like top edge.

Who are we?

Our history

Our history begins long before our name. It dates back to early 2016, when the Bolivian civil society organization *Fundación Blue Foresta* began collaborating with its institutional ally, Fondo Casa Socioambiental from Brazil.

This link, motivated by a shared interest in supporting socio-environmental causes in Bolivia, gave rise to the first years of collaboration and support for small groups committed to environmental protection and sustainable development.

Over time, and thanks to the participation of other Bolivian environmental activists, this joint effort was legally consolidated in 2019 with the creation of the *Fundación Socioambiental Semilla*, conceived as a philanthropic funding structure with the vision of supporting the guardians of vital ecosystems and strengthening the communities most affected by the climate crisis.



Photo: ANAPA

Our approach

Fundación Socioambiental Semilla is a socio-environmental fund that supports community-led solutions in Bolivia to contribute to ecosystem conservation.

By democratizing access to financial resources for local community-based groups and small and medium-sized organizations, *Semilla* contributes to strengthening their leadership and organizational capacities to manage natural resources sustainably, promote social inclusion, and encourage citizen participation.

Semilla is an organization that acts with a deep understanding of the local context and the groups it supports. Beyond financing, the Foundation seeks to strengthen organizations so that they can develop the necessary capacities to manage their own resources and face the environmental challenges that threaten their territories, rights, and ways of life.

Our work is based on the recognition of the interdependence between social equity and environmental conservation. We value local knowledge and promote active participation and community leadership in every decision-making process.

Since its early years, *Semilla* has built relationships of trust with local communities, grassroots organizations, associations, and networks. This closeness allows us to respond quickly to changes in the context and strengthen a network of mutual support that provides resources and knowledge to both partner organizations and the Foundation itself.

The model for delivering funds seeks to preserve the autonomy of organizations in the design and implementation of their projects. In addition, the contribution of local resources (counterpart) enhances the impact of donations and reinforces community commitment.



Socio-Environmental Funds of the Global South Alliance

In 2021, the Socio-Environmental Funds of the Global South Alliance was created, a pioneering collaboration that currently brings together 16 socio-environmental funds from the Global South, created and led locally. These funds promote philanthropic practices in support of community initiatives in more than 50 countries in the Global South.

Semilla is one of the nine founding members of the Alliance. This international network allows us to share learnings, coordinate strategies, and jointly access spaces for knowledge and funding. The Alliance amplifies the voices of funds working from within territories and brings the perspective of the South into the philanthropic sphere, acting as a bridge between global donors and local priorities.



Our team

Fundación Semilla is guided by a group of environmental activists with extensive experience in conservation processes. Their leadership is complemented by a diverse professional team with experience in the philanthropic sector, civil society organizations, and regional environmental networks.

In addition, a young and diverse team, made up of people from different backgrounds contributes fresh perspectives and energy, strengthening intergenerational exchange. We are proud that 70% of *Semilla's* team members are women, reflecting our commitment to equity and diversity.



WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO SUPPORT A PROJECT LED BY A COMMUNITY OR LOCAL ORGANIZATION?

Guardians of the Amazon, supporting the strengthening of Amazonian communities



Carlos Segovia

Head of Programs and Projects at Fundación Semilla

There are 34 indigenous peoples in the lowlands of Bolivia, 70% (24) of which are located in the Amazon region¹. The Amazon biome contains the largest and most diverse forest area in the world, with more than 60% of the Earth's remaining tropical forests. It accumulates and distributes one-fifth of the world's fresh water. It is home to incredible biodiversity, with more than 25% of known plant and animal species. Its standing forests store between 90 and 140 billion metric tons of carbon, playing a vital role in climate change mitigation and adaptation.

However, despite its ecological and cultural importance, the Amazon is the scene of several conflicts that affect its conservation and the lives of its traditional populations, and today, its future is under pressure, endangering our survival. This region suffers from some of the world's most extensive deforestation, as well as pressure from large infrastructure, energy, mining, and agricultural projects.

¹ Reyes J.F., Herbas M., La Amazonía boliviana y los Objetivos de Desarrollo del Milenio, 2012.

The program Guardians of the Amazon: Protecting the Heart of the Forest of the *Fundación Socioambiental Semilla* recognizes the fundamental role of Amazonian indigenous peoples as guardians of life in a territory that is much more than a forest: it is home to cultures, communities, and ecosystems.

What distinguishes this program is that solutions are built on dialogue and trust, accompanying community processes and empowering the leadership of Amazonian peoples, who, through their ancestral knowledge and organization, generate sustainable alternatives to the impacts of climate change and extractive pressures. This approach seeks to strengthen local capacities, raise awareness of struggles that are often silenced, and open up spaces for participation where their voice is central to decisions about the future of their territories.

Along this path, *Fundación Semilla* has learned that when the initiatives of these peoples find recognition and support, the results multiply, deforestation is reduced, water sources are protected, solidarity networks are strengthened, dignified livelihoods are guaranteed, and the food sovereignty of their communities is ensured. Thus, the program has established itself as a space that accompanies, learns, and walks alongside communities, convinced that their leadership is key to ensuring a just and sustainable future for the Amazon, while also contributing to global efforts to address the climate crisis and protect biodiversity.



Women at the forefront of climate solutions: challenges and opportunities in Bolivia



Andrea Segovia
Program Manager at Fundación Semilla

Bolivia has more than 11 million inhabitants². Around 50% are women. Despite representing half the population, women face significant inequalities in access to fundamental rights such as health and education. Structural problems such as gender-based violence, low wages, and underrepresentation in decision-making positions condition women's struggle for a dignified life and a healthy environment, and limit their ability to participate fully in decisions about their future.

However, despite this situation, the Bolivian women we have been accompanying since 2020 have taught us that they have the power to build and lead inclusive and sustainable climate solutions. Their work leading community-based organizations, restoring water sources, and planting food with respect for the land has taught us that supporting their initiatives means supporting the defense of land, water, and biodiversity, while promoting gender equality as a cross-cutting principle.

In their daily lives, as they deal with the effects of wildfires in the Chiquitanía or search for and plant water in the increasingly arid Altiplano, they generate innovative proposals, bring their communities together around solutions, and are protagonists of a more just future.

² Instituto Nacional de Estadística (INE) – *Censo de Población y Vivienda 2024*

At *Fundación Semilla*, we not only finance their projects, we also support their processes, listen to them, and promote the exchange of experiences between organizations. Above all, we are convinced that climate justice in Bolivia will only be possible if women's leadership in building solutions is heard and valued.



Photo: FUNDESA

What happens when local communities lead Nature-based Solutions (NbS)?



Ruth Vargas
Program Manager at Fundación Semilla

Two years ago, at *Fundación Semilla*, we asked ourselves this question. We decided to support community initiatives that use nature and natural processes as allies to solve social and environmental challenges. This refers to all actions aimed at sustainably protecting, managing, and restoring natural or urban ecosystems that effectively and adaptively address societal challenges. This includes ensuring water and food security, adaptation and resilience to climate change, providing human well-being, and generating benefits for biodiversity.

With this strategy, we have managed to strengthen ancestral wisdom and take advantage of multiple benefits with a focus on adaptability and resilience. In addition, we have reached the most vulnerable with full participation.

These projects represent much more than simple financial support. They demonstrate that problems and solutions lie at the local level. They validate the capacity of communities to manage, learn, recognize the principles of NbS, successfully apply for calls for proposals, ensure transparency and participation in reporting, and scale up their initiatives without losing sight of local leadership.

We strengthen local capacities in areas where support is needed. The funds are appropriately sized to raise the profile of communities and amplify their voices, as confirmed by the results achieved.

It is crucial to address the pending projects that also ensure the protection of biomes. By doing so, a much greater long-term impact is achieved, allowing their actions to continue regulating the climate, improving soil nutrients, and strengthening biodiversity and essential ecosystem services.



Photo: F. Semilla



Results of our
support in 2024

PROGRAMS

Women for Climate Justice: Promoting Sustainable Solutions

This program focuses on supporting projects related to Gender-Just Climate Solutions, the protection of critical ecosystems, and the strengthening of women's leadership capacities as mitigation and resilience measures. In Bolivia, this includes ensuring women's active participation in environmental and climate decision-making, providing access to financial and technological resources, and promoting education and training on climate change issues. These initiatives should not only focus on climate resilience, but also on promoting gender equity and women's economic empowerment.

Thematic areas:

Area 1 - Strengthening leadership capacities

Area 2 - Advocacy and networking

Area 3 - Just Climate Solutions



Guardians of the Amazon: Protecting the Heart of the Rainforest

The Guardians of the Amazon program is designed to support projects and initiatives that promote sustainability and conservation in the Amazon region, traditional and sustainable forest management and the environmental functions they provide, community forest management, initiatives related to addressing the causes and effects of climate change, projects that reaffirm the culture and traditional knowledge of indigenous communities, the recovery of areas affected by wildfire, droughts, and floods, and the protection and conservation of wildlife, among others.

Thematic areas:

Area 1 - Climate Change mitigation and adaptation.

Area 2 - Institutional strengthening, environmental education, and communications.

Area 3 - Actions to strengthen territorial governance.

Area 4 - Biodiversity economy and cultural revaluation.

Area 5 - Conservation and management of wild flora and fauna.



Nature-based Solutions (NbS) Initiatives

This program focuses on supporting actions that sustainably protect, manage, and restore natural or urban ecosystems to effectively and adaptively address societal challenges, providing human well-being and biodiversity benefits.

Thematic areas:

Area 1 - Solutions based on water management and conservation.

Area 2 - Solutions based on biodiversity conservation.

Area 3 - Solutions based on adaptation and resilience to climate change.

Area 4 - Solutions based on a sustainability approach.

Area 5 - Solutions based on ecosystem restoration.



Program for Coexistence between Jaguars and Communities

This program supports local initiatives that help protect the jaguar's ecosystem and reduce human-jaguar conflicts, promoting their protection and conservation through actions or policies with the power of Nature-based Solutions.

Thematic areas:

Area 1 - Forest and livelihood strengthening and sustainable management.

Area 2 - Strengthening community monitoring.

Area 3 - Conflict management and resolution.

Area 4 - Education and awareness (cross-cutting among 1, 2, and 3).



Emergency Support Program

This program focuses on meeting the most urgent needs of people suffering the immediate effects of natural disasters such as floods, droughts, and wildfire. The resources allocated to organizations and communities respond to the specific requests of these groups and can range from food and medicine to personal protective equipment for firefighters, all delivered directly to the affected communities or groups.

Thematic areas:

Area 1 - Emergency assistance for flooding.

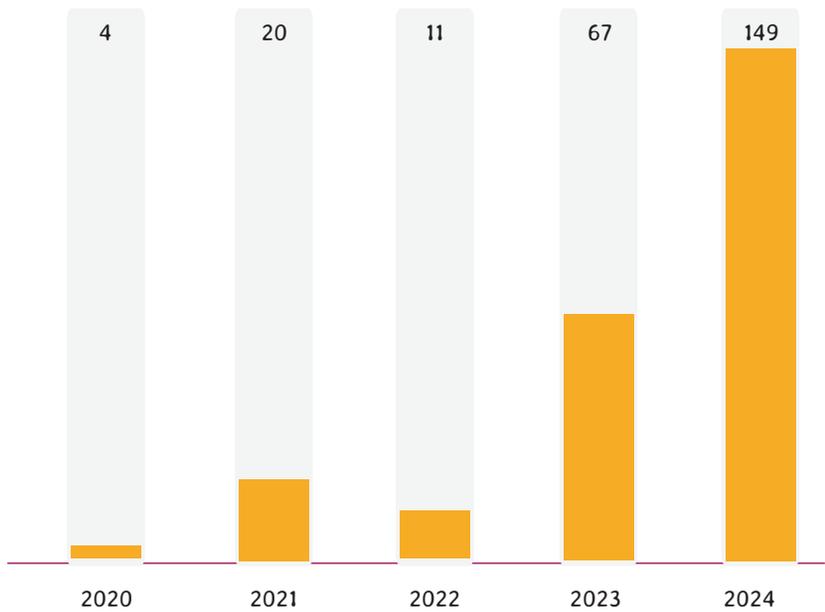
Area 2 - Emergency support for wildfire.



OVERALL RESULTS

Evolution of our donations

The year 2024 marked a significant leap in *Fundación Semilla's* support capacity. We went from 4 grants awarded in 2020 to 149 donations in 2024. This volume includes a diversity of initiatives, territories, and local organizations and communities, which makes this achievement particularly relevant.



Donations in 2024

Type of support	Number of grants	Amount invested (USD)
Projects	63	477.979
Emergency support	40	28.677
Capacity-building support	46	25.044
Total	149	531.700

63 PROJECTS

40 EMERGENCY SUPPORT

46 CAPACITY BUILDING SUPPORTS

Program	Number of grants
Women for Climate Justice Program	14
Guardians of the Amazon Program	32
Nature-based Solutions Initiatives Program	14
Program for Coexistence between Jaguars and Communities	3
Emergency Support Program	40
Capacity Building	46 ³
Total	149

³ These correspond to support granted on an individual basis



Photo: FUNDESA

Project support in 2024

In 2024, *Semilla* reached its highest volume of donations since its inception in Bolivia. The support of international and local partners, as well as the contribution of resources by the communities themselves, allowed us to expand the scope of our actions.

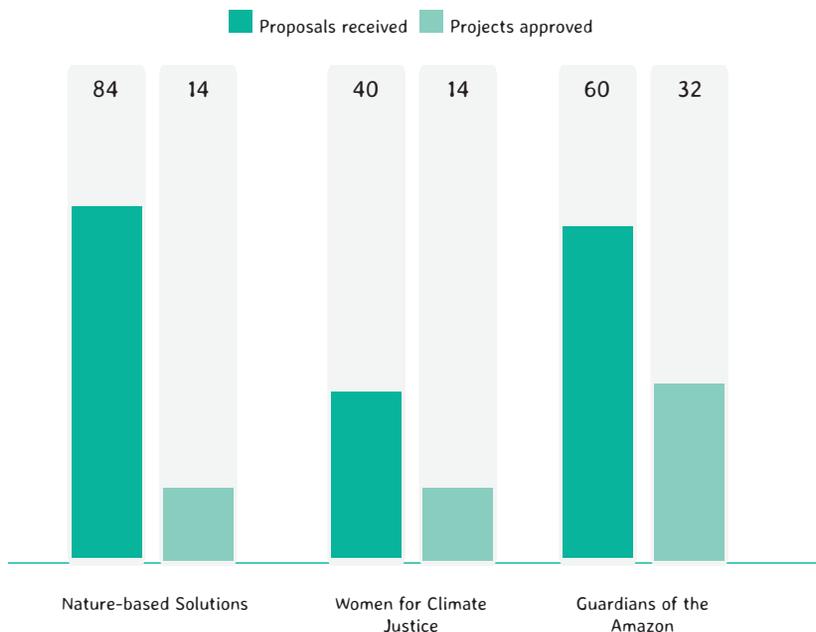
We launched three public calls for proposals for the following programs:

- Nature-based Solutions (NbS) Initiatives
- Women for Climate Justice: Promoting Sustainable Solutions
- Guardians of the Amazon: Protecting the Heart of the Forest

When the calls for proposals for our programs closed, we received 184 proposals, of which 60 were approved for funding.



2024 project calls: proposals received and projects approved



This demonstrates a high demand from communities who, interested in protecting their biomes and developing their local economies with respect for nature, have submitted their initiatives to the calls for proposals launched by the Foundation. While we were able to support a large number of initiatives, the high number of applications reflects a greater need for attention to local communities and grassroots groups.

In addition, in 2024, we launched the Jaguar and Community Coexistence program for the first time, supporting three projects. The Emergency Support program was activated on two occasions: to respond to the floods in early 2024 and to address the wildfires that consumed more than 12 million hectares⁴ of forests, grasslands, and other territories, starting in the second quarter.

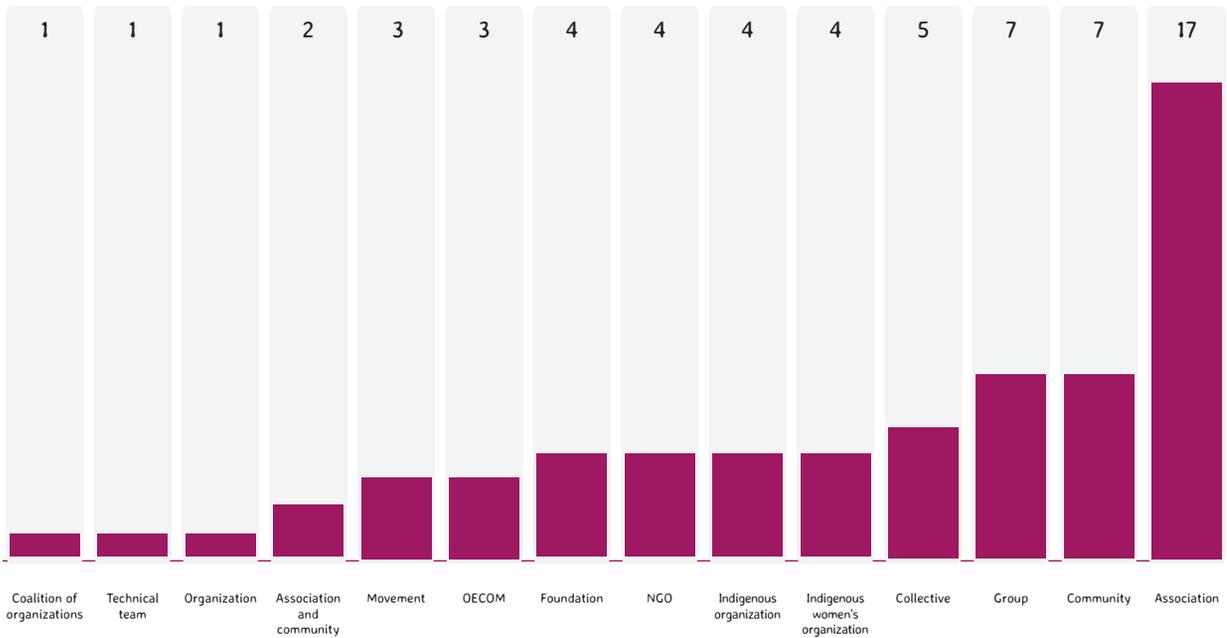
⁴ Informe de investigación Incendios forestales 2024: Tras las huellas del fuego - Fundación Tierra



Who we supported in 2024

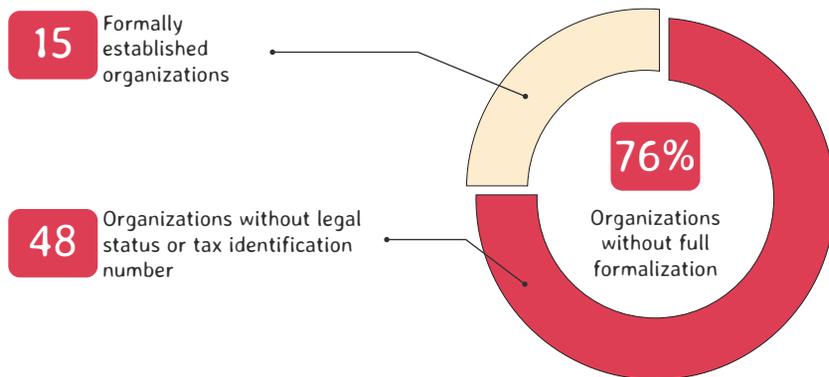
The organizations supported in 2024 reflect a great diversity: associations, communities, groups, collectives, indigenous organizations, NGOs, foundations, Community Economic Organizations (OECOM by its Spanish acronym), and movements. This pluralism reflects both local leadership and the diversity of knowledge and approaches to problem-solving.

63 Supported groups



Formalization of supported groups

Most of the initiatives supported in 2024 (76%) required organizational support to receive project resources, while only 15 (24%) did not. Most of the community organizations leading the projects operate with limited formalization capacities⁵. However, while they strengthen these capacities, *Fundación Semilla* has a flexible economic mechanism that allows resources to be channeled through a support organization. This experience highlights the importance of financing institutional strengthening processes and respecting community timelines and dynamics to ensure their true leadership.



⁵ Obtaining legal status and a Tax Identification Number (NIT), requirements for receiving funds and complying with tax obligations in Bolivia.



Beneficiaries

Of the total 123,411 beneficiaries, 14,923 (12%) are direct beneficiaries and 108,488 (88%) are indirect beneficiaries⁶. This shows a strong multiplier effect of community actions: many people benefit through local networks and practices.

Direct beneficiaries

14.923

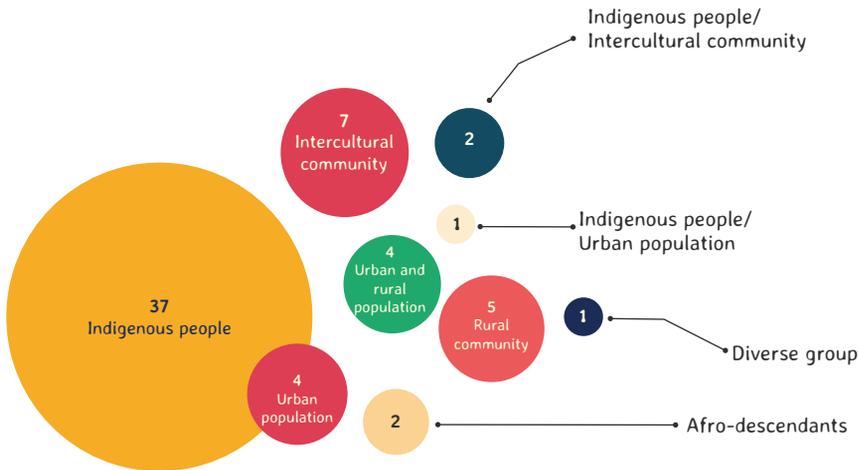
Indirect beneficiaries

108.488

⁶ Data provided according to estimates from the groups supported.



How beneficiaries are identified



Most of the project beneficiaries self-identify as part of the indigenous peoples. In 2024, we reached 18 indigenous nations in Bolivia, supporting initiatives of the Afro-Bolivian, Aymara, Quechua, Tacana, Leco, Uchupiamona, Esse Eja, Kallawaya, Uru, Guaraní, Guarayú, Uru-Murato, Chiquitano, Guarasug'we, Mosetén, Movima, Cavineño, and Tsimané (Chimán) peoples.

In addition, rural, intercultural, mixed, and multicultural communities were identified, reflecting the plurality and intersectionality of the beneficiary communities⁷.

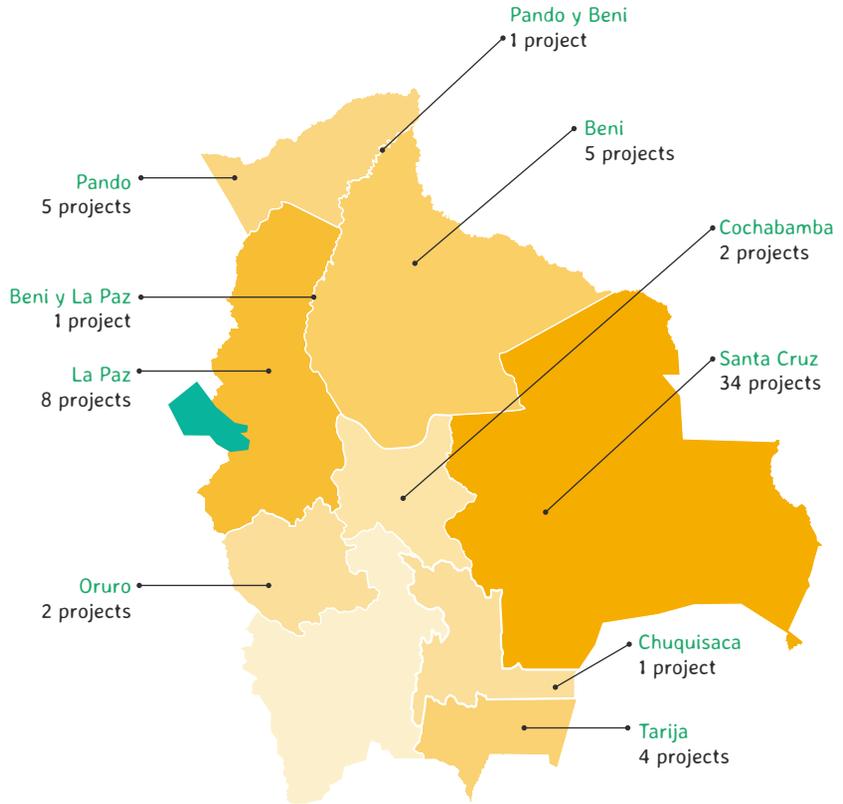
⁷ *Fundación Semilla works with respect for the forms of identification of the groups and individuals it supports, so the data in this section reflects information provided by them.*



Photo: Senda Verde

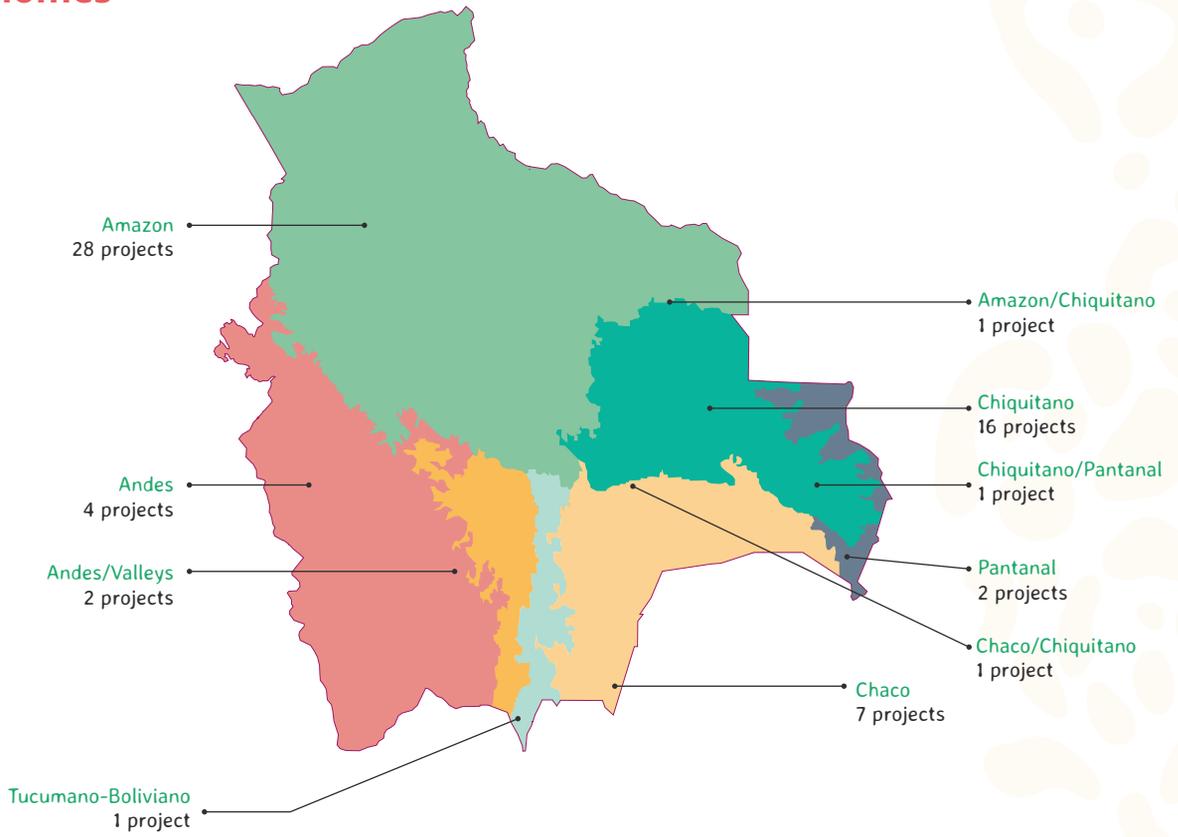
Territorial scope in Bolivia

Departments



In 2024, we provided support to eight of Bolivia's nine departments, with Santa Cruz and La Paz being the regions with the highest number of projects. We also highlight our arrival in Pando and Beni. In terms of biomes, most of the projects were implemented in the Amazon and the Chiquitano biome, with a significant presence in the Chaco and less representation in the Andes, the Pantanal, and ecosystem transition areas. There is a concentration in forest and wetland areas, although initiatives were also supported in other ecosystems whose conservation is essential for regional and planetary sustainability.

Biomes



Projects in conservation areas and indigenous territories

More than half of the projects supported by *Fundación Semilla* in 2024 (34 out of 63) were implemented in territories recognized for their ecological and cultural value, such as TCO/TIOC⁸, protected areas, and Ramsar sites⁹.

The TCOs or TIOCs in which we supported initiatives were: Monte Verde Indigenous Territory, Lomerío Indigenous Territory (San Antonio de Lomerío), Avatiri Ingre Indigenous Territory, Macharetí Indigenous Territory (Macharetí-Ñankaroina-Karandaití), Tacana Indigenous Territory, Pilón Lajas Biosphere Reserve and Community Land of Origin, Mosen Indigenous Territory, Esecatato Auna Kiix (Kixch) Indigenous Territory, Guarayo Indigenous Territory, Tsimané Indigenous Territory, and Bajo Paraguá Community Land of Origin¹⁰.

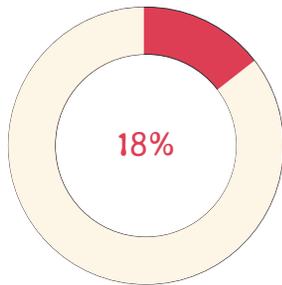
The protected areas in which the projects were developed were: Motacusito Municipal Protected Area, San Matías Integrated Management Natural Area, Güendá-Urubó Natural Heritage Conservation Unit, Serranía del Aguaragüe National Park and Integrated Management Natural Area, Parapetí Basin and Bañados del Isozo Protected Area, Madidi National Park and Integrated Management Natural Area, Pilón Lajas Biosphere Reserve and Community Land of Origin, Tucabaca Valley Municipal Wildlife Reserve, Río Grande – Valles Cruceños Integrated Management Natural Area, Manuripi Amazonian Wildlife National Reserve, Amboró National Park and Integrated Management Natural Area, Cotapata National Park and Integrated Management Natural Area, Arroyo Bahía Basin Integrated Management Natural Area, and Porvenir Forest Integrated Management Natural Area.

⁸ According to the definition of the National Institute of Statistics (INE), a TIOC is a geographical area where one or more indigenous nations or peoples exercise self-government and their right to self-determination. TIOCs (or TCOs) are consolidated collective territories where INRA has completed the land titling process. They have final land titling resolutions and enforceable titles or property titles signed by the President of the Plurinational State of Bolivia - Fundación Tierra, June 2011.

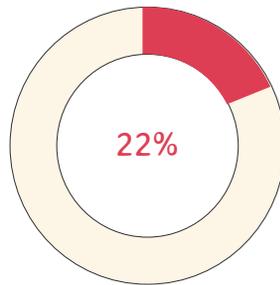
⁹ Ramsar sites are wetlands that provide services and resources to the world. Many wetlands are considered to be of international importance, meaning that the services and resources they provide are important to the whole world - WWF Bolivia.

¹⁰ The standardized names in this document were taken from official atlases and inventories and public compilations. However, there may be local variations in spelling, traditional names, or subsequent administrative changes.

The Ramsar sites were: Bolivian Pantanal, Lake Titicaca, Lakes Poopó and Uru Uru, and the Matos River.



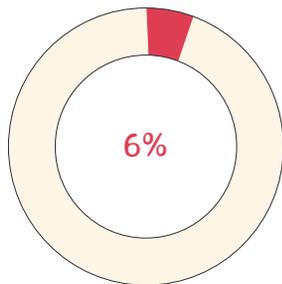
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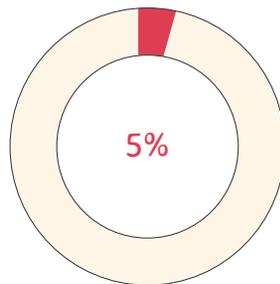
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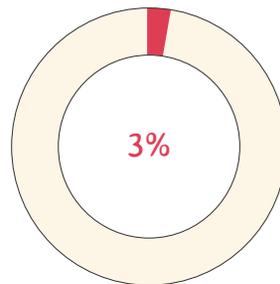
Projects in conservation areas and indigenous territories



Ramsar Site



Protected Area/TCO or TIOC

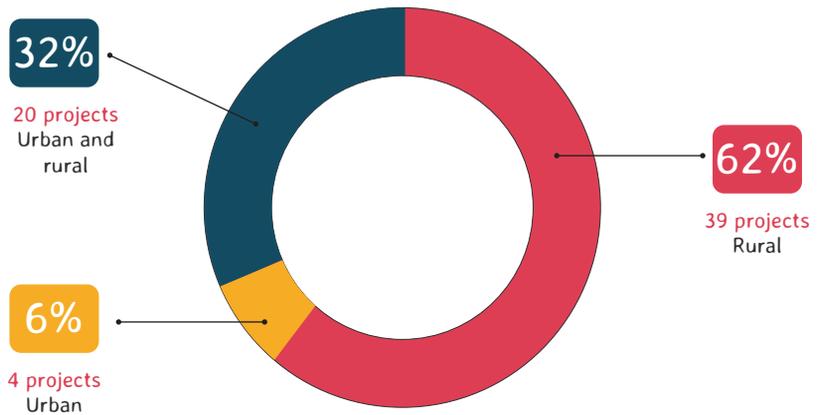


Protected Area/Ramsar Site



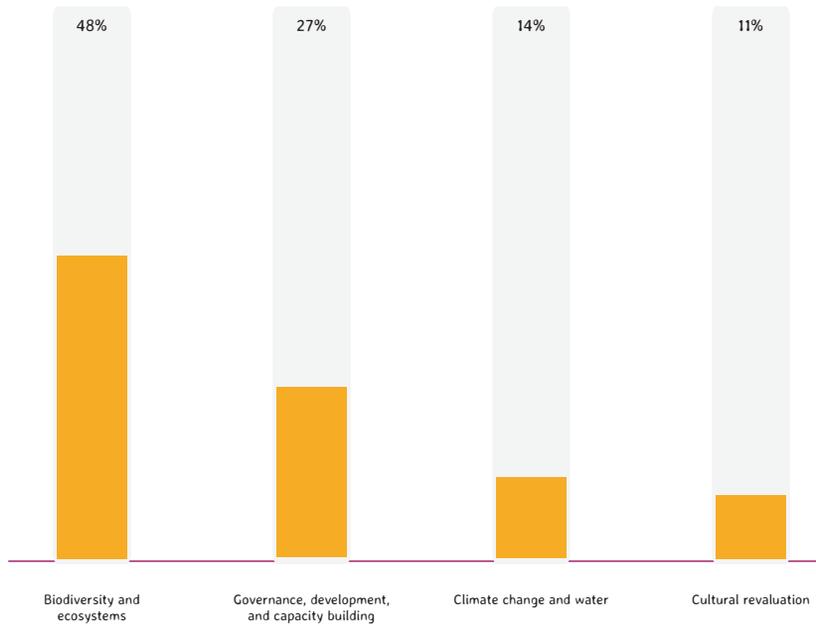
Project development area

Most of the projects (62%) are being developed in rural areas, while 32% cover urban-rural areas and only 6% are being implemented in exclusively urban areas. This reflects a strong focus on rural areas, where the protection of livelihoods and biodiversity is promoted, while continuing to address urban environmental challenges such as water pollution and waste management.



Thematic Areas

Community initiatives focus on a variety of topics: biodiversity and ecosystem care, actions for territorial governance, capacity building and strengthening, adaptation and resilience to climate change, and cultural revaluation¹¹.



¹¹ For ease of reading, the initiatives were grouped according to criteria defined by *Fundación Semilla*. The same project may appear in more than one area or axis, as socio-environmental problems are interconnected and their solutions require cross-cutting approaches. Therefore, the figures presented show the number of times the projects were included in each category, and not the total number of unique projects.



Photo: F. Semilla

Areas of support

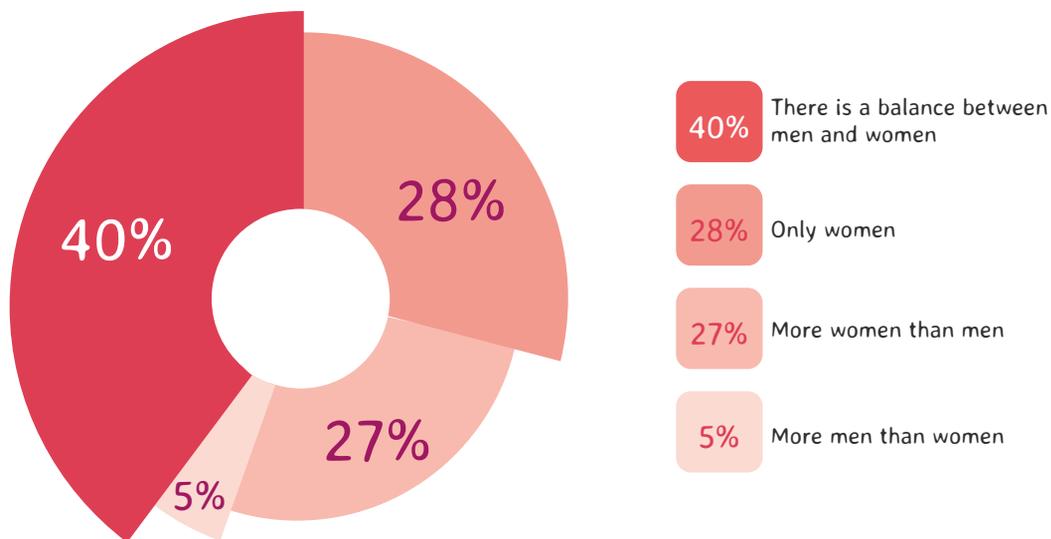


Photo: OECOM Santa Ana de Mosetenes



Gender equality

Forty percent of the organizations supported by *Fundación Semilla* have a balanced composition, with both women and men participating in the initiatives. Twenty-eight percent are organizations made up entirely of women, and 27% are made up mostly of women¹².



¹² The figures presented are estimates based on self-identification and records reported by the supported groups, and were prepared in accordance with the indicators and methodology provided by *Fundación Semilla*.



EMERGENCY SUPPORT

In 2024, two types of emergencies marked the lives of many communities in Bolivia: floods in Amazonian areas and large wildfires that reached critical dimensions, especially in the biomes of Chiquitanía, the Amazon, and the Pantanal. In response, *Fundación Semilla* responded to requests from affected communities and groups in disaster areas by activating emergency funds.

Our support focused on meeting urgent needs identified by local communities and brigades: from food and water to personal protective equipment for volunteer firefighters, frontline support tools, and basic items for displaced or affected families. Resources were tailored to local priorities based on requests.

Wildfire

39

Floods

1

Total emergency support

40



Organizations supported

Donations were sent through local organizations and partners active in the affected areas: NGOs, foundations, indigenous and community organizations, municipal governments, and emergency committees. Resources went directly to volunteer and community firefighters, rural and indigenous communities, and a wildlife rescue and custody center.

32 groups
Indigenous and rural
community

7 groups
Firefighters
(volunteer and
community
brigades)

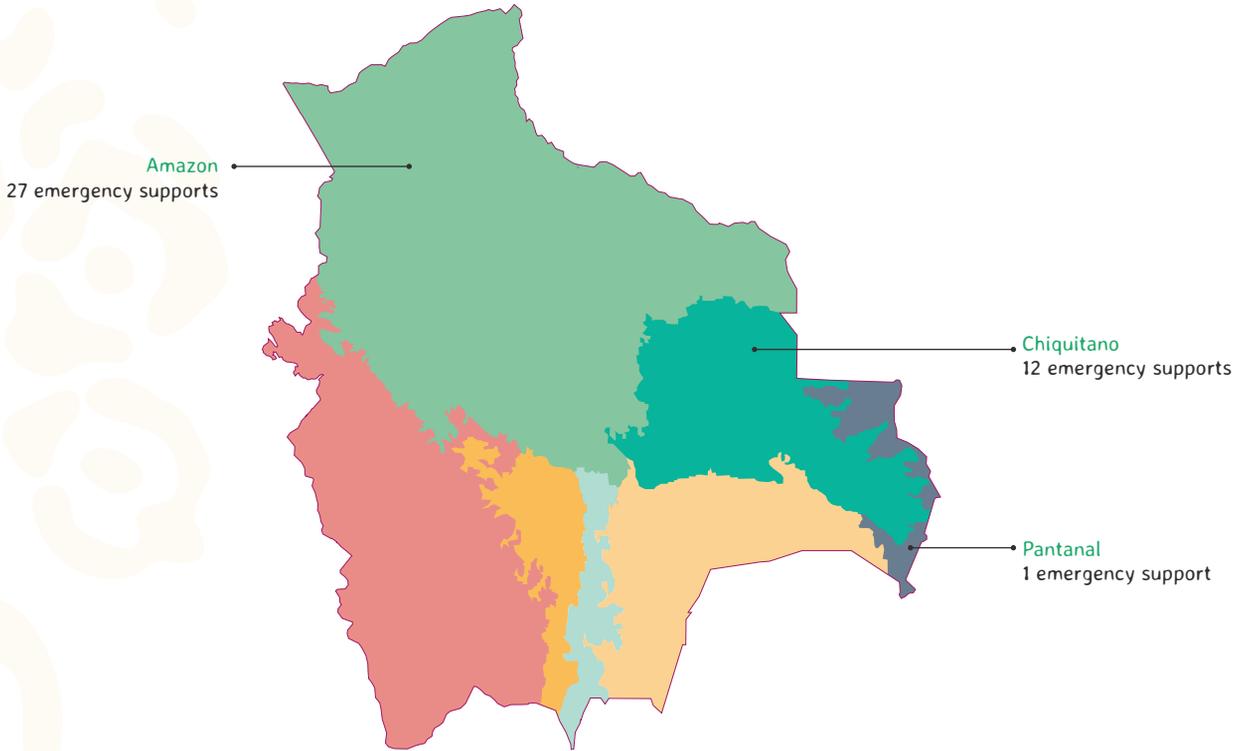
1 Wildlife rescue and
custody center



Photo: F. Semilla

Territorial scope of emergency support

Donations were sent directly to the most affected areas, reaching the departments of Santa Cruz, Beni¹³, Pando, and La Paz in the Chiquitano, Pantanal, and Amazon biomes:



13 According to the research report *Wildfires 2024: In the Footsteps of Fire* by Fundación Tierra, in 2024, the area burned nationwide reached 12.6 million hectares. The most affected departments were Santa Cruz and Beni. The former accounted for 68% of the burned area, while the latter accounted for 28%. Together, these two departments account for 96% of the burned area nationwide.

CAPACITY BUILDING AND LEADERSHIP

Part of *Fundación Semilla's* strategic work is to strengthen the capacities and leadership of representatives of the groups it supports and community leaders. Within this framework, the organization promotes two types of training activities:

- Internal activities linked to the Foundation's calls for proposals (strengthening financial, administrative, and communication processes).
- Individual or group activities in which *Fundación Semilla* supports the participation of these actors, but which are organized by partner organizations or regional networks.



Photo: F. Semilla

Capacity-building activities organized

During 2024, a series of virtual workshops was held for groups interested in learning about the requirements and processes for preparing proposals for our funding calls. These workshops aimed to provide the necessary tools for groups to develop proposals for initiatives and apply for the corresponding calls for proposals.

Workshop 1: Informational meeting on the Call for Nature-based Solutions (NbS) Initiatives. This workshop was complemented by four customized virtual sessions for groups that were in the process of developing proposals.

Workshop 2: Informational meeting on the Call for Proposals for Women for Climate Justice (two sessions).

Workshop 3: Informational meeting on the Call for Proposals for Guardians of the Amazon (2 sessions).

Four specific capacity-building activities in finance, administration, and communication were also organized for the selected groups:

Workshop 1: Introduction to the program for Coexistence between Jaguars and Communities.

Workshop 2: Introduction to the Nature-Based Solutions Initiatives program.

Workshop 3: Introduction to the Women for Climate Justice program.

Workshop 4: Introduction to the Guardians of the Amazon program.

Supported strengthening activities

Collaboration and learning networks are part of *Fundación Semilla's* strategic strengthening approach. To generate these types of connections, in 2024 the organization supported leaders and representatives of grassroots organizations' participation in training activities.

One of the most important events was our meeting of supported groups, which coincided with the 11th Pan-Amazonian Social Forum, an event that brought together peoples from the nine countries in this region to discuss and coordinate strategies in defense of the Amazon.

Activities:

- Workshop on wildlife management
- Preparatory meeting for the 11th Pan-Amazonian Social Forum (FOSPA by its Spanish acronym)
- Participation in the 11th Pan-Amazonian Social Forum
- Analog Forestry Workshop
- Women's meeting in the city of Santa Cruz de la Sierra

46 People supported



INSTITUTIONAL STRENGTHENING AND COORDINATION

Annual Meeting of Fondo Casa Socioambiental - March 2024: We participated in a reflection space marking 19 years of *Fondo Casa's* work in Brazil, together with board members, donors, and partner organizations. This space strengthened mutual learning and the consolidation of philanthropic practices from the South.

First Meeting of Fundación Semilla Supported Groups - June 2024: Held on June 10 and 11 in Rurrenabaque, Beni, this meeting was long awaited and planned by the *Fundacion Semilla's* team and marked an important milestone in its history by bringing together, for the first time, representatives of organizations from Bolivia's nine departments.

A delegation of 26 supported groups and 5 Foundation collaborators participated in the meeting, which focused on the exchange of experiences based on the realities and contexts of their territories. These reflections strengthened their perspectives and were an important source of learning for the Foundation.



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Pan-Amazonian Social Forum (FOSPA) - June 2024: *Fundación Semilla* participated with a delegation of 25 representatives from supported groups and 4 collaborators. During the forum, they participated in assemblies, debates, and visits to indigenous and riverine communities.



Presentation of *Fondo Ñeque* results, Ecuador - June 2024: We participated in the 2021–2023 results presentation event of *Fondo Ñeque*, our ally in Ecuador and a member of the Socio-Environmental Funds of the Global South Alliance. The event also brought together the executive coordination of the Funds of the Global South Alliance, the *Emerger* Fund (Colombia), and the Socio-Environmental Fund of Peru.



Second in-person meeting of the Socio-Environmental Funds of the Global South Alliance - August 2024:

From August 11 to 14, 2024, *Fundación Socioambiental Semilla* joined 15 socio-environmental funds that make up the Socio-Environmental Funds of the Global South Alliance for its annual members' meeting in Maputo, Mozambique, a key event to strengthen connections and plan the future of the network among socio-environmental funds in the Global South.

This meeting brought together 31 representatives from member socio-environmental funds. The agenda included visits to projects supported by the *Tindzila* Fund (Mozambique), group work sessions, and opportunities for exchange that strengthened the Alliance's governance and consolidated strategic relationships among its members.



Conference of the Parties (COP16) to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) - October 2024: From October 21 to November 1, the city of Cali, Colombia, hosted the 16th Conference of the Parties (COP16) to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD). This global event brought together representatives from governments, civil society organizations, and indigenous peoples to discuss biodiversity conservation strategies and their connection to climate action.

The *Fundación Semilla* delegation actively participated in the sessions. During COP16, they focused on sharing experiences with regional actors who lead biodiversity preservation initiatives in their territories.



United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP29) - November 2024: Following COP16 on biodiversity, the next key event was COP29 on Climate Change, held in Baku, Azerbaijan. Our delegation participated in meetings with strategic allies and meetings to evaluate how the fund distribution mechanism reaches local communities and its effectiveness.

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First Meeting of GAGGA Partners and Co-partners in Bolivia - November 2024: This event, organized by the *Fondo de Mujeres Bolivia*, welcomed organizations that, with the support of the Global Alliance for Green and Gender Action (GAGGA), promote women's leadership and socio-environmental justice in Bolivia: *Fondo de Mujeres Bolivia Apthapi Jopueti*, *Colectivo Casa*, *CCIMCAT* and *Fundación Semilla*.

Our team, represented by two collaborators and two women from our supported groups, shared lessons, experiences, and challenges from their local contexts. It also allowed us to reflect and build collective strategies to strengthen our actions.



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