


CRIMINAL JUSTICE NETWORK



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PRESENTATION

TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY-TWO WAS A YEAR OF COMEBACKS!

We gradually returned to the normality of the on-site work and took back democracy from the hands of a government that undermined human rights so much.

During the entire period, the intensity of our work was relentless and further boosted by the choice of a new chief executive and the change of legislature. We continued working on the key issues of the Criminal Justice Network (RJC), such as pressing for a return to face-to-face custody hearings, the end of torture and criminalization of social movements.

We also proudly harvest positive results, which confirm that despite the challenges, there is always a positive force driving us forward. As an example, we participated in a documentary promoted by Al Jazeera and won a social design award in recognition of our campaign "Left to Die" (In Portuguese, "Deixados para Morrer"), launched in 2021.

As well as strengthening our agenda, we strengthened our presence in the Northeast through a variety of actions alongside our headquarters organization - the Gajop - and associated organizations. This decision proved that we were right to expand outside of the Southeast, which also helped reinforcing our increasingly solid work in the area of public security based on popular conceptions of its management.

Amidst our day-to-day work defending a criminal justice system consistent with respect for human dignity, translated into a public security policy which promotes peace and horizontality, we are committed, like so many other civil society activists, on defending democracy against its definitive dismantling by conducting a transparent electoral process and respecting its result. There were several meetings with organizations, political representatives and the RJC's own organizations, which helped us to debate and define what our combat strategies would be and by which means. From our coalition's point of view, we decided to change. In 2018, we were faced with a scenario of imminent defeat and shrinking spaces for dialogue, we chose to launch a campaign to convince the population of the importance of public security without sensationalism; in 2022 we decided that it was time to play the

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game of public policy again, presenting numerous proposals that would address the tragedy of mass incarceration, which comes from and is caused by a policy of death. As a result, we developed an agenda with urgent measures to be implemented within the first 100 days of government, hoping that a democratic government would win the election. Fortunately, that's what happened.

It wasn't just in the sphere of our communication that we acted during the elections. Through our advocacy, we also faced the penal populism coming from the Legislative and Executive Powers, which is characteristic during this period of disputes. We stood up to law bills that reinforced the end of the temporary release and the increase of the penal state.

After the elections and with the perspective of democratic assurance, we could breathe in relief, but we keep on alert. A shift to a government committed to democracy is no guarantee of a less severe punitive approach. On the contrary, the chronic state of our prisons is enough proof this disaster has been going through generations.

Regardless of the direction public policies in the areas of security and justice take from now on, we will not be deterred from fulfilling the mission we took on from the moment we were founded. At the same time this democratic comeback could mean a new opportunity to reflect on the way we conceive and deal with the punitive power of the State and how our deepest prejudices prevent our society from achieving fairer and more harmonious relationships, grounded in conceptions that actually address the roots of our social inequalities.

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THE FUTURE IS NOW: ADVOCACY AND THE DEMOCRATIC CONTROL

BRAZILIAN CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS INVESTED A GREAT DEAL OF ENERGY IN 2022 DEFENDING DEMOCRACY AND ENSURING THE ELECTORAL PROCESS TOOK PLACE PROPERLY, RESPECTING THE RESULTS OF ELECTRONIC BALLOT BOXES. In parallel, both National Congress houses kept on the agenda proposals promoting mass incarceration and increasingly human rights violations in prisons. There were several attacks against the progression of imprisonment regimes and temporary releases, as well as the well-known threats to criminalize social movements through alterations in the Anti-Terrorism Law. (Law 13.206/2016).

Together with organizations belonging to the Pact for Democracy (in Portuguese, Pacto pela Democracia), we met with Supreme Court ministers, in addition to the presidents of the Brazilian Lawyers' Association and the National Association of Prosecutors, as well as the president of the Federal Senate, Rodrigo Pacheco, always demanding a position in defense of the democratic order, placing ourselves in the same line of commitment and defense of the electoral process

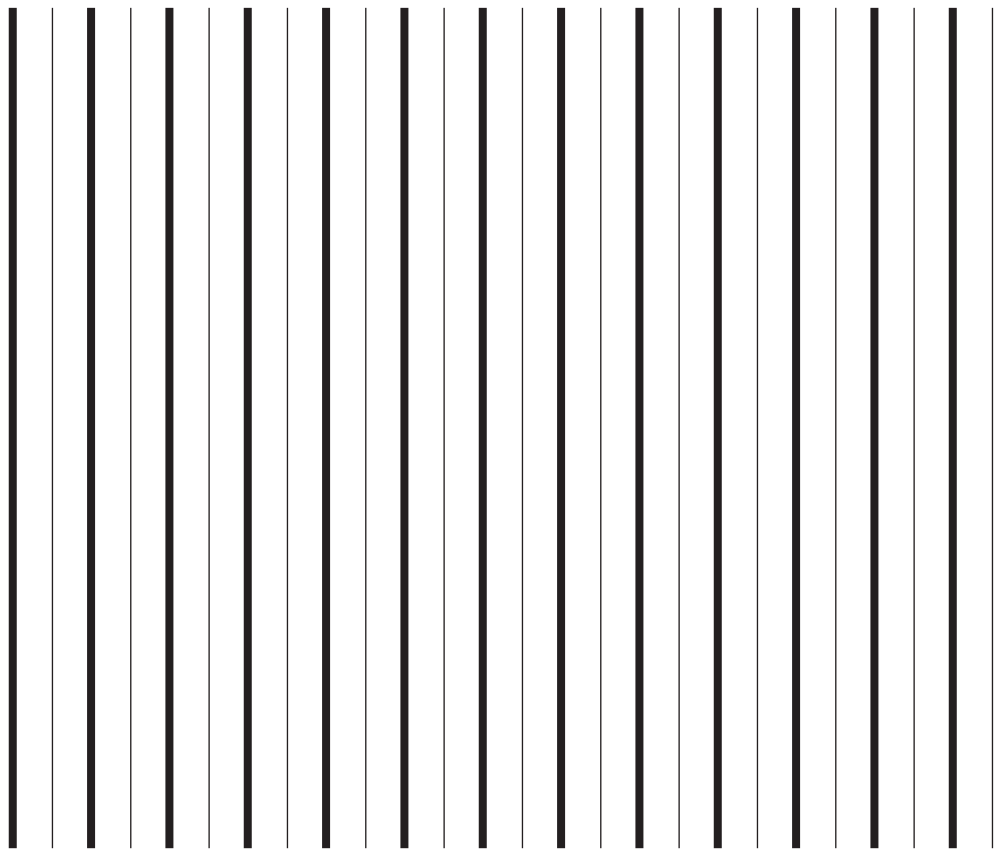


Two-thousand and twenty-two was the last year of the 56th legislature and, with the elections underway, one of the Congress' characteristics was the approval of electoral issues that had major social repercussions. During the last week before the parliamentary recess, which counted with an extremely low attendance quorum, bill 583/2011 was approved, which links the regime's progression to the

performance of a criminological examination, as well as extinguishing temporary releases. The Network's technical note was widely disseminated and had its arguments used in speeches of parliamentarians who were against the proposal.

Lastly, the Executive Power summarized its proposal for public security in three bills: 731/2022, 732/2022 and 733/2022, which focused on critical issues such as the exclusion of unlawfulness and the broadening of the concept of terrorism by amending the Anti-Terrorism Law. Two of the proposals were approved by the Public Security Committee and, thanks to our work, were not included in the Constitution, Justice and Citizenship Committee.

All the actions we have taken in the National Congress, as well as together with civil society partners, have been driven by our communication. This is because we understand that without communication, our reach and impact would be much limited. In the following numbers and actions, we are able to show some of the results of our work in this area.



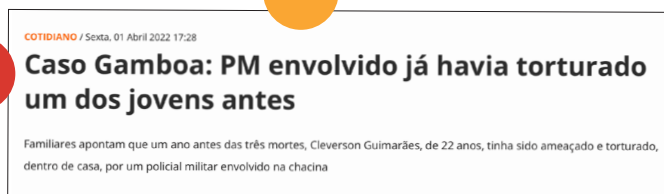
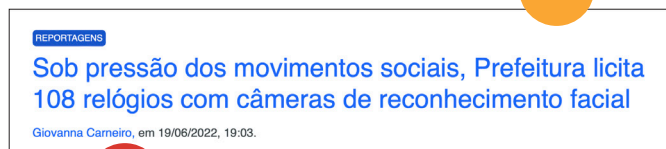
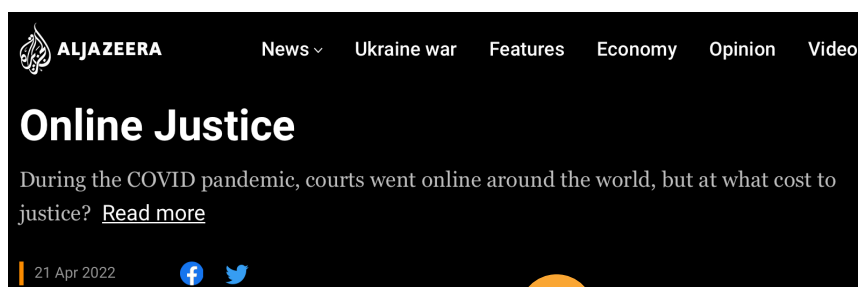
THE POWER OF COMMUNICATION IN DISPUTE TIMES

IN THE MIDST OF POPULIST SPEECHES that undermine human rights, persecution of opposition voices and the intensification of disinformation processes, often led by the federal government itself and members of parliament, the Criminal Justice Network worked hard to promote discussions that would contribute to the fight against mass incarceration, always guided by the preservation of fundamental rights.

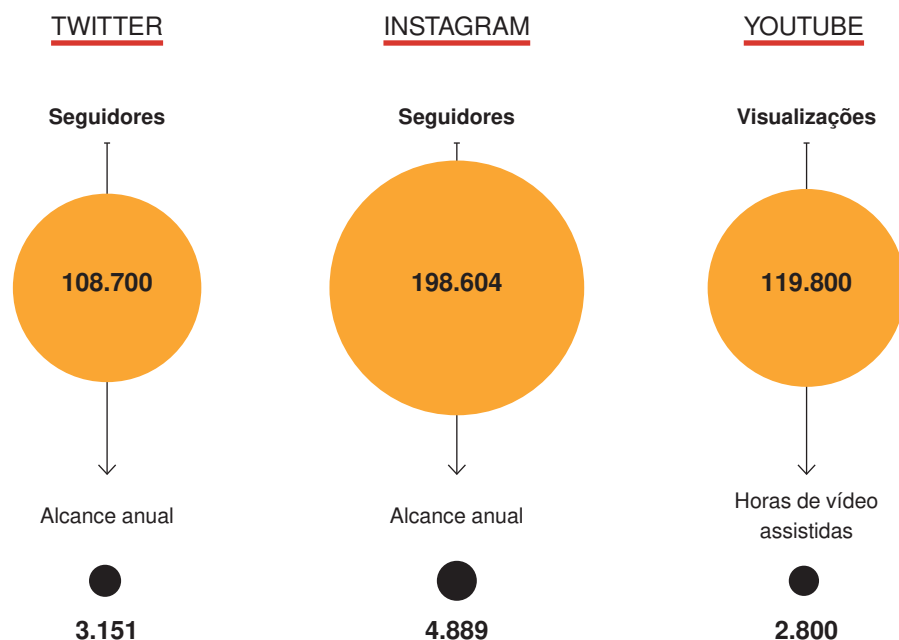
In 2022, we expanded our presence in the media, publishing articles and acting as a source of information. In addition to being featured on the country's main news portals, we took part in a documentary made by Al Jazeera on the virtualization of custody hearings and their impacts in Brazil and Mexico.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE NETWORK RELEASES OPINION COLUMN ON MÍDIA NINJA PORTAL

- **Do you feel safe with more arrests and the police?**
- **Criminal justice and the suspension of voting rights.**
- **There was racism in the middle of the road**
- **How Bolsonaroism resists both in Congress and within civil society as well**
- **Why has Brazil imprisoned so many women?**

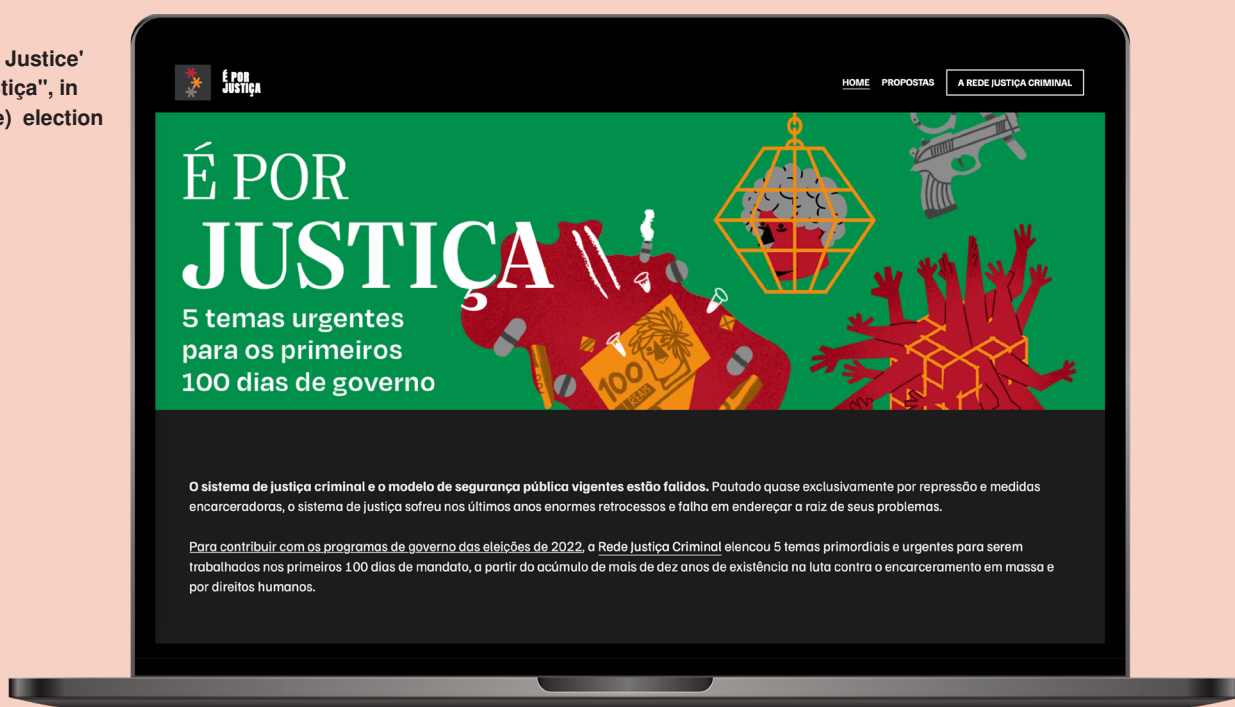


Over this period, there was also a significant growth on our social media and website traffic with the releases of contents in a variety of formats answering the coalition's most frequently asked questions.



In addition to the dispute over the narrative in social media and the press, we worked on the creation and dissemination of various content formats. As the elections approached, we drew up an electoral agenda focusing on the first 100 days of government that was widely spread, we worked together both online and offline on a campaign against the installation of facial recognition cameras in the city of Recife and we reminded people of the Gamboa massacre at a screening in the city of Salvador.

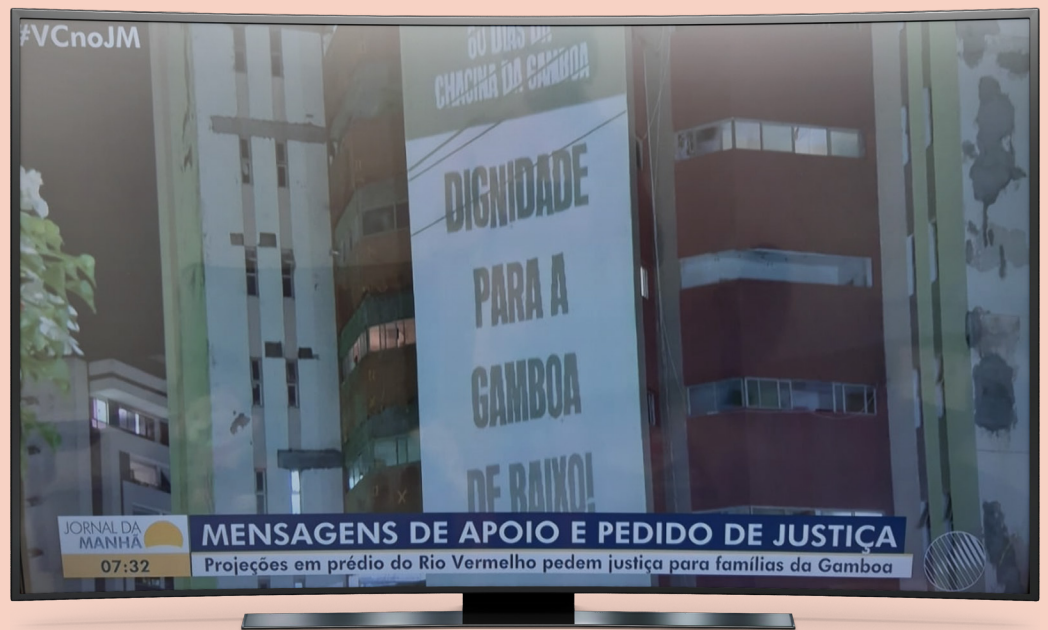
The 'It's for Justice' ("É por Justiça", in Portuguese) election agenda.





Popular campaign boasts more than 5,000 signatures against the implementation of facial recognition technology in Recife.

Collective action in memory of Alexandre, Cleveson and Patrick, victims of police lethality in Gamboa, downtown area of Salvador.



RJC'S WORK THROUGH THE YEAR

BELOW IS A TIMELINE OF OUR WORK THROUGHOUT 2022.

This way we hope not only our thematic work can be visualized, but also the evolution of our actions and strategies over months of continuous work and incessant monitoring, whether through parliamentary activity or through our communication and institutional work.

JANUARY

We had an important meeting with deputy Arthur Lira, president of the Chamber of Deputies, in which we presented various social demands and expressed our concern about the bills that broaden the concept of terrorism.



FEBRUARY

In February, we mainly articulated around the UN's visit to Brazil regarding the prevention and actions against torture, we lobbied for the withdrawal of the Terrorism Bill (Bill 272/2016) from the agenda and we also pressured the withdrawal of one of the bills that made the use of weapons more flexible (Bill 3723/2019). These efforts are part of various advocacy strategies, such as visits to senators' offices, meetings with the bill's draftsman and meetings with the PT (Workers Party) leadership. As a result we managed to get these bills temporarily removed from the table.



MARCH

RJC was in Salvador to take part in an activity organized by IDEAS, one of our member organizations. The panel discussions were attended by members of civil society, the Public Defender's Office, the Public Prosecutor's Office, family members of people currently deprived of their liberty and victims of the Gamboa massacre, which took place in February 2022, and that was revisited during the meeting.

In addition to the discussion of issues such as torture inside the prison system and the creation of Torture Prevention Mechanism in the State, **important data was shared regarding the context of public security in Bahia**, the fight against Covid-19 with a presentation of the Network's bulletin and testimonies from family members who lost their loved ones to the State violence, which was covered by the press.



APRIL

The RJC finally met in person after two years of pandemic! We did our annual planning, listing priority themes and strategies for the year, taking into account the RJC's themes and, in particular, the 2022 elections. That same month, the Al Jazeera documentary on custody hearings was also released featuring the participation of our Network.

MAY



May was an intense month in the Congress! There has been a lot of movement on issues related to public security. The Bolsonaro Government presented three bills with very dangerous incarceration potential, as well as proposals to criminalize social movements.

In addition, we worked hard against a bill that sought to ban **temporary releases**, issuing a note signed by more than 60 organizations. Thanks to this note, we managed to get several parliamentarians aligned with this agenda, as well as taking part in interviews and debates giving the issue more visibility.

JUNE

We followed the Federal Senate's Human Rights Commission (CDH) on an external visit to Sergipe in order to monitor the investigations of the case of Genivaldo Santos, who was killed by tear gas asphyxiation by the Federal Highway Police after a police raid.

According to Maria Clara D'ávilla, GAJOP's legal advisor and representative of the Criminal Justice Network at the visit, "It was extremely important for the senators and other authorities to be there, talking to the family and also putting pressure on the institutions. It is essential that the case is not seen as isolated, an exception to the rule. The brutality recorded on video makes it possible to hold those involved accountable, but it is also necessary to hold the state accountable, which allows scenes like this to happen on a daily basis.



JULY

In July we gathered in Carneiros for our three-monthly meeting, where we realigned our agenda and recharged our forces for what was to come.

In advocacy, we highlight the creation of an incidence group regarding the new CPP (Criminal Procedure Code), which has been pending in Congress since 2009, the contribution to the Antônio Tavares case alongside the listing of proposed laws aimed at criminalizing social movements and protests and finally an articulation with

the Pact for Democracy in order to hold a meeting with the Northeast Consortium.

We have also issued a manifesto with an analysis of bills that aim to criminalize social movements and protests in the country, as a contribution to the case in progress at the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (CIDH) investigating the murder of the rural worker Antônio Tavares and the injuries suffered by 185 members of the Landless Rural Workers' Movement (MST) by military police officers.

AUGUST

A WHOLE YEAR OF THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE NETWORK IN RECIFE

WE'VE COMPLETED A YEAR OF RJC IN RECIFE! Here's a reminder of the main activities that took place during this period.



ACT FOR JUSTICE FOR JHONNY LUCINDO AND ANTI-RACIST FORMATION

The Executive Secretary's team takes part in an action demanding justice for Jhonny Lucindo, an 18-year-old victim of police violence, whose family is being assisted by GAJOP. We also took part in training on 'Violence and Genocide of the Black Population' (in Portuguese, 'Violência e Genocídio da População Negra'), promoted by the Bayo Project.

TEAM INTEGRATION AND NEXT STEPS

Meeting to discuss RJC's presence in the Northeast. IDEAS also took part in the activity. New partnerships, a possible expansion of the RJC further to the North, financial sustainability and the development of a more defined agenda in the field of public security were discussed.



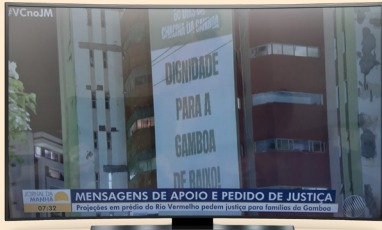
PRISON INSPECTIONS

We attended Gajop's training session on prison inspections, with representatives of organizations, social movements and newly elected members of the National Committee for the Prevention and Combat of Torture and the National Mechanism for the Prevention and Combat of Torture.

TRAINING ON CUSTODY HEARINGS

RJC took part in a training workshop for popular lawyers on custody hearings held in partnership with the Probono Institute, on the occasion of GAJOP's 40th anniversary. Our advocacy team presented an overview of legislative threats in the field of public security and the role of the police to the participants.





60 DAYS SINCE THE GAMBOA MASSACRE

In memory of Alexandre, Cleverson and Patrick, victims of police lethality in the Gamboa downtown, messages were projected onto buildings throughout the city of Salvador. The symbolic act was carried out by the Gamboa Residents' Association, IDEAS Popular Advisory and the Coalition of Black People's Rights with the support of the Criminal Justice Network.

POPULAR FORUM ON PUBLIC SAFETY

RJC took part in the meeting of the Northeast Popular Forum of Public Security. The agenda included the 2022 elections and contributions to social and popular participation agendas aimed at building public security policies in all Northeastern states, featuring organizations from Pernambuco, Bahia, Alagoas, Ceará and Rio Grande do Norte.



SEPTEMBER

In September, we held a face-to-face meeting in Brasilia with civil society organizations, organized by RJC, to discuss collective strategies to influence the processing of the CPP. As well as defining the common points for a collective stand, we divided up the topics to draft text proposals that would be discussed with the parliamentarians from the Working Group (GT) which analyze the proposals.



We also monitored the movements surrounding the CNJ's decision ordering all the country's courts to regulate the resumption of in-person custody hearings (CHs).

Another highlight of the month was the publication of our electoral agenda, which included 22 candidate signatures.



OCTOBER

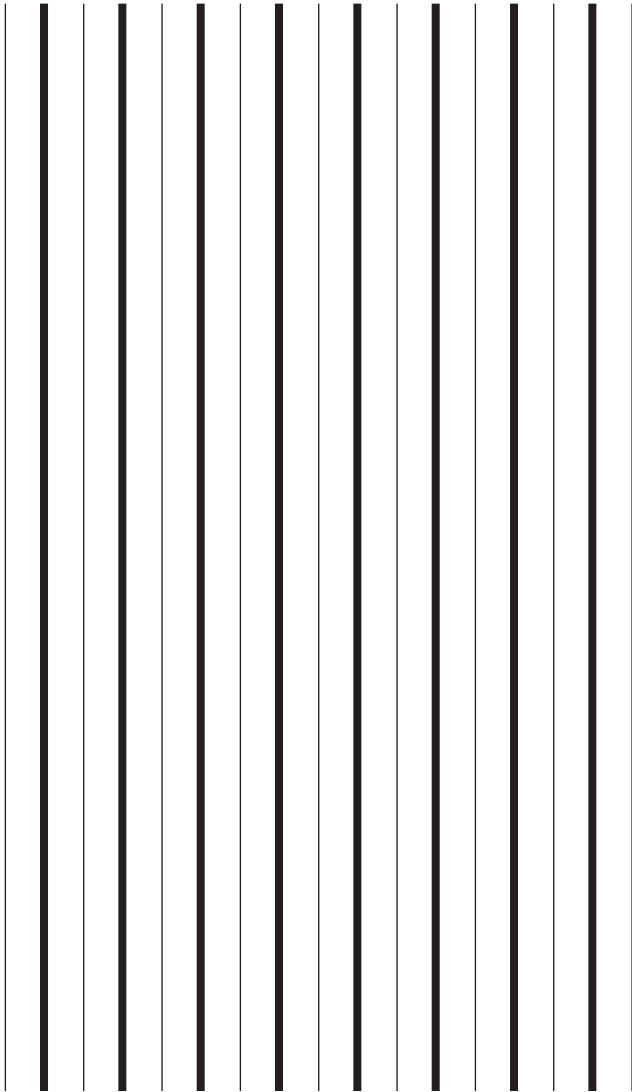
After four years of setbacks, Bolsonaro's government has been defeated at the ballot box! We worked hard during the elections, incessantly promoting our electoral agenda.

We also requested LAI (Access to Information Law) from courts across the country to collect more up-to-date data on custody hearings and asked the Chamber of Deputies for all the bills in progress on the issue of race, with Black November in mind and the strengthening of our actions to combat racism.

NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER

In the last two months of the year, we began to mobilize to influence the Transitional Government and give continuity to the agendas we defended during our electoral agenda. We presented our demand for the new government to repeal the bills presented by the Executive Power in the field of public security (Bills 731/2022, 732/2022, 733/2022 and 6125/2019) and monitor the processing of other proposals, especially the Criminal Procedure Code. We also contributed to the Front for the Defense of Democracy and Human Rights by preparing material with several demands from civil society, which were presented by the coordinator of the Front, Congresswoman Talíria Petrone (PSOL/RJ), to the new government.

Lastly we published a survey with 15 legislative projects that could put Brazil on the road to overcome racism.

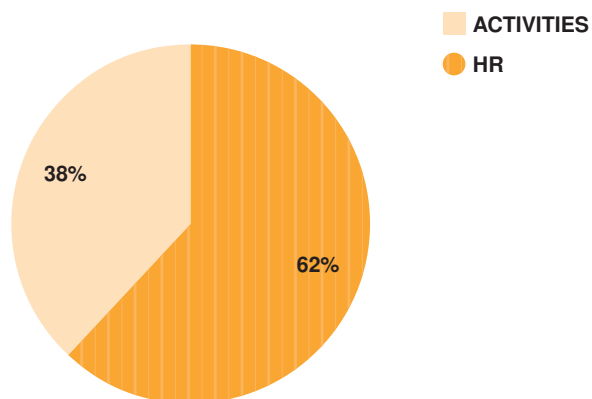


TRANSPARENCY — — AND BUDGET

RJC IS A COALITION OF BRAZILIAN NON-PROFIT CIVIL SOCIETY organizations. We exist to defend the fundamental rights and guarantees of Brazilian citizens through decarceration policies and fighting against the increase of the penal state. Every year, we inform readers about the sources and nature of our expenses in order to bring maximum transparency to our work.

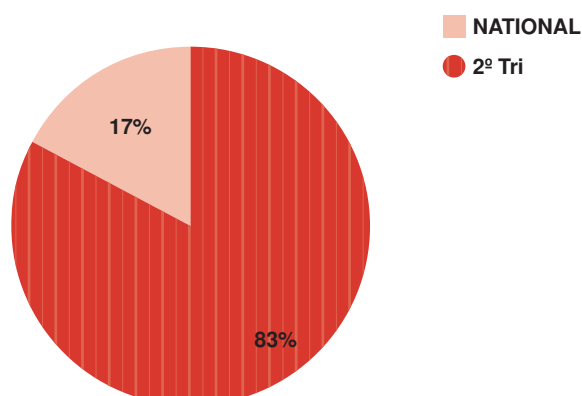
All our funding sources come from philanthropic organizations, whose support allows us to maintain our work and team on an ongoing basis. RJC currently has two funders: the Open Society Foundations (OSF) and the Brazil Fund for Human Rights (whose support comes from the Oak Foundation).

EXPENSES



FINANCIAL STATEMENT	
	R\$
(RJC/FBDH) Personal 2022	R\$ 466,764.75
(RJC/OPEN) Activities 2022	R\$ 284,152.87
Total expenses	R\$ 750,917.62

INCOME



FINANCIAL STATEMENT	
	R\$
(RJC/FBDH) 2022	R\$ 267,440.57
(RJC/OPEN)	R\$ 1,283,560.79
Total income	R\$ 1,551,001.36

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(Torture Prevention Association (APT))
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(NESC – Public Defender’s Office of São Paulo)
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(Justice Beyond Jail Articulation)
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