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'We are the IKI family in Brazil.'

This enduring sentiment stayed with representatives from all IKI ministries who closely followed the initiatives of the projects implemented in Brazil in 2023.

Throughout the year, we generated and shared new knowledge, established spaces for meetings and exchanges, devised and implemented innovative solutions to pressing challenges, and achieved various results within the climate agenda. Furthermore, we were delighted to host numerous visits from the German government!

We wouldn't be the IKI family if we hadn't welcomed the delegation ‘into our home’, providing field visits to gain a deeper understanding of our projects. As a result, these visits became meaningful interactions, fostering the sharing of experiences and further strengthening the bonds that connect us as part of the global effort for the climate.

We started in January with Minister Steffi Lemke from the German Ministry for Environment, Nature Conservation, Nuclear Safety and Consumer Protection (BMUV) visiting the Terra Mar project in the APAs of Guadualupe and Costa dos Corais, located south of Pernambuco.

In May, we hosted a delegation from IKI, led by Executive Secretary Stefan Tidow (BMUV) in Brasília. Beyond political discussions, the trip was highlighted by themes of circular economy and water management. Delegates from BMUV and the Federal Foreign Office (AA) visited a recycling centre, a cooperative of waste pickers, the Ecological Station of Águas Emendadas, and, finally, the ecoregional research unit "Embrapa Cerrados."

Wrapping up a year filled with impactful visits, we concluded on a high note by hosting a delegation from the three IKI ministries in September. This visit was led by Philipp Behrens, the director of the IKI department, from the German Ministry for Economic Affairs and Climate Action (BMWK). The delegation's purpose was to participate in the 6th Annual Meeting of IKI projects in Brazil. We guided them through the state of São Paulo, where they had the pleasure of exploring the ‘Water Funds’ projects, a regional initiative by IKI executed in collaboration with the Inter-American Development Bank (BID) and The Nature Conservancy (TNC). Additionally, they visited the global project ‘INTERACT-Bio,’ implemented by ICLEI - Local Governments for Sustainability in the municipality of Campinas. Lastly, the delegation explored the bilateral project ‘PotencializEE,’ a collaboration between GIZ, SENAI (technical assistance provider), and Desenvolve SP (state government bank) in the state of São Paulo.

In the midst of numerous visits and having gained insights into various initiatives, we emphasise values like belonging and unity, concepts that resonate when contemplating the essence of community. These are the principles we will consistently strive to enhance.

For seven years in Brazil, we've been crafting a cohesive network of IKI projects, collaborating to safeguard the climate and biodiversity. Throughout this time, we've navigated through changes in government, witnessed the commencement and conclusion of projects, and had the pleasure of establishing meaningful connections among the implementing organisations within our network.

For this resilient and dedicated community, we extend wishes for a year-end filled with peace and celebrations for our work and achievements. With the COP in Belém just on the horizon, 2024 holds the promise of intensive months ahead as we actively manifest and reinforce our endeavours towards fostering a socio-economic development that is not only just and sustainable but also resilient to the impacts of climate change.

In a celebratory spirit: we wish you enjoy your reading!

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MITIGATION

B-EPICC COMES TO AN END

from Fanny Thornton, B-EPICC project

© INTERACT-BIO | Climate Impacts Online Webpage

The Brazil-East Africa-Peru-India Climate Capacities - or B-EPICC - project based at Germany's Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research (PIK) is drawing to a close.

In the final months of 2023, the project has been busy wrapping up research activities in Brazil in its water/hydrology and migration portfolios.

The project was also host to emerging migration researcher, Ms Sávia Santos, from the Federal University of Minas Gerais (UFMG), who is contributing analysis on the nexus between climate change, agroforestry and migration in Minas Gerais to the project.

The project also hosted a virtual test session of its visualisation tool, Climate Impacts Online, with stakeholders based in Brazil and elsewhere in South America. Climate Impacts Online now includes visualisation of climatic change in the Amazon region.

The portal ClimateImpactsOnline illustrates the possible impacts of climate change on various countries in different world regions on sectors like agriculture, forestry, tourism and health.

Otherwise, B-EPICC wraps up in the coming months. We warmly thank all Brazilian stakeholders involved in Phase 2 of B-EPICC from 2022 to 2023.

PoMUC and ABEMA publish results of the commitment monitoring tool at COP 28

from Vitória Souza, Climate Policy Programme Brazil (PoMuC)

© PoMuC | COP28 panel, 5 menlike people on white chairs and a womanlike person standing at the pulpit.

A tool developed for monitoring the implementation and fulfilment of the commitments outlined in the Climate Charter by the Brazilian Association of State Environmental Entities (ABEMA) has revealed that the 26 states committed to the goals of the charter are actively engaged in discussions and actions related to climate change.

Data from the latest application of this tool underscore the significant commitment of state authorities in seeking solutions to climate challenges. The development of the Roadmap Tool was made possible with the support of the Climate Policy Programme (PoMuC).

Considering the evolutionary stages of commitments, over 25% of the states are already considered exemplary, holding leadership positions in fulfilling their commitments with tangible results and effective monitoring structures to assess their progress.

The fight against deforestation is particularly noteworthy, with 70% of the states actively engaged in this cause, and 85% maintaining dedicated inspection teams for reducing deforestation. Furthermore, 92% of Brazilian states employ monitoring systems to actively combat deforestation, and 80% have plans or programmes to promote low-carbon agriculture.

The detailed results, along with other pertinent data, can be accessed in the updated Factsheet, which provides a comprehensive overview of the progress achieved this year regarding the commitments of the Charter. Additionally, a freely accessible automated infographic has been released on the website, facilitating easy navigation between commitments, maturity stages, and regions of Brazil.

During COP28, held in Dubai from November 30 to December 12, 2023, these results, initiatives, and opportunities for new collaborations with ABEMA were presented and discussed. ABEMA's commitment to people, biodiversity, and the planet was highlighted during the event, encouraging interested parties to explore the initiatives on the official website or get in touch to assess potential partnerships.

More Informations:

» ROADMAP - Monitoring the Commitments of the Abema Climate Charter (PT)

» Factsheet - We are all part of the solution - Monitoring the Commitments of the Abema Climate Charter (PT)

The Brazilian government will have developed the Marine Spatial Planning (MSP) by 2030

from Mariana Bitencourt , TerraMar project

© Mariana Bitencourt Santos (TerraMar/GIZ) | State and federal managers participate in the 1st Workshop for the Development of Principles and Vision for the Marine Spatial Planning (MSP) of the Blue Amazon in Brazil.

The Brazilian Government, led by the Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change (MMA) and the Interministerial Commission for Marine Resources (CIRM), has commited to formulating the Marine Spatial Planning (MSP) in Brazil by 2030. The MSP initiative aims to establish governance and strategic planning for diverse oceanic activities, such as tourism, fishing, maritime transport, oil and gas exploration, and energy generation, while concurrently ensuring the preservation of coastal and marine ecosystems.

In September, representatives from state and federal agencies participated in a Seminar and Workshop, laying the groundwork for visions and principles integral to the Marine Spatial Planning (MSP) in Brazil. In December, a public Webinar was conducted to introduce fundamental concepts and the requisite database essential for the development of MSP. Furthermore, representatives from the Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change attended COP 28 to underscore the significance of MSP in addressing climate change.

The TerraMar Project plays a crucial role in supporting the development of the Marine Spatial Planning (MSP) in Brazil.

More Informations:

» Planejamento Espacial Marinho (PEM) Brasil - YouTube (Marine Spatial Planning (MSP)

» Webinário Planejamento Espacial Marinho (PEM) no Brasil - YouTube (Marine Spatial Planning (MSP) Webinar in Brazil)

The expansion of PotencializEE and results of studies for public policies in Energy Efficiency in industries are announced.

From Carolyna Crepaldi , PotencializEE Programme

© Ricardo Botelho, MME|Friederike Sabiel, Counsellor for Environmental Affairs at the German Embassy; Davi Bontempo, Executive Manager for Environment and Sustainability (CNI - Brazilian National Confederation of Industry); Rodrigo Rollemberg, Secretary of Green Economy, Decarbonization, and Bioindustry (MDIC - Ministry of Development, Industry, Trade, and Services); Fernando Colli – Deputy Executive Secretary of the Executive Secretariat (MME - Ministry of Mines and Energy).

Representatives from the Ministry of Mines and Energy (MME) and the Ministry of Development, Industry, Trade, and Services (MDIC) announced the expansion of the Transformative Investments for Industrial Energy Efficiency Programme (PotencializEE), coordinated by GIZ, on November 21, 2023, at the MME headquarters in Brasília.

Originally launched in São Paulo with support from the Mitigation Action Facility decarbonization fund, the initiative is set to broaden its reach to five additional states using Brazilian resources, commencing in 2024.

This announcement was made during the "Public Policies for Energy Efficiency" seminar, where proposals developed from two studies were unveiled and the potential for carbon emission reductions in industries was outlined.

More informations:

» PotencializEE - Transformative Investments for Industrial Energy Efficiency Programme (programa-potencializee.com.br)

EcoAdvance Project celebrates a year of achievements and hosts the first Global Conference on Ecolabelling and Sustainable Public Procurement.

From por Fabio Sousa, EcoAdvance Project

© EcoAdvance | EcoAdvance Team and its Consortium at the Global Conference on Ecolabeling and Sustainable Public Procurement. The image features 13 individuals positioned between two project promotion banners. In the background, there is a glass wall overlooking vegetation characteristic of tropical forests arranged in hilly terrain.

The regional project EcoAdvance: Ecolabelling and Sustainable Public Procurement, operating in Brazil, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, and Mexico, celebrated significant achievements in its first year of implementation, 2023.

In May 2023, EcoAdvance convened its entire team in Brasília, bringing together focal points from each participating country and representatives of the project implementation consortium, namely the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and the Institute for Applied Ecology of Germany (Öko Institut), for an internal planning workshop. During the session, the team discussed key strategies and fine-tuned the detailed national and regional action plan.

In the subsequent months of June and July, this comprehensive work plan underwent further deliberation, culminating in the formulation of the 2023/2024 action plan through collaborative efforts with political partners in each country. As for Brazil, this collaborative process involved close coordination with the Ministry of Development, Industry, Trade, and Services (MDIC), and the Ministry of Management and Innovation (MGI).

Over the ensuing months, the project made significant contributions to enhancing governance instruments in public procurement and the conduct of studies aimed at bolstering the institutional and

legal framework for sustainable public procurement and ecolabelling. Furthermore, the project took the initiative to organise a virtual workshop addressing the benefits, challenges, and opportunities within the realms of social, economic, and environmental considerations around labelling.

In November, the highlight was the staging of the Global Conference on EcoLabelling and Sustainable Public Procurement in Bogotá, Colombia. The conference, co-hosted with UNEP and Öko Institut, brought together over 80 participants, featuring leaders from 13 countries across Africa, Asia, Europe, and the Americas. Notably, the project's political partners in Brazil engaged in discussions covering topics such as circular economy, integration of social criteria, incentives for Small and Medium Enterprises, the significance of quality infrastructure, and regional labelling strategies.

During this event, EcoAdvance celebrated the official launch of the project. Speakers, including Dr. Ulf Jäckel, Head of Division for European and International Adaptation to Climate Change at the German Ministry for Environment, Nature Conservation, Nuclear Safety, and Consumer Protection (BMUV), Álvaro Luna, Project Director, Jorge Laguna, Director of UN One Planet Network, and Viviana Lopez, Researcher at Öko Institut, underscored the significance of EcoAdvance in promoting sustainable consumption and production practices at a crucial time for climate change mitigation, biodiversity protection, and resource conservation.

Significant milestones include the convening of Steering Committees in the project countries and the inaugural session of the Regional Steering Committee. These actions have fortified the project's governance structure. In these sessions, crucial strides, challenges, and prospects for the project within the region, both on political and strategic fronts, were thoroughly deliberated. Key participants included representatives from BMUV, leaders of political partners across the five countries, and consortium members.

The project additionally facilitated the Environmental Alliance of the Americas (AAA) workshop, ‘Co-creating a Strategic Action Plan for the Environmental Seal of the Americas,’ where strategies were explored to advance the establishment of unified legal and institutional frameworks for an environmental seal in Latin America and the Caribbean.

Amidst a year marked by substantial advancements in engagement, strategy formulation, and the identification of actionable opportunities, the project applauds the dedication and enthusiasm of its entire team and partners, notably MDIC and MGI. The project aspires to sustain the momentum of this mutually rewarding relationship into 2024.

More Information:

» CIP Global Conference 2023: Ecolabelling & Sustainable Public Procurement | One Planet etwork (Link da Conferência Global) (Link to the Global Conference)

Challenges and Perspectives for the Ocean in the Face of Climate Change

from Mariana Bitencourt , TerraMar project

© Mariana Bitencourt Santos (TerraMar/GIZ)| Professor Letícia Cotrim presents a slide on the topic "The Ocean and the Cryosphere in a Changing Climate" in an auditorium at ICMBio.

Coastal and marine ecosystems play a crucial role in both climate change mitigation and adaptation. Nevertheless, they are also under threat due to the effects of climate change, manifested through rising water temperatures, sea-level rise, acidification, and coastal erosion.

To raise awareness of this vital interconnection between the ocean and climate in Brazil, the TerraMar Project (IKI/GIZ Brazil) collaborated with the Brazilian Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change (MMA) in organising the Seminar 'Ocean and Climate: IPCC, vulnerable environments and challenges,". It featured field experts delving into the subject.
During the seminar, the Brazilian Portuguese translation of the publication 'What Ocean for Tomorrow? Marine Ecosystems in a Changing Climate,' was also published. Additionally, TerraMar played a pivotal role in aligning the Brazilian narrative at COP 28 in Dubai by creating a dedicated Ocean and Coastal Zone page on the MMA website.

SUSTAINABLE URBAN DEVELOPMENT

The TerraMar Project supports the development of a national strategy for the prevention and combat of marine litter

from Mariana Bitencourt , TerraMar project

© Mariana Bitencourt Santos (TerraMar/GIZ) | A picture of a group of people in a room looking at the camera and smiling. Next to them, a blue banner with white letters and the title: Workshop on Prevention and Combat of Marine Litter: Alignment of the Federal Government."

Brazil contributes approximately 325,000 tons of plastic waste to the oceans annually. In response, the Federal Government has launched the development of a national strategy to prevent and combat marine plastic pollution. This effort was marked by the workshop titled 'Prevent and Combat Marine Litter: Alignment of the Federal Government,' Held on October 19th and 20th in Brasília.

The workshop saw the participation of representatives from ministries and federal public agencies, aiming to align information on the topic and identify key actors from civil society and the private sector who should be engaged in this process. Moreover, the workshop also contributed to the Brazilian government's stance for negotiations at the Intergovernmental Committee (INC) for the Global Treaty against plastic pollution.

Coordinated by the Ocean Department of MMA, this initiative received support from the TerraMar Project and the UNESCO Chair for Ocean Sustainability (USP).

The ANDUS Project announces mentorship for Black women leaders

From Matheus Maia, ANDUS Project

℄ Photographer: Leandro Vaz | six women are standing in front of a panel that reads caravan of the peripheries, among them Sarah Habersack, director of the ANDUS project, the other five are black women who took part in the mentoring.

The ANDUS Project and the National Secretariat for Policies for Peripheral Territories (SNP) of the Ministry of Cities (MCid) have announced an initiative aimed at Black women leaders of collectives and territorial organisations. The mentoring process titled 'Black Women for the Climate' selected five women from across Brazil and is already contributing to the development of their technical, political, and institutional articulation skills.

The partnership announcement took place on November 18 during the São Paulo edition of the Caravanas das Periferias event and was attended by the selected leaders, the National Secretariat for Policies for Peripheral Territories, Guilherme Simões, the Minister of Cities, Jader Filho, and other authorities.

More Information:

» Projeto ANDUS anuncia mentoria para mulheres negras na Caravana das Periferias - Desenvolvimento Urbano Sustentável no Brasil (andusbrasil.org.br) (The ANDUS Project announces mentorship for Black women at the Caravanas das Periferias event – Sustainable Urban Development in Brazil)

BIODIVERSITY

TerraMar Project launches manual on priority areas at event held by the Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change (MMA)

From Hugo Garcês, TerraMar Project

© Glaucimara Silva (GIZ) | Four people sitting in white armchairs on a small blue stage. From left to right: Ângela Pellin, Carola Kuklinski holding a microphone, Ana Paula Prates, and Bráulio Dias.

In November, the TerraMar Project, the Institute of Ecological Research (IPÊ), and the Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change (MMA) launched the Support Manual for Utilising Priority Areas for Biodiversity in the Coastal and Marine Zone and in the Atlantic Forest. The launch took place during the Workshop on State Contributions to the Update of the National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plans (EPANB) in Brasília.

The manual is designed to assist users, particularly environmental managers, in utilising the Priority Areas database to support environmental management processes, such as environmental licensing or the establishment of conservation units, among other applications.

Capacity Building on 'Development of Financeable Green Projects for Local Governments': INTERACT-Bio Project Complements the Agenda of the 1st ICLEI Southeast Regional Meeting

from Luísa Acauan Lorentz, Biodiversity Analyst – ICLEI South America, INTERACT-Bio Integrated regional action for Biodiversity

© ICLEI South America | Participants on the 2nd day of the Capacity Building on Financeable Green Projects for Local Governments.

In November, a capacity building workshop on the 'Development of Financeable Green Projects for Local Governments' was conducted as part of an initiative by ICLEI - Local Governments for Sustainability under the INTERACT-Bio Project.

Taking place alongside the comprehensive programme of the 1ST ICLEI Southeast Regional Meeting in São José dos Campos, the workshop drew the participation of 24 individuals, including public managers, technicians, and consultants. The session covered concepts related to project development and management, as well as urban climate finance, exploring key national and international finance sources and modalities.

The workshop provided an opportunity to reinforce the urban biodiversity finance agenda, integrated with climate action.

“Forest Guardians” aims to help indigenous peoples of Brazil defend their territories.

From Armin Deitenbach, Forest Guardians project

© Armin Deitenbach| A Group for the Protection and Surveillance of Indigenous Territories (GPVIT) of indigenous guardians checks who enters and leaves the Serra da Moça Indigenous Land, in Roraima. Three men in dark uniform with GPVIT emblem.

The IKI project "Forest Guardians" aims to support indigenous groups in Brazil to better protect their traditional territories through participatory monitoring approaches based on indigenous knowledge. This is to be done with the help of reporting chains in close cooperation with relevant security authorities.
Furthermore, the sustainable use of natural resources for own use and for the sale of bioeconomy products is to be promoted.
The AA-IKI project is being prepared in close coordination with the BMZ Indigenous Rights and Territories project together with the new Ministry of Indigenous Peoples and both projects are scheduled to start in mid-2024. The projects have a common human resources concept and pursue mutually reinforcing goals.

CLIMATE FINANCE

The Brazilian Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change (MMA) establishes a webpage to convey key messages on priority issues in addressing climate change.

from Luciana Alves, ProAdapta project

© Screenshot - Luciana Alves | A screenshot of the MMA web page displaying the current 10 priority topics of the MMA Climate Policy.

A dedicated Climate Change page has been integrated into the MMA website, offering comprehensive information on climate change. Launched at COP 28, the page will continue to be active post-event, serving as a go-to hub for climate-related matters in the country. Featuring key messages on 10 priority topics, it provides insights into the significance of climate policy for Brazil, the pillars of the new Brazilian climate governance, and the initiatives and outcomes in the battle against climate change. The conceptualization and content creation for the page was supported by the ProAdapta, Terramar, PoMuC projects, and the GIZ Communication Unit in Brazil.

More Informations:

» COP 28 — Ministério do Meio Ambiente e Mudança do Clima (www.gov.br) (COP 28 — Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change)

ADAPTATION

ProAdapta supports the Ministry of Transportation in the 2023 edition of the VIA VIVA Award that underscores the Ecological Transition in transportation infrastructure.

from Fernanda Leite, Alexandre Ferreira, Supporting Brazil in the implementation of its National Agenda for Climate Change Adaptation (ProAdapta)

© ASCOM/MT | The signed MoU between GIZ and the Ministry of Transportation being presented.

© ASCOM/MT | The Undersecretary of the Ministry of Transportation delivering a speech at the Opening panel of the event.

The seventh edition of the VIA VIVA Award centred around the theme of Ecological Transition in Transportation Infrastructure. The objective was to integrate this theme across all stages of the asset lifecycle, covering policies, plans, projects, and actions under the purview of the Ministry of Transportation and its affiliated entities.

A total of eleven institutions were awarded during the event. Notably, a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was formalised between GIZ Brazil and the Ministry of Transportation, marking a significant stride in the pursuit of sustainable and collaborative solutions to enhance infrastructure and transportation services in Brazil. The event witnessed the participation of diverse institutions, including ministries, autarchies, and research institutes.

More information:

» VIA VIVA Website

Brazil's Climate Plan and Its Strategy for Resilience to Climate Change

from Luciana Alves, Supporting Brazil in implementing its national agenda for adaptation to climate change project

© Glaucimara Silva _ GIZBrasil | A picture from the opening of the Plano Clima – Adaptation launch event with the Climate Change Adaptation Coordinator of MMA - Inamara Melo, Minister of Ministry of Indigenous Peoples (MPI) - Sonia Guajajara, Minister of MCTI Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovations (MCTI) - Luciana Santos, Minister of Brazilian Ministry of Environment (MMA) - Marina Silva, Minister of Ministry of Racial Equality (MIR) - Anielle Franco, and Mauro Pires - President of Chico Mendes Institute for Biodiversity Conservation (ICMBIO).

Under the political coordination of the Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change (MMA) and technical coordination of the Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovations (MCTI), the Brazilian government is formulating an ambitious strategy for structuring the National Climate Change Plan - Plano Clima. With support from the ProAdapta project, the National Adaptation Strategy currently undergoing review, and the development of 15 Sectoral Adaptation Plans is underway, scheduled for completion by the second semester of 2024.

This joint effort aims to strengthen Brazil's resilience to the challenges posed by climate change, addressing themes such as Climate Justice, Climate Emergency, and Science for Adaptation. Dialogues with stakeholders beyond the federal government, including civil society, businesses, the academic community, and subnational governments, have commenced and will continue throughout the strategy's development.

More Information:

» Plano Clima: Adaptação — Ministério do Meio Ambiente e Mudança do Clima (www.gov.br) (Plano Clima: Adaptation — Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change)

PUBLICATIONS

Assessment of Climate Impact and Risks on existing and planned federal terrestrial transportation infrastructure (road and rail).
fromGITTEC/COPPE Association, Supporting Brazil in the implementation of its National Agenda for Climate Change Adaptation (ProAdapta), 18/10/2023

© Laura Baggi (ASCOM/MCTI)| At the launch event of the Adaptavias study, the opening session featured representatives from the Ministry of Transportation (MT), Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change (MMA), Ministry of Science, Technology, and Innovation (MCTI), GIZ, and GITTEC/COPPE.

The Adaptavias study is the result of a collaboration between GIZ and the Ministry of Transportation, with support from the Ministry of Science, Technology, and Innovation and the National Institute for Space Research. It entailed the mapping of current risks and impacts associated with climate change, focusing on land infrastructure projects.

The findings can guide decision-making in the sector and were assessed considering the climatological average for the period from 1981 to 2000. Additionally, future scenarios were projected covering short and medium-term horizons. The event also featured a workshop to explore potential implications of the study.

The Strengthening of Areas Conserved by Communities (TICCAs) in Brazil – The experience of the PPP-ECOS

from Isabel Benedetti Figueiredo, Jessica Pedreira and Lívia Carvalho Moura, ICCA-GSI Programme, 25/10/2023.

© Valentina Fraiz/Estúdio Anêmona | The image represents the TICCAs projects' status and outcomes in Brazil, which were implemented by the Institute for Society, Population, and Nature. On the right side, the landscape reflects the threats to the territories covered by the TICCAs project: there is a tractor, logs of deforested trees, and an aeroplane spraying pesticides over a monoculture. On the left side, there are eco-social productive landscapes promoted by our project's beneficiary communities, that conserve the environment, their cultures and ways of life. There are also two community members, an elderly woman and a child, standing together. The child is in front of the woman who holds one of the child's hands. The child's other hand is holding a small plant branch. The child is wearing orange shorts and a red shirt with pink patterns. The elderly woman is wearing a light blue long skirt with purple details and a green blouse with blue leaf patterns. Two baskets with vegetables and tubers are on the ground to their left. There is also a lake and five houses in the background with productive farms. There is a mountain range on the horizon and various cerrado trees in the foreground.

The lessons and experiences of 18 ecossocial projects in Territories and Areas Conserved by Indigenous People and Local Communities (TICCAs) in the Cerrado take centre stage in the latest publication from ISPN.

The projects were supported by the 28th and 30th PPP-ECOS Calls from the Institute for Society, Population, and Nature, with funding from the Government of Germany and support from UNDP.

They were implemented by grassroots and advisory organisations in the Cerrado biome. Over three years, from 2020 to 2023, these initiatives developed various solutions to strengthen community governance in TICCAs territories, environmental conservation, and economic recovery to address the impacts generated by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Some numbers were also highlighted, underscoring the importance of investing in ecossocial projects. Some of these include:

- 322,000 hectares of Cerrado preserved through sustainable management practised by communities;
- 205,254 hectares with the extractivism of Cerrado products;
- 601 hectares with the development of agroecological practices;
- 119 strengthened communities; and
- 23 greywater reuse systems installed in semi-arid transition regions.

This valuable systematisation can be found in the document "The Strengthening of Areas Conserved by Communities (TICCAs) in Brazil – The experience of the PPP-ECOS." Click here to access.

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