



WATER, WOMEN, AND TERRITORIES

articulate women from Pará
for dignity and health for
our communities





WHO ARE WE AND WHAT DO WE BELIEVE IN?

We are “Manas”, or rather a part of them, connected by an initiative supported by Hivos alongside Mandí, in Pará, and Decodifica, in Rio de Janeiro, and we form a network of young women in Pará braced by Mandí Organization which aims to act upon constructing public policies focused on environmental justice.

Mobilized against inequalities that cross our territories, we are female leaders from the Amazons in defense of social-environmental rights. We value the hearing of collectives, their protagonism and their articulation.

In the year of Belém’s COP 30 we chant: no to the privatization of water, for its impact equally affects us women, worsening our everyday lives.

WATER WE ARE, WATER WE DEFEND!

The fight for adequate infrastructure is also a fight for equity, health and survival. The invisibility and vulnerability of women by the inadequate sanitation infrastructure in Belém and its Metropolitan Area (RMB) is alarming. There are no applied solutions that are adapted to the Amazonian reality nor to the impact of climate change, which are more and more intense every day. If such is not faced with responsibility and political social-environmental commitment, the cycle of social and gender inequality will continue to harm the lives of people, especially the physical and mental health of the population.

Diseases transmitted through water such as diarrhea and verminous diseases add to psychological suffering including climate anxiety, stress and depression, especially amongst vulnerable

**WE ARE WATER AND WE NEED
CLEAN WATER TO LIVE WITH DIGNITY.**

Therefore we advocate for effective articulation to implant the Local Plan of Climate Action in Belém (PLAC-Belém). The lack of that effectiveness sentences us to floods, extreme drought, heat waves, illness and an overload of the healthcare system. We will not be silent in face of it because we are Amazonian women mobilized for social-environmental justice and we demand that our voices be heard.

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WOMEN AND WATERS: FOR WHAT CHANGE DO WE COME TOGETHER?

The universal and equal access to basic sanitation in Belém and its Metropolitan Area (RMB) are a perspective of the fight for dignity and quality of life, above all in the lives of women. We understand the challenges and we believe in strategies that respect the reality of the Amazons, reduce inequalities and prevent diseases and face the impact of climate changes prioritizing people who are historically invisible.

The condition of living with health is the BARE MINIMUM and for that exact same reason so is sanitation. To ensure that it is taken seriously we will need hearing spaces with female protagonists in the making of public sanitation policies in Belém and its Metropolitan Area (RMB).

For that it is necessary to transform the management of sanitation considering climate adaptation in a way that is transparent, fair and based on data that translates to the reality of Brazilian populations, especially in the Amazons. And it is towards such change that we, Manas, articulate ourselves and mobilize, committed to our territories. We continue on with this fight not only so that this directive may be known, but effectively followed.

**WATER WE ARE, WATER WE
WANT AND SO WE SHALL FLOW.**



JUSTICE FOR WATERS IS JUSTICE FOR WOMEN!

**IN THE AMAZON, THE BAD MANAGEMENT OF WATERS
MAKES BODIES FALL ILL, DESTROYS TERRITORIES AND
PERPETUATES ENVIRONMENTAL AND CLIMATE RACISM.**

It is time to sever with the colonial logic of urban management which keeps Amazonian people from dignity and affects mostly women cruelly. That's why we fight for structural political policies that connect social justice, gender and climate.

We, Manas, defend periodical goals for the advancement of sanitation services with transparency, evaluation and their projection in management.

We claim for the making of specific indicators measuring the shrinkage of inequality and implementing public instruments that are accessible for monitoring. Equity of truth is the premise for collecting and analyzing data. We also demand raising and ensuring resources destined to infrastructure that truly provide health, dignity and justice for us all.



That is why we make demands that will be our own lines of action:



1. SOCIAL ARTICULATION OF THOSE WHO ALREADY ARE ON THE FIGHT FOR THE RIGHT TO WATER AND SANITATION:

- * Mapping community leaderships, collectives and social movements from Belém's Metropolitan Area to subside and strengthen solutions and community initiatives that already exist;
- * Acknowledging existing gender inequalities and widening the participation of women in decisive procedures, ensuring that their demands and experiences guide strategies to face issues and



2. THE EDUCATION OF PEOPLE AS A TOOL TO REACH CHANGE:

- * Ensure comprehension and active participation in communities focusing on female Amazonian protagonism.
- * Producing informative material such as booklets, workshops and open conversations that translate the debates about water, sanitation and environmental justice and in an accessible way.

3. MOVING FORUMS:



- ✱ Promoting proposition-making forums in affected communities to hear out leaders, debate the right to water, sanitation, climate adaptation and territorial vulnerability. Each meeting will result in a letter of Right to Waters, organize demands and local priorities.

We demand the implementation of actions and transparent participative political policies that **ACKNOWLEDGE** us and set our pain as a priority in the decision-making process.

We do not accept becoming sick and living without dignity because of the lack of basic fundamental services to life any longer. That is our priority for vindication and action during the COP 30 in Belém.

HEY SISTERS. LET'S GO TOGETHER?



SISTERS TOWARDS FEMINIST FUTURES



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