

Connect Forest People Institute

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Connect Forest People Network in numbers: highlights of 2025

(Data consolidated up to 12/31/2025)



2,106

**COMMUNITIES
CONNECTED TO THE
CONNECT FOREST
PEOPLE NETWORK**



56,648

**REGISTERED
USERS**



169,000+

**ESTIMATED
BENEFICIARIES**
(estimated three beneficiaries per
registered user)



251

**MUNICIPALITIES
REACHED**



9

**STATES OF THE
LEGAL AMAZON**

Networking and Association



56

**MEMBER
ORGANIZATIONS
OF THE NETWORK**



141

**COMMUNITIES
ASSOCIATED WITH
THE NETWORK**

Health

568

COMMUNITIES
CONNECTED TO
THE TELEHEALTH
SYSTEM

3,121

COMMUNITIES
CONNECTED TO THE
TELEHEALTH SYSTEM
(total accumulated)

2,432

USES OF THE APP
IN 2025 (includes
teleconsultations,
telereports and vital signs)

3,426

PEOPLE
REGISTERED ON
THE TELEHEALTH
SYSTEM

Education

724

COMMUNITY
FACILITATORS
TRAINED IN DIGITAL
WISDOM

1

NEW DIGITAL
EMPOWERMENT
CENTER
INAUGURATED

Energy

339

ENERGY KITS
INSTALLED

32

PARTICIPANTS IN THE
PILOT CLASS OF THE
COMMUNITY ENERGY
AGENT TRAINING

Public Policies

200+

LEADERS GATHERED AT
THE 2ND MEETING OF
THE CONNECT FOREST
PEOPLE NETWORK

6

TECHNICAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT
(ACT) SIGNED WITH THE MINISTRY OF
MANAGEMENT AND INNOVATION IN
PUBLIC SERVICES



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Presentation

The Connect Forest People Network has established itself, over the past few years, as one of the most important instruments for the articulation, strengthening, and visibility of the traditional peoples and communities of the Amazon. This work, however, is not built in isolation. It is only possible because the Network's institutional coordination is anchored in the main representative organizations of the forest peoples.

For the Coordination of Indigenous Organizations of the Brazilian Amazon (COIAB), the National Council of Extractive Populations (CNS), and the National Coordination of Articulation of Rural Quilombola Black Communities (CONAQ), the Connect Forest People Network represents more than a connectivity initiative: it is a strategic base for political organization, the circulation of knowledge, and the strengthening of autonomy in the territories.

By connecting hundreds of indigenous, extractive, and quilombola communities—many of them historically isolated and with limited access to basic infrastructure—the Connect Forest People Network has shortened physical distances and broadened horizons of access to rights.

In the case of the indigenous peoples of the Amazon, this progress is materialized in a significant way: in 2025 alone, 254 communities and villages in indigenous territories were connected. This expansion has brought strategic decisions and fundamental debates—such as demarcation and strengthening their own economies—to the grassroots more quickly, strengthening governance and expanding the participation of leaders. Furthermore, connectivity has boosted real-time territorial monitoring and surveillance, strengthening protection strategies and political advocacy from within the territories themselves.

For extractive populations, organized around the CNS, the Connect Forest People Network also responds to a historical challenge: access to communication. In a context where the dispute over narratives is central, communication has become an essential part of the struggle for the collective use of land, for the defense of ways of life, and for the guarantee of rights. By allowing the communities themselves to produce and share their narratives, the Network strengthens autonomy, breaks with external mediations, and promotes a network of popular communicators, especially young people, who expand the circulation of information and the feeling of belonging among the territories.

Among the Quilombola communities articulated by CONAQ, the impacts of the Connect Forest People Network are expressed in daily life, especially in more distant territories with limited access to basic services. Connectivity expands access to health, distance education, and strengthens local economies by creating new possibilities for commercialization and access to markets. As a result, community engagement grows, consolidating the Network as a space for exchange, learning, and collective construction.

The Connect Forest People Network continues to strengthen connectivity as an instrument at the service of life, territories, and the autonomy of peoples. Guided by ethical principles and traditional knowledge, communication is consolidated as a strategic tool for articulation and defense of rights.

For 2026 and beyond, the outlook is one of expansion and consolidation: more connected communities, more trained leaders and communicators, and greater grassroots engagement. Overcoming the digital deserts in the Amazon and other territories is a central part of this commitment, so that connectivity becomes established as a collective right and a concrete instrument for social justice and the defense of life.



Toya Manchineri

General Coordinator of the Coordination of Indigenous Organizations of the Brazilian Amazon (COIAB)

Photo: Kaiti Galvão/COIAB



Joaquim Belo

Secretary of Training and Communication of the National Council of Extractive Populations (CNS)

Photo: Communications/CNS



José Carlos Galiza

Coordinator at the National Coordination of Articulation of Rural Quilombola Black Communities (CONAQ)

Photo: Communication/CONAQ

Manifesto of the Connect Forest People Network

We acknowledge the undeniable importance of protected areas in the Amazon and other Brazilian biomes for the economy, development, and water, energy, and climate security, as well as biodiversity conservation;

We recognize the fundamental role that indigenous, quilombola, and extractive communities play in protecting the Amazon and other biomes in the country;

We believe that the conservation of the Amazon and other Brazilian biomes depends on the well-being, dignity, territorial protection, and access to health, education, and security of these peoples and traditional populations; and

We recognize that the internet is a powerful open platform, and that if it is not used consciously and meaningfully, it will not be able to provide digital inclusion and access to public policies for forest peoples¹.

Therefore, we decided to create the Connect Forest People Network, with the goal of connecting all indigenous villages, quilombo remnant communities, and extractive and riverside communities in protected areas within Brazilian biomes in a fast, secure, and conscious way.

We are committed to contributing to the best of our ability so that this goal is achieved in the Brazilian Amazon by the end of the decade.

In this journey, we will do our best to ensure that each connected community has access to infrastructure for a quality connection; learns best practices for the conscious and safe use of the internet; exercises local control over internet usage rules; and has access to programs in the fields of health, education, energy, territorial protection, entrepreneurship, and culture.

We are the Connect Forest People Network.



Watch our
manifesto video.



¹ Forest peoples include Indigenous, Quilombola, and extractivist communities across all biomes and their ecosystems, including forests, grasslands, and waters.



The Connect Forest People Network

Who we are

The Connect Forest People Network is a collaborative initiative that works to connect forest communities in protected territories of Brazil via broadband internet.

Created in 2022, the Connect Forest People Network emerged from the mobilization of grassroots organizations of indigenous, quilombola, extractive, and riverside communities with the purpose of addressing a historical challenge: digital isolation that limits access to fundamental rights, public services, and economic opportunities in forest communities. Therefore, our work began in the Amazon, with the aim of reaching all territories where digital isolation exists and where connectivity can strengthen lives and guarantee rights. The idea is to combine connectivity and energy with digital inclusion and empowerment programs in the beneficiary communities.

More than just internet access infrastructure, the Connect Forest People Network works to ensure that meaningful connectivity becomes a tool for accessing rights, strengthening communities, and protecting territories.

The project is led by grassroots organizations representing forest peoples: the National Coordination of Articulation of Rural Quilombola Black Communities (CONAQ), the Coordination of Indigenous Organizations of the Brazilian Amazon (COIAB), and the National Council of Extractive Populations (CNS), and is built collaboratively with more than 50 civil society organizations, institutions, and companies.

To manage the project's operations, the Connect Forest People Institute was created, responsible for institutional support, executive coordination, and the implementation of actions in partnership with the organizations that make up the Network.

We are a network initiative that recognizes the central role of forest peoples in the conservation of territories, the care of biodiversity, and the construction of sustainable solutions from within the communities themselves.

INSTITUTIONAL COORDINATION



INSTITUTIONAL SUPPORT



CONNECT FOREST PEOPLE NETWORK MEMBERS





What we do

Since its creation, the Connect Forest People Network has focused on connecting communities located in protected areas in a safe and conscious way, promoting digital inclusion associated with programs in the areas of health, education, territorial protection, entrepreneurship and culture.

In 2025, the Network's mission and strategic objective were updated to broaden its reach. The project's scope now encompasses forest peoples from all Brazilian biomes, recognizing that digital isolation and the need for access to public policies are challenges shared across different regions of the country.

Our mission

Connecting forest peoples' communities in Brazil quickly, securely, and consciously through a network.

*Forest peoples include indigenous, quilombola, extractive, and riverside communities across all biomes and their ecosystems, including forests, fields, and waterways.

Our goal

By the end of the decade, enable digital inclusion and access to public policies for forest peoples through meaningful network connectivity and actions for education, health, entrepreneurship, territorial protection, culture, and energy, reaching 1 million people in 9,000 communities in the Amazon, and expanding to other digitally isolated regions.

The Connect Forest People Project

Timeline



NOVEMBER 2021

The project idea is born

During **COP26**, Indigenous, Quilombola, extractive, and riverside community leaders highlighted the urgent need for connectivity to strengthen rights and protect their territories. From these voices emerged the concept of the Conexão Povos da Floresta (Connect Forest People) project, aiming to combat digital isolation and expand access to public services and opportunities for development and territorial protection.



A register of the first workshop of the Connect Forest People project. (Photo: Archive/Connect Forest People Network)

FEBRUARY 2022

First workshop and beginning of the structuring of the Network

In São Paulo (SP), the first workshop brought together COIAB, CONAQ, CNS and partners to discuss the realities of traditional territories and design the initial structure of the project. Studies on connectivity technologies and the design of connectivity and energy kits for the pilot phase were initiated.



MARCH TO DECEMBER 2022

Development of the connectivity and energy model

Power Kit models were developed and tested that could be installed quickly and easily, unifying the inverter, charge controller, batteries, Wi-Fi interface, and surge protector into a single device. Technological models for broadband connectivity were also developed and tested, culminating in a Connect Kit with a router and low-Earth orbit satellite dish.



Screenshot of the Alpha version of the app, launched on November 10, 2022. (Photo: Archive/Connect Forest People Network)

NOVEMBER 2022

The Connect Forest People app is born

The first version of the **Connect Forest People application** was developed, created to allow community facilitators to register users, manage usage rules, and control network access in each community.



JANUARY 2023

Creation of the Connect Forest People Institute

To manage the project's operations, the Instituto Conexão Povos da Floresta (Connect Forest People Institute) was created, responsible for institutional support and operational advice for the Network, ensuring the expansion and continuous functioning of connectivity technologies and supporting the Network's other areas of activity.

During this period, the first assembly room for the connectivity kits of the Connect Forest People Network was established in São Paulo, creating the operational base for the production and shipment of equipment to the territories. Currently, this structure is in a continuous process of expansion, keeping pace with the growth of the Network and the increase in the number of connected communities.



Installation during the pilot phase in the Carananduba Quilombola community, in Acará, Pará, Brazil. (Photo: Archive/Connect Forest People Network)

MARCH 2023

Start of the pilot phase in 30 communities

Installation of the first connectivity kits began in 30 communities—10 indigenous, 10 quilombola, and 10 extractive—validating the technical and operational model and the community management system of the Network. During this phase, responding to emergency demands, such as installation in the Yanomami Indigenous Territory (RR) and in the Munduruku region (PA), the project expanded and reached 72 communities.



Installation carried out in the Rio Branco community, in the Chico Mendes Extractive Reserve (Resex), in Xapuri, Acre, Brazil. (Photo: Archive/Connect Forest People Network)

JUNE TO DECEMBER 2023

Expansion and consolidation phase

The initiative progressed in expanding the number of connected communities and launched the first inclusion programs in education, health, and territorial protection. By the end of 2023, 400 communities were connected, consolidating the Connect Forest People Network as the largest connectivity project for forest peoples in the world.



SEPTEMBER 2023

First facilitator training in the Network course

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OCTOBER 2023

First Cooperation Agreement with Public Authorities

The Connect Forest People Network has established its first strategic partnership with the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change and its general coordination for the Bolsa Verde program, focusing on providing quality connectivity to traditional communities in Amazon Conservation Units. The agreement also foresees the strengthening of local capacities, promoting the autonomous and inclusive use of digital technologies.

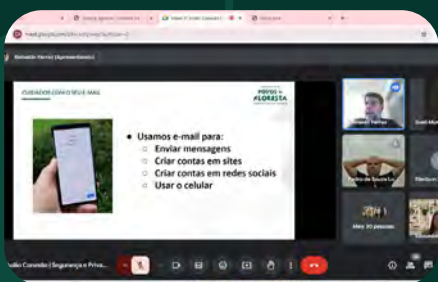


Teleconsultation conducted in the Campina community, in the Uacari Sustainable Development Reserve (RDS). (Photo: Archive/Connect Forest People Network)

NOVEMBER 2023

First telehealth pilots

In partnership with the Telemedicine Portal and the Foundation for Amazon Sustainability (FAS), the Network implemented the first telehealth pilot programs in the Uacari Sustainable Development Reserve (RDS) (AM), as well as in communities in Pará and Tocantins. Training sessions, ECG exams, and teleconsultations were conducted, demonstrating the potential of connectivity to expand access to health services.



MARCH 2024

Connect Forest People Network Masterclasses

In partnership with the Education Working Group, the Forest Peoples Connection Network is launching the "Masterclasses" initiative. These are virtual meetings open to community members linked to the project, held at two different times, addressing topics of interest to the communities, such as wildfires in the Amazon, the Bolsa Verde program, entrepreneurship opportunities, and the protection of children and adolescents.

**JUNE 2024**

Start of the new mapping of the communities

The Network initiated a new cycle of mapping communities of forest peoples, significantly expanding the identification of these territories. Until then, 4,553 communities had been mapped in different official databases and partner databases. In the first version of the new survey, 8,500 communities were mapped — more than double the total known until 2022, with the survey being continuously updated throughout 2025.



1st Connect Forest People Network Gathering in Alter do Chão, Santarém, Pará, Brazil. (Photo: Gerderson Oliveira/Dzawi Filmes)

JULY 2024

First Connect Forest People Network Meeting

The 1st Meeting of the Connect Forest People Network was held, bringing together partners and community facilitators in Alter do Chão (PA). The meeting strengthened the exchange of experiences, aligned expansion strategies, and marked the inauguration of the Paulo Lima Digital Empowerment Center (CED).

**JULY 2024**

Launch of the Connect Forest People Network Control Panel

The first version of the Connect Forest People Network Control Panel was launched, a strategic management tool that integrates data on territory mapping and community operations. The panel allows for prioritizing areas of action, monitoring the distribution of connectivity kits, and tracking relevant indicators for decision-making. This strengthens the network's efficiency and guides the continuous improvement of digital inclusion programs, expanding the impact of actions in the territories.



AUGUST 2024

Milestone of 1,000 Connected Communities

The Network has reached the historic milestone of 1,000 connected communities, consolidating the scale and impact of the initiative in promoting connectivity, digital inclusion, and strengthening the territories of forest peoples.



AUGUST 2025

First In-Person Digital Wisdom Training

More than 250 facilitators from indigenous, quilombola, riverside, and extractive communities participated in the 1st In-Person Digital Wisdom Training, held in Manaus (AM). The meeting focused on digital security, rights, combating misinformation, and the conscious use of the internet.

1st In-Person Digital Wisdom Training.
(Photo: Archive/Connect Forest People Network)



AUGUST 2025

2nd Meeting of the Connect Forest People Network

The 2nd Meeting of the Connect Forest People Network was held in Manaus (AM), bringing together partners and community facilitators to strengthen the exchange of experiences, evaluate progress, and align the next steps of the initiative. During the event, the first version of the Parente AI was presented, a tool under development aimed at interaction and access to information in the communities. The solution was designed to support the clarification of doubts about the Network, its benefits, and the main public policies of interest to the forest peoples, promoting greater autonomy and access to knowledge in the territories.

(Photo: Archive/Connect Forest People Network)



2,000th Activation, in the Piquiazal Community, Mazagão, Amapá, Brazil. (Photo: Archive/Connect Forest People Network)

OCTOBER 2025

2,000 Connected Communities

The Network has reached the milestone of connecting 2,000 communities in the Legal Amazon, benefiting more than 160,000 people with quality internet and digital inclusion programs that expand access to rights and opportunities.



(Photo: Archive/Connect Forest People Network)

OCTOBER 2025

Expanding the scope of the Connect Forest People Network

In October, the Connect Forest People Network held its Planning Meeting, bringing together 68 participants from 41 member organizations for a moment of listening, dialogue, and collective construction. The meeting marked a reflection on the initiative's two-year trajectory and the renewal of its purpose, expanding the Network's scope of action beyond the Amazon. The Network renewed and expanded its mission, committed to connecting, safely and consciously, the forest peoples in indigenous, quilombola, extractive, and riverside communities, across all biomes and their ecosystems, including forests, fields, and waters. This includes extending its benefits and access to programs to communities already connected by other connectivity systems.



2,000th Activation, in the Piquiazal Community, Mazagão, Amapá, Brazil. (Photo: Archive/Connect Forest People Network)

NOVEMBER 2025

Telehealth Reaches 500 Communities in the Amazon

Through the Health Program, the Conexão Saúde app has reached the milestone of 500 registered communities, consolidating itself as an important tool for expanding access to healthcare in remote territories. At this time, the platform already had 3,290 registered users and 2,790 uses, reflecting the growing adoption of the service by the communities.

This initiative enables telemedicine consultations, teliagnosis reports, and requests for examinations, helping to reduce geographical barriers and strengthen continuous care, in conjunction with local care networks. During this period, the first ECG equipment was also implemented in the communities, expanding the capacity for measuring vital signs, diagnosis, and remote monitoring.

How we operate: our pillars

The work of the Connect Forest People Network is organized around three operational pillars that guarantee meaningful connectivity as an instrument for inclusion, autonomy, and social transformation: **Infrastructure, Community Control, and Digital Inclusion and Empowerment.** These pillars guide the strategies, the implementation of technological solutions, and the development of programs that connect traditional communities to their rights.



OUR PILLARS

Infrastructure

Infrastructure is the starting point for the work of the Connect Forest People Network. It is through infrastructure that connectivity and solar energy reach the communities and become integrated into the daily lives of the territories.

The solution adopted by the Network combines a connectivity kit, an energy kit (when necessary), and a structured process of prioritization, logistics, and installation carried out in partnership with grassroots organizations and implementing institutions.

The logistics journey

The arrival of meaningful connectivity to a community follows an organized flow involving different stages:

1 Territorial Prioritization

Communities are indicated by representative grassroots organizations (COIAB, CONAQ, and CNS) and members of the Network, or express interest through the institutional website. Prioritization considers the following criteria: (i) expression of interest from the community; (ii) degree of isolation and urgency of connectivity; (iii) level of threat to the territory; (iv) being a protected territory; and (v) availability of basic infrastructure, such as energy, with the possibility of installing a solar energy kit when necessary.

2 Equipment shipment

Logistics are organized based on requests made via the requisition panel and approved by the Prioritization Working Group, according to established criteria. Equipment scheduling and assembly of connectivity kits are carried out in São Paulo (SP), from where the kits are sent to distribution centers of Network members near the territories in the Northern Region and, from there, to the communities, combining land, river, and air transport. The diversity of territorial realities requires specific planning for each delivery.

3 Technical installation

Installation is carried out by technicians from partner organizations, trained by the Network, with community support. Prior to installation, a community meeting is held to address questions, present the benefits of joining the Connect Forest People Network, and build, together with the community, the rules for accessing meaningful connectivity. At this time, the equipment that makes up the kit is also presented. Subsequently, the infrastructure is installed and the first access is made.

4 Activation and registration

After installation, user registration begins in the application, along with the facilitator training process and community management based on rules defined by the community.



This logistical journey is one of the project's main challenges, considering the vast distances, access via rivers and unpaved roads, and the climatic variations that impact transportation.



Photo: João Amoras



Photo: Rodrigo Lima - CNS



Piquiazal Community, Mazagão, Amapá, Brazil.
(Photo: Gelson Lima - CNS)



Check out the video of our 2,000th installation, in the Piquiazal community, at the Piquiazal Extractive Settlement, in Mazagão (AP)

Connectivity kit

The connectivity kit consists of equipment that allows access to broadband internet in areas without conventional network coverage. It includes:

- Antenna for low-orbit satellite connection;
- Connect Forest People Network router with content filters activated;
- Adapters and cables necessary for installation;
- Notebook and cell phone to support network management in the community;
- User manuals;
- Connect Forest People Network T-shirts;
- Rules booklet to be completed together with the community;
- Cables and adapters;
- Connect Forest People Network signage;
- Terms of use and awareness for communities connected by the Network.

Installation is done in a shared and publicly accessible space, defined together with the community, ensuring that connectivity has a community character.

In 2025, in addition to installing new communities, Connect Forest People Network also began the process called the **2nd Wave**, in which we revisit already connected communities to replace previously installed routers with the most up-to-date version, with greater range and correct functioning of content filters, thus ensuring that everything was working as it should.

Connectivity kit

Manuals



Signage Board



Rulebook



Internet Antenna



Router, Adapter and Connectivity Kit



Mobile Phone and Laptop



**2,106**

communities connected with connectivity kits installed and operational by December 2025

**251**

municipalities with connected communities in traditional territories

**9**

Brazilian states with the presence of the Network infrastructure

**71**

activators trained by the Connect Forest People Network and registered in the app (technicians)



Check out the video to see how we assemble and what goes into the connectivity kit and the logistics process.

Energy kit

In locations without a regular electricity supply, the Network installs solar energy kits, sized to guarantee the continuous operation of connectivity equipment, and developed in partnership with **ION Energia**.

The energy kits include:

- Photovoltaic panels;
- Powerbox with lithium batteries, inverter, protection system and load control;
- Mounting structure resistant to humidity and electrical discharges.

339

solar power kits
installed

The solution is plug'n'play and can be assembled in a few hours by the Connect Forest People Network activation technicians, guaranteeing energy autonomy for the operation of connectivity systems.



Connect Forest People Network Energy Kit.



Testimonials



Lenilda Xananawa

Facilitator in the Belo Monte Community, municipality of Feijó (Acre)

"When the internet arrived in my community, it was a huge step forward, because where we didn't have much contact, we missed out on so many projects, so many important things, and today we have them. It was a huge step forward for the youth and especially for the women, in the pursuit of a better life for their children, so we can publicize our work, our festivities."

We didn't have this communication to be able to publicize, to be able to show our culture. So today the internet is very important in our community."

"The Connect Forest People Network, which arrived in our community, was of utmost importance. The children and young people who are in school there are connecting to this world we live in today, the digital world, to which we have to adapt. With climate change as well, which we have to be addressing and presenting in schools."

The project brought us a great deal of support in terms of health. We can now send out calls for help, because we live 70 km from the city, so travel is difficult, the road is unpaved, and it facilitated those calls for help, to save lives."



Antônio Martins

Facilitator in the Araribóia Indigenous Territory, municipality of Amarante (Maranhão)

OUR PILLARS

Community control

Community control is the pillar that ensures the installed connectivity is managed by the community itself. The Connect Forest People Network is based on the understanding that connectivity should be used collectively, safely, and consciously, respecting the ways of life and decisions of each territory.

Therefore, each community chooses a **facilitator**, responsible for acting as a link between the community and the Network team.

This person is collectively selected and has the following responsibilities:

- Managing the network through the Network's application;
- Registering users;
- Defining, together with the community, rules for internet use;
- Monitoring the connection's operation and contacting technical support when necessary;
- Sharing information about available programs and benefits;
- Completing Digital Wisdom Training so that the facilitator can support all community members in the conscious use of connectivity.

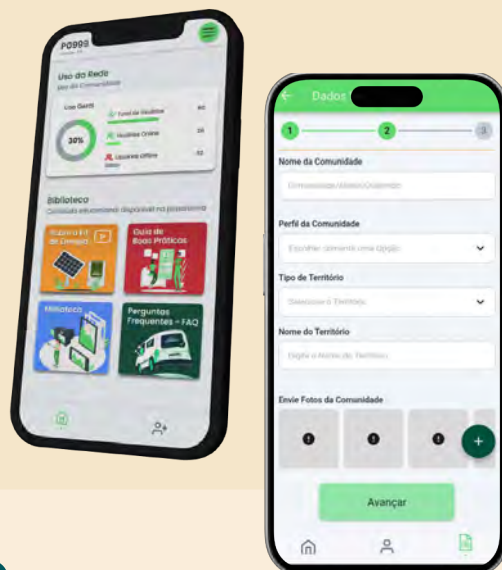
Network Application

The **Connect Forest People Network application** is the main tool for local connectivity management. Through it, the community can:

- Register authorized users;
- Define **access profiles**, according to the user's age or role;
- Create collective rules, such as usage times or priorities for certain services;
- Monitor the network's operation.

Access profiles allow for the organization of connectivity use within the community, ensuring that access is aligned with collective decisions and digital security guidelines. Furthermore, the beneficiary communities are integrated, allowing registered users to access connectivity in any of the communities that are part of the Connect Forest People Network. Therefore, by being registered in one connected community, a person can also use the Network in other integrated communities as a visitor, respecting the local rules of each territory.

To reinforce secure access, the Network's routers have active content filters by default, which automatically block access to content considered inappropriate or harmful. Blocked content includes gambling and excessively violent games, pornography sites, and illegal downloads. In addition to automatic filters, the community itself can define additional usage rules, strengthening collective protection.



56,648

users registered on the Connect Forest People Network via the app

169,000+

people benefited in the connected communities (it is estimated that each registered user represents approximately three people benefited)

Intranet

The **intranet** is a dedicated platform available to all community members, bringing together information, guidance, and benefits of the project. It provides information on how the Connect Forest People Network works, as well as access to digital inclusion and empowerment programs, membership benefits, training materials, news, tutorial videos, and more.



OUR PILLARS

Digital inclusion and empowerment: working groups (WGs)

Connectivity alone does not guarantee social impact. For internet access to translate into the exercise of rights and improved living conditions, the Network structures its actions through digital inclusion and empowerment programs, operationalized in seven thematic Working Groups (WGs). These are:

- Health
- Education
- Entrepreneurship
- Territorial Protection
- Culture and Ancestry
- Energy
- Women Empowerment

The Working Groups bring together various member organizations of the Network to develop actions that expand the qualified use of connectivity. In the next section, we will delve into the impacts and results achieved in each of the Working Groups, with data, reports, and examples of field work.

Our working groups (WGs): impacts and results

The Working Groups (WGs) are the space where meaningful connectivity translates into concrete action in the territories. In 2025, the WGs advanced in consolidating their programs and strengthened the integration between connectivity, training, and access to public policies. Below, we present the main highlights of each Working Group throughout the year.



HEALTH



**CULTURE AND
ANCESTRY**



EDUCATION



ENERGY



ENTREPRENEURSHIP



**WOMEN
EMPOWERMENT**



**TERRITORIAL
PROTECTION**



WORKING GROUP

Health

The Health Working Group focuses on strengthening health in the communities served by the Network, primarily in two areas: health education and the Conexão Saúde program, an initiative that uses connectivity in communities to expand healthcare through access to telehealth in hard-to-reach areas.

The telehealth initiative partners with the Portal Telemedicina, responsible for developing the Conexão Saúde app. The strategy combines access to teleconsultations, tele-reports, and monitoring of specific vital signs via the app, in addition to training local mobilizers and in-person actions in the territories.

This theme is strategic for the Network because it addresses one of the main challenges for connected communities: the physical distance from health services. In many areas, traveling for medical care can take days and involve high costs. Telehealth reduces this isolation, expands access to diagnosis, and strengthens existing primary care. In 2025, Conexão Saúde advanced from the pilot implementation phase to a consolidation stage. The launch and expansion of the Conexão Saúde app marked a new stage for the program.

In the area of health education, throughout the year, digital campaigns were carried out related to priority care areas, such as hypertension and diabetes, in addition to the production and circulation of explanatory videos and support manuals for the use of telehealth. Online meetings, Q&A sessions, and the Conexão Presents initiative, a virtual discussion forum that strengthens the exchange of experiences between health specialists and the communities themselves, were also promoted.

Furthermore, in-person actions were a fundamental part of the strategy. The Health Working Group distributed 20 electrocardiogram (ECG) devices to local partners, conducted technical training, and supported diagnostic testing drives in the communities. In many territories, access to reports issued in less than 15 minutes represented the first opportunity to undergo examinations in their lifetime. Also noteworthy is the Heart Day, organized by the Special Indigenous Health District (DSEI) of Amapá, which served more than 100 patients over two days.

Main results of 2025:

568

communities
connected to
Conexão Saúde

1,342

vital sign records

1,841

new registrations on
Conexão Saúde

***Totalling 3,426
registered individual***

2,432

uses of Conexão
Saúde (includes
teleconsultations,
telereports, and vital
sign measurements)

***Total accumulated
use of Conexão
Saúde of 3,121***

470

teleconsultations
performed
(+141% compared
to 2024)

***Total
accumulated
use of 745
teleconsultations***

556

telereports
issued (+352%
compared to
2024)

***Total
accumulated use
of 843 telereports***



Photo: Danilo Duarte



Photo: Danilo Duarte



Photo: Nathalie Brasil



Photo: Nathalie Brasil



Check out the video to see how the
Health Working Group works



Testimonials



Luiz França

Resident of the Guajará-Mirim quilombola community, municipality of Acará (Pará)

"I had a consultation through telehealth. Today, thank God, I had the consultation and I'm feeling much better. My blood pressure used to fluctuate between 18 and 19, and there were days when I even felt tremors in my face. Today, my blood pressure is stable, it's even reached 12."

"Our biggest difficulty here is precisely the distance to the health center. We get there, sometimes the doctor isn't there. Or he comes, but the center is very crowded, there are few appointments available. For us, telehealth was very good. I had a consultation here at my home, I was well taken care of. It was very convenient for me and for the whole community."

"I want to express my gratitude for bringing the project to the community and to the people responsible for it. I also want to talk about the importance of this telehealth project and how happy our community has been to be included."

"Our community is so happy because we already have many registrations and consultations completed. The project should continue, so we are continuing to register users. It's a fast, online, but very accurate service. Today, it's already possible to have a consultation on our own cell phone with Conexão Saúde."



Marluce Tavares

Health mobilizer in the Guajará-Mirim quilombola community, municipality of Acará (Pará)



WORKING GROUP

Education

The Education Working Group seeks to strengthen the connection with education, promoting the qualified use of meaningful connectivity, focusing on digital security, mainly through the development of the Digital Wisdom training. This is one of the main challenges identified in the territories: digital literacy and the conscious use of the network. Connecting a community is only the first step. Ensuring that this connectivity is used to access public policies, empower youth, support educational processes, and protect territories is a central part of the meaningful connectivity proposal.

Throughout 2025, the Working Group worked on training community facilitators, conducting workshops on various topics of interest to the forest peoples, strengthening Digital Empowerment Centers (CEDs), and strengthening Digital Wisdom training.

Main results of 2025:

724

community members trained in the Digital Wisdom course

251

facilitators participating in the 1st In-Person Digital Wisdom Training held in Manaus (AM)

1

new Digital Empowerment Center (CED) inaugurated by the Network in the Guajará-Miri community (PA)

1,400+

participations in online classes

Totaling 2 CEDs in operation

First In-Person Digital Wisdom Training

The year's main highlight was the first In-Person Digital Wisdom Training, held in Manaus (AM), bringing together more than 250 representatives from indigenous, quilombola, riverside, and extractive communities from all states of the Legal Amazon.

During three days of programming, participants had access to workshops and debates on digital security, combating disinformation, digital rights, the use of public tools such as Gov.br, best practices on social media, and digital citizenship. The training was carried out in partnership with Ceweb.br|NIC.br|CGI.br and had the support of the British Embassy.

The meeting consolidated the network of community facilitators and strengthened the commitment to multiplying knowledge in the territories, expanding the reach of the Network's educational actions.



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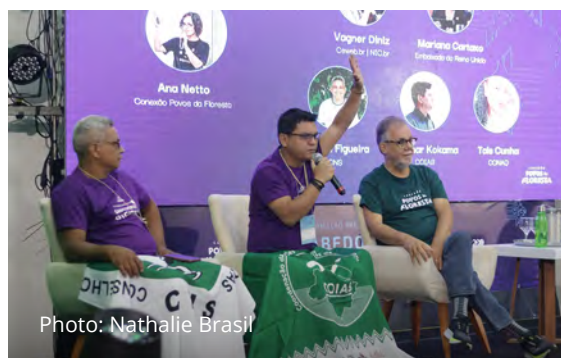


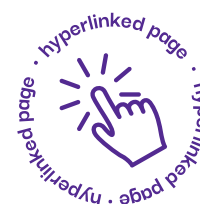
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Check out how the 1st In-Person
Digital Wisdom Training went



Digital Empowerment Centers and workshops

Another highlight of 2025 was the inauguration of the Guajará-Miri Digital Empowerment Center (CED) in the quilombola community of Acará (PA). The CED functions as a structured space for digital training and inclusion for all communities in the surrounding region, integrating connectivity, equipment, and community organization.

The Guajará-Miri CED is the second center inaugurated by the Network and strengthens the territorial presence of the Education Working Group, expanding the possibilities for conducting courses, workshops, and in-person meetings.

In 2025, the Working Group also advanced in structuring the Digital Wisdom Distance Education (EAD) platform, defining learning paths, organizing the pedagogical content, and preparing the first modules. The platform will allow for expanding the reach of educational actions to connected communities, ensuring continuous training adapted to territorial realities.



Photo: Nathalie Brasil



Inauguration of the Digital Empowerment Center (DEC) in the Guajará Miri Quilombola community, located in the Lower Acará region. (Photo: Communications Team)



Inauguration of the Digital Empowerment Center (DEC) in the Guajará Miri Quilombola community, located in the Lower Acará region. (Photo: CONA Communications)



Check out how the CED inauguration in the Guajará-Miri Community went



Testimonials



Josenite Santos

Facilitator in the Quilombola community of Gibriá do São Lourenço, municipality of Barcarena (Pará)

"Participating in the Digital Wisdom course was very important and useful for me, not only for myself but also for sharing my knowledge with my community. This training will further facilitate the transfer of knowledge to everyone who has difficulties, particularly our people here. Most didn't have access to digital technologies, the internet, or applications. Links, which they often receive without understanding, without knowing if they are safe or not. Certainly, Digital Wisdom has added to our ability to gain greater knowledge as community facilitators."

"Participating in the 1st In-Person Digital Wisdom Training in Manaus was an incredible experience, full of learning. The knowledge I gained here I will take back to my community, to the area where I live, and try my best to ensure it reaches and is practiced within our territory. It's an experience that I believe is of great importance for those of us who live in riverside communities. We bring our ancestral knowledge and are sharing this new knowledge. And I am certain that this will strengthen our territory."



Lilian Gonçalves

Facilitator in the São Sebastião do Repartimento community, municipality of Marã (Amazonas)



WORKING GROUP

Entrepreneurship

The Entrepreneurship Working Group's focus is to strengthen productive initiatives in connected communities, expanding opportunities for income generation, economic organization, and the strategic use of connectivity for marketing and promoting products and services.

Meaningful connectivity can directly support local economic development, provided it is accompanied by practical training, technical guidance, and the strengthening of community autonomy. Forest entrepreneurship contributes to the permanence of populations in their territories, strengthening local production chains, collective initiatives, and the leadership of women and young people in the communities.

Throughout 2025, the Working Group held **4 in-person workshops** in the states of Pará, Amapá, and Maranhão, reaching 178 community members in more than 60 communities, through the Amazon Entrepreneurship Center Network member. The workshops addressed topics such as productive organization, structuring community businesses, brand identity, and the use of connectivity for promotion and marketing.

In addition to in-person activities, virtual workshops were held (3 on Entrepreneurship and 1 on Digital Marketing), expanding the reach of training activities to communities in different states and reaching **186 community members**. The workshops allowed for in-depth exploration of topics such as financial planning, sales strategies, digital communication, and the use of social media to strengthen local initiatives.

The activities combined technical content with the exchange of experiences between territories, promoting collective learning and strengthening the connection between interconnected communities.

Main results of 2025:

158

Communities reached

54

Municipalities reached

7

States covered

8

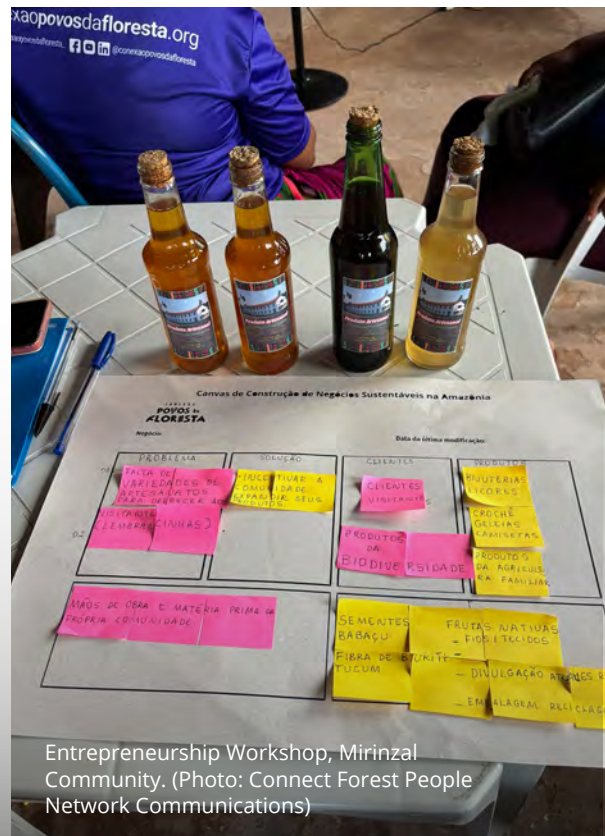
workshops held, both in-person and virtual (Entrepreneurship and Digital Marketing)

364

community members benefited

501

participants engaged in the Forest Entrepreneurs Group



Check out the video recording of one of our entrepreneurship workshops



**WORKING GROUP**

Territorial protection

The Territorial Protection Working Group aims to strengthen the capacity of connected communities to monitor, defend, and manage their territories through the strategic use of meaningful connectivity and digital tools. After all, the protection of territories is central to the forest peoples.

Connectivity expands access to information, facilitates communication between communities, strengthens reports of violations, and allows the use of environmental monitoring and georeferencing technologies.

In this sense, the main highlight of the year for the Working Group was the “Introduction to the Use of Digital Geoprocessing Tools” course, aimed at community leaders and facilitators. The training presented basic concepts of digital cartography, map reading, the use of georeferencing systems, and the interpretation of spatial data, focusing on practical application for monitoring indigenous, quilombola, and extractive territories.

The course sought to empower participants to use digital tools in recording territorial information, identifying environmental pressures, and supporting community organization. By integrating connectivity and geoprocessing, the Working Group strengthens the autonomy of communities in managing their own territories.

In addition to the course, the Working Group also held thematic workshops on topics of interest to the communities, such as wetlands and participatory mapping. Another key result was the mapping resulting from a coordinated effort among different members of the Connect Forest People Network, which confirmed 9,316 communities and villages located in protected territories of the Legal Amazon, based on the analysis of more than 12,200 points from different databases and data sources.

Main results of 2025:

107

participants in the Introduction to the Use of Digital Geoprocessing Tools Course

9,316

communities and villages mapped in protected territories of the Legal Amazon, based on the analysis of more than 12,200 points from different databases and data sources

2

workshops on wetlands and participatory mapping

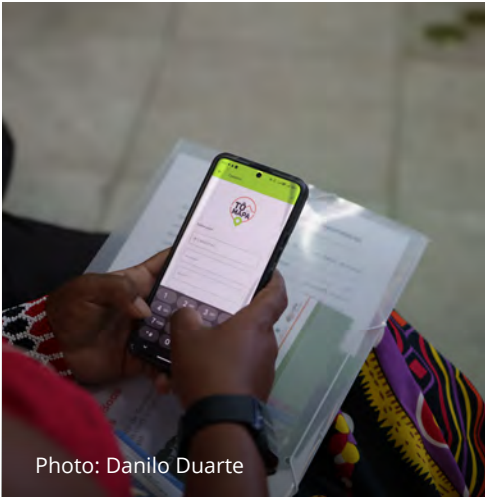


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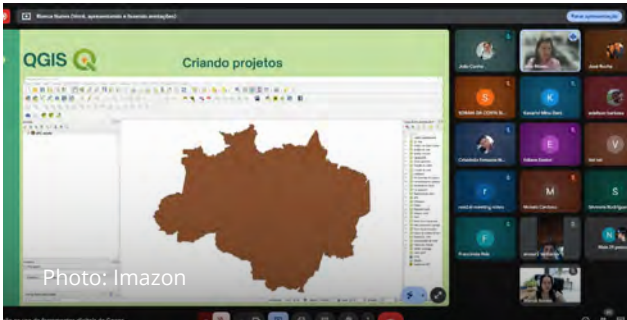


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Testimonials



Izolena Garrido

Facilitator in the Tumbira community, municipality of Manaus (Amazonas)

"For a long time, we have been seeking the integrated protection of territories within the Conservation Unit. We have security challenges, but when people come together to create this connectivity through the internet, which brings the possibility of communication and security between communities, we are able to solve many problems."

"The Connect Forest People Network helps us map areas degraded by logging, illegal extraction, and fires. I am even the head of a brigade fighting forest fires in my territory. Connectivity has helped with satellite monitoring, seeing fire outbreaks and deforestation."

For six months, we work fighting fires, and after that, we map the areas where we will collect seeds, produce seedlings, and plant in degraded areas. We use the internet for this work."



Antônio Martins

Facilitator in the Araribóia Indigenous Territory, municipality of Amarante (Maranhão)



WORKING GROUP

Culture and ancestry

Meaningful connectivity also acts as a tool for valuing and recording territorial identities, and therefore, the Culture and Ancestry Working Group seeks to strengthen the cultural expressions, memory, and traditional knowledge of connected communities. Connectivity can support the recording of stories, the circulation of personal narratives, the appreciation of cultural expressions, and the preservation of ancestral knowledge.

In 2025, one of the year's main highlights was the structuring of a project in partnership with the Museu da Pessoa (Museum of the Person), focused on recording life stories and narratives of connected communities. The project was submitted for funding through the Rouanet Law, with the aim of securing resources for audiovisual production, training in memory recording, and the creation of a digital archive accessible to the communities themselves.

The Working Group was also present at COP30, conducting an immersive experience in partnership with octaEra, using technological resources to present narratives and experiences of the forest peoples and the Conexão Network to the public. The initiative sought to increase the visibility of connected communities and highlight connectivity as an instrument for cultural and territorial strengthening.

Another strategic initiative was the development of the Cultural Calendar of the Forest Peoples Connection Network, which began to be built from the mapping of symbolic dates, traditional celebrations, and historical landmarks of the territories. The calendar aims to give visibility to the cultural manifestations of the communities, strengthening the circulation of information and the appreciation of local identities.

Main results of 2025:

Development of the Cultural Calendar of the Connect Forest People Network

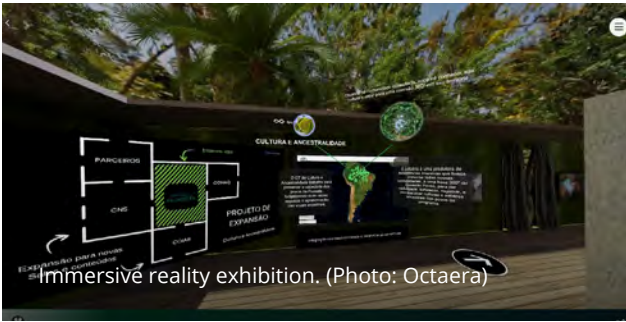
Participation in COP30 with the realization of an immersive experience



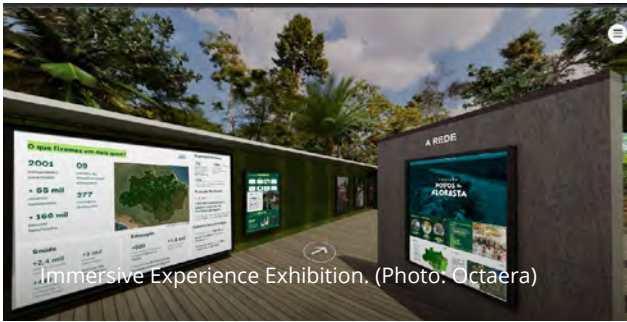
Virtual reality headset. (Photo: Jamille Santos)



Virtual reality headset. (Photo: Jamille Santos)



Immersive reality exhibition. (Photo: Octaera)



Immersive Experience Exhibition. (Photo: Octaera)



 Access the immersive experience on the Connect Forest People Network





WORKING GROUP

Energy

The scope of the Energy Working Group's work focuses on ensuring that the energy systems installed in connected communities operate safely, regularly, and sustainably, strengthening local autonomy and aligning the solutions of the Connect Forest People Network with public policies for universal access to energy.

To this end, the Working Group has been working to seek the inclusion and reimbursement of the Connect Forest People Network energy systems within the scope of the Luz para Todos (LPT) Program and with the National Electric Energy Agency (Aneel), in addition to supporting the articulation to prioritize the communities served by Energisa with the Network's partners.

This action is strategic because, in many territories, the lack of a continuous energy supply compromises the functioning of connectivity, limits access to health and education services, and directly impacts the quality of life of families. The articulation with the LPT and Aneel seeks to ensure that the implemented solutions are aligned with national guidelines for universal access and can be recognized within the regulatory framework.

Main results for 2025:

339

active energy kits

32

community members
participating in the
Community Energy
Agent Training

First Community Energy Agent Training

The main highlight of 2025 was the first Community Energy Agent Training, a pilot group that was carried out in three phases: a distance learning module, an in-person module at the Active Forest Experimental Center (CEFA) in the Carão community (PA), in the Tapajós-Arapiuns Extractive Reserve, and a third module, called community time, in which students developed activities learned in the course in their communities and villages.

The training brought together 32 indigenous, quilombola, extractive, and riverside community members, selected from communities that already have solar energy kits installed. The initiative was conducted by the Connect Forest People Network, through the Health and Happiness Project (PSA), in partnership with the Institute of Energy and Environment (IEMA) and WWF-Brazil.

The content included universal access to energy in the Amazon, consumer rights, basic electricity, energy efficiency, and the fundamentals of off-

grid photovoltaic solar energy. During the in-person phase, participants carried out practical activities involving circuit assembly, solar system sizing and installation, load reading, and safety procedures.

The training program is part of the Regulatory Sandbox of the Ministry of Mines and Energy (MME) and Aneel, which tests clean and accessible energy solutions in the Amazon. By training residents to operate and maintain solar systems, the course strengthens community energy management, reduces dependence on external labor, and contributes to extending the lifespan of the equipment.

The creation of community energy agents responds to a concrete demand from the territories: to ensure that the installed solar systems operate continuously and safely, respecting the cultural and territorial specificities of the communities.



Photo: Connect Forest People Network Communications



Photo: Connect Forest People Network Communications



Check out the video to see how the
Community Energy Agent Training went



Testimonials



Reginalva Alves

Facilitator in the Anarrio-Arapiuns community, municipality of Santarém (Pará)

"Participating in the (Community Energy Agents) course is a challenge and, at the same time, very important for us women who are working in the territories. Within the Tapajós-Arapiuns Reserve, there is still no 24-hour electricity. What we have in the communities and villages is solar energy, through people's curiosity and through projects, or energy powered by a generator, which is exorbitantly expensive.

So, being aware of this initiative is very important, especially for us female leaders who are in the fields, in the forests, in the waters. The feeling of gratitude is immeasurable."

"With the Community Energy Agents Course, I will bring knowledge about the correct use of energy to my community, to avoid waste. We work a lot in practice without technical knowledge, and this was passed on to us. It will be very valuable to apply in our daily lives, dealing with energy. It was a great privilege to have participated in the training, a priceless learning experience."



Marcelo Rodrigues

Facilitator in the Samaúma community, municipality of Santarém (Pará)



WORKING GROUP

Women empowerment

The Women's Working Group was created in 2025, based on a demand from the leadership of the Connect Forest People Network. The proposal arose during the Network's 2nd Meeting, in a thematic panel on territorial protection, and was strengthened by the listening sessions held in the Conexão Presents space, especially in the discussion groups on health.

Discussions in the Health and Territorial Protection Working Groups highlighted recurring concerns related to the mental health of women in the territories and the situations of gender-based violence faced by indigenous, quilombola, and extractive women. Based on this collective diagnosis, the Women's Working Group was structured as a permanent space for articulation, listening, and building responses to the demands of women in the forest.

The scope of the Working Group's work focuses primarily on confronting gender-based violence and strengthening protection networks,

promoting physical and mental health care, and creating safe spaces for listening, sharing, and collectively building solutions. One of the central objectives is to develop actions for women and by women, ensuring that initiatives are built upon the demands expressed by the community members themselves.

The Working Group was in its initial structuring phase, focusing on building guidelines and organizing pilot actions. As a first initiative, an open discussion group was held with women from communities connected by the Network, creating a space for welcoming and qualified listening to identify priority demands.

The Working Group also began planning the **Women's Support Center**, which will act as a space for guidance and support in situations of gender-based violence, in addition to promoting online discussion groups and training actions on rights, health, mental health, culture, and ancestry.

Main results of 2025:

Formal creation of the Women's Working Group

1 discussion group held with women from the communities



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2nd Network Gathering.
(Photo: Nathalie Brasil)

Connection around: articulation and visibility

Integration with public policies and the 2nd meeting of the Connect Forest People Network

The Connect Forest People Network operates on the principle that secure and fast internet access is a vector for guaranteeing rights, bringing territories closer to public policies. Bringing meaningful connectivity to territories paves the way for expanding access to health, education, energy, digital citizenship, and essential public services.

In 2025, the Network advanced in consolidating its institutional strategy of integration with public policies, strengthening dialogue with public authorities and expanding its inclusion in national agendas for digital inclusion, digital transformation, and territorial development.

One of the key moments was the holding of the **2nd Meeting of the Connect Forest People Network**: Integration with Public Policies, between August 6th and 8th, 2025, in Manaus (AM). The event brought together 212 participants, including 37 representatives from government agencies, as well as leaders from forest peoples, grassroots organizations, technical partners, and funders.

Among the agencies present were the Ministry of Management and Innovation in Public Services (MGI), the Ministry of Indigenous Peoples (MPI), the Ministry of Health (MS), the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change (MMA), the Ministry of Agrarian Development and Family Agriculture (MDA), the Chico Mendes Institute for Biodiversity Conservation (ICMBio), the Federal Public Prosecutor's Office, among others.

During three days of plenary sessions, panels, and thematic rooms, ways to bring territories closer to public policies through connectivity were debated. Thus, the Meeting reinforced the strategic role of the Connect Forest People Network as a platform for articulation between territories, civil society, and the State. More than a space for debate, the event marked the beginning of a concrete cooperation agenda.

Testimonials



Joênia Wapichana

President of the National Indigenous Peoples Foundation (Funai)

"Funai was present at the 2nd Meeting of the Connect Forest People Network. It is very important that the government is in dialogue with indigenous peoples and civil society organizations, and the importance of secure connectivity is what we are addressing."

Providing a strategy for surveillance, monitoring, and territorial protection is what the communities seek with secure connectivity. And, from this work, to enable them to contribute to the government through alerts, reports, dialogue, and even to promote the dissemination of their cultures to other communities."

"At the meeting, we managed to bring together various territories and collectives, all with the same goal, understanding the importance of connectivity, of this Amazonian alliance. To strengthen common agendas, even with their specificities, of various Amazons within the Amazon. When we manage to have this meeting, this grouping of efforts, we have a greater chance of giving new meaning to this process, not just as a struggle for each community, but to make it a collective effort."



Bruno Amir

Representative of the Health and Happiness Project (PSA)

One of the direct outcomes of the event and a highlight of the public policy agenda was the signing of the first Technical Cooperation Agreement (ACT) with the MGI, celebrated in December, with the objective of improving access to digital citizenship for forest peoples in the Legal Amazon.

The agreement establishes cooperation between the MGI and the Connect Forest People Network to expand access to digital services of the federal government in connected communities, including platforms such as Gov.br and other digital public services. The partnership recognizes the Network's role as a bridge between public policies for digital transformation and territories historically excluded from access to State services.

This approach and integration with public policies is an area of action that Connect Forest People Network has been working on since 2023, for example, through cooperation with the Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change (MMA) to expand connectivity with the communities benefiting from the Bolsa Verde Program, and the logistical support of ICMBio to the project.

In 2025, the Connect Forest People Network took a decisive step by positioning meaningful connectivity as an instrument of public policy, reaffirming that social transformation in territories depends on the integration of technology, community organization, and the State.



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Check out the video of the 2nd Connect Forest People Network Meeting

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Connect Forest People Network at COP30. (Photo: Sabrina Costa)

COP30: networked action

The 30th United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP30), held in Belém (PA), represented a historic milestone for Brazil and, especially, for the Amazon. By hosting the main global climate agenda in the Amazon region, COP30 placed the forest peoples, their territories, and their solutions to address the climate crisis at the center of the international debate.

For the Connect Forest People Network, participation in COP30 was a strategic opportunity to consolidate its networked action, connecting the international climate agenda to the concrete experiences of the communities already connected by the project. Throughout the event, the Network worked in conjunction with grassroots organizations, technical partners, public institutions, and civil society organizations, reinforcing the role of meaningful connectivity as an instrument for territorial defense, community strengthening, and political advocacy.

One of the main highlights was participation in the Banzeiro da Esperança (Riverboat of Hope), an initiative of the Foundation for Amazon

Sustainability (FAS), a member of the Network, and the Virada Sustentável, which sailed from Manaus to Belém carrying representatives of the forest peoples towards COP30. Along the way, there were discussion circles, workshops, cultural presentations, and debates on climate justice, conservation, socio-bioeconomy, and community leadership.

The Connect Forest People Network's participation was active both in the preparatory stage of the Banzeiro, where community members connected by the Network participated in prior workshops, contributing their experiences and territorial perspectives to the construction of proposals taken to COP30, and during COP30 itself: about 40 community members from the Network were selected to participate in the Banzeiro activities on the way to Belém. In addition to their physical presence in the discussion spaces, these community members also sent content in real time to the Network, expanding the circulation of information in the connected territories and strengthening community communication.

Beyond Banzeiro, the Network's activities at COP30 involved participation in various events throughout the nine days of programming, including the People's Summit, panels in the Green Zone and the Blue Zone, debates on health and climate, socio-bioeconomy, climate justice, energy transition, and socio-environmental safeguards.

The Network was represented by 20 institutional partners who actively participated in panels, dialogue sessions, workshops, and institutional networking. This expanded presence reinforced the Network's commitment to the collective construction of climate solutions from the territories. Throughout COP30, Network members also shared their perspectives on the event in videos for the Instagram account of the Connect Forest People Network.

Participation in COP30 was also an important moment for listening and exchanging ideas on the main issues affecting the Amazonian territories. In this context, the Connect Forest People Network positioned itself in strategic spaces for dialogue, contributing its experience to the discussions and positioning itself as part of the solutions collectively built to address the climate crisis, especially through meaningful connectivity and community strengthening.



Connect Forest People Network at COP30. (Photo: Nathalie Brasil)



Connect Forest People Network at COP30. (Photo: Nathalie Brasil)



See who was with the
Network at COP30

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Testimonials



Jucilande Mattos

Health mobilizer and
facilitator at the Connect
Forest People Network

"The Connect Forest People Network is present in this beautiful movement! We show the strength of the forest peoples, the strength of those who live in the forest, those who protect it, the true guardians."

"We came to COP30 seeking the rights of our territories, recognition and respect for our peoples. May our voice be heard and heeded. We protect the forest, sustainably, for Brazil and for the world."



Joelia Neri

Facilitator at the Connect Forest
People Network

Events and strategic actions

Throughout 2025, the Connect Forest People Network expanded its reach in strategic spaces for debate and training, bringing the issue of meaningful connectivity to different national and international agendas. At the **Free Land Camp (ATL)** in Brasília, the largest indigenous mobilization in the country, the Network contributed with discussion groups that highlighted the role of the internet as a tool for community strengthening, territorial protection, and the autonomy of indigenous peoples, in direct dialogue with grassroots organizations and indigenous leaders.

In addition to spaces for political advocacy, the Network also invested in technical training and the strengthening of local capacities. The **Connectivity and Energy Training** in Manaus brought together community representatives for training in the use and management of internet and solar energy systems, reinforcing the autonomy of the territories and the sustainability of the implemented solutions. These initiatives are aligned with the Network's pillars, which integrate infrastructure, community management, and digital inclusion as ways to expand rights and improve access to essential services.

On the international stage, participation in the **World Internet Forum** in Norway marked the Network's presence in global discussions on connectivity and digital inclusion. By bringing the perspective of the Amazonian territories to this space, the Network contributed to broadening the understanding of the challenges and solutions built from the communities and peoples of the forest.



3rd Connectivity and Energy Meeting.
(Photo: Nathalie Brasil)



Free Land Camp 2025.
(Photo: Gabriel Oliveira)



In the media

In 2025, the Connect Forest People Network also expanded its presence in the national and regional press, consolidating meaningful connectivity as a strategic agenda. The visibility gained throughout the year was the result of structured communication actions, institutional articulation, and the strengthening of narratives produced from the territories.

One of the main milestones was a **press trip to the Guajará-Miri quilombola community in Acará (PA), during COP30**. The initiative provided journalists with direct experience of the impacts of connectivity on the community, resulting in prominent reports in major national media outlets, such as **Um Só Planeta (Globo) and Valor Econômico**, which addressed the expansion of access to health, education, and digital citizenship through the secure internet installed by the Network.

Another highlight was the impact of the **1st Community Energy Agents Training, held in the Tapajós-Arapiuns Extractive Reserve**. The initiative was featured on **G1 Santarém**, which highlighted the training of community members for the management and maintenance of solar systems in their own territories, reinforcing the Network's role in promoting energy autonomy and strengthening the just transition in the Amazon.

In addition to traditional media, the Network also strengthened community communication. In 2025, we held the **first open call for forest communicators, in partnership with Amazônia Vox**, a Network member, with the aim of selecting a community communicator to produce a report about their own region. The result was a report produced by Keyse Valadares, from the Quilombola community of Oxalá de Jacunday (PA), about the Osvaldina Valadares Quilomboteca, an initiative that values Afro-Brazilian identity, culture, and education in the territories. The article was published in Amazônia Vox.

Throughout the year, the Network was also featured in media outlets such as **((o)) eco**, in a report on connectivity and renewable energy in the Amazonian socio-bioeconomy; and in **Valor Econômico**, especially on technologies applied to the surveillance and protection of the biome; The event was featured on the morning news program **Bom Dia Amazonas, highlighting the 1st In-Person Digital Wisdom Training**; and in the newspaper O Liberal, in an article about digital inclusion and community strengthening in the Amazon region.



Check out the **Bom Dia Amazonas** report on Rede Amazônica, a Globo Network affiliate, about the **1st In-Person Digital Wisdom Training**

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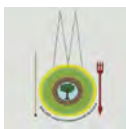


Part of the team of the Connect Forest People Institute, responsible for administrative support and essential assistance to ensure that field activities take place, strengthening the mission of the Connect Forest People Network to promote meaningful connectivity. (Photo: Communication/Connect Forest People Network)

WHO IS WHO

Implementing institutions and activation technicians

The activation technician team is composed of more than 60 technicians, working in the different states that make up the Amazon biome, linked to 20 different institutions involved in the implementation phase of the technology for access to connectivity and solar energy.



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Funders

Below is a list of the 11 funders who supported the project throughout 2025, totaling R\$33,315,783.84. It should be noted that funders with contracts signed in 2025, whose installments will be partially or fully debited in 2026, will be included in the report for that latter year.

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FUNDAÇÃO GETULIO VARGAS	
FUNDAÇÃO ROBERTO MARINHO	
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INSTITUTO UMBUZEIRO	
ITAÚ	
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MOVIMENTO BEM MAIOR	
TRANSNORTE ENERGIA	
WAVERLEY STREET FOUNDATION	
TOTAL AMOUNT RECEIVED IN 2025	R\$ 33.315.783,84

In-kind support

Below is a list of our in-kind funders who have supported the project throughout 2025.

IN-KIND SUPPORTERS
Azul Linhas Aéreas
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2025 results

The consolidation of the Connect Forest People Institute’s financial inflows and outflows can be divided into four main blocks:

- 1. **Equipment:** This covers the costs of items such as antennas, power kits, computers, routers, and other equipment necessary for the execution of the project;
- 2. **Logistics:** This encompasses all expenses related to the facilities, including fuel, per diem, travel, vehicle and truck rentals;
- 3. **Personnel:** This includes the costs associated with the team hired for the project, consultants, interns, management team, and technicians;
- 4. **Other:** This block includes all other costs not specified above, such as bank fees, reimbursement expenses, among others, with inflows and outflows from 2025 - in the same model as the fiscal council.

TYPE OF EXPENSE	COMPLETED IN 2025
Logistics	R\$ 1.585.536,00
Personnel	R\$ 833.994,45
Equipment	R\$ 12.581.663,34
Donations and Contributions*	R\$ 4.403.783,00
Other**	R\$ 2.159.006,37
TOTAL	R\$ 21.563.983,16

*The “Donations and Contributions” line includes: (i) donations made to the Network’s base organizations; (ii) donations to SIIAI; and (iii) financial contributions associated with service contracts signed with Solved and the Telemedicine Portal.

** The “Other” line refers to expenses for third-party services, administrative expenses, and taxes.

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