



# **2022 ACTIVITIES**

## REPORT



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# WHO ARE WE AND WHAT DO WE DO?

The **Iniciativa Negra Por Uma Nova Política Sobre Drogas** (Black Initiative for a New Drug Policy, in Portuguese) came to be in 2015 and is the first civil society organization acting on behalf of drug policy changes focusing on racial and gender equity.

Our pledge is to diagnose and point to peaceful solutions to the overhauling of drug policies in Brazil, in tandem with international efforts. For that end, we promote advocacy actions supported by research and communication campaigns, with the goal of the effective strengthening of democracy and the assurance of rights.

## AREAS OF ACTION



## **Service Providers**

Agência LEMA+ (Press Agent)  
Mariana Advocacia - Legal Counsel  
Torres Contabilidade - Management of the  
Third Sector

## **2022 Backing**

Donation from Individuals  
Elas+  
Fundo Baobá  
Fundo Brasil de Direitos Humanos  
Instituto Ibirapitanga  
OAK Foundation  
Open Society Foundation  
Wellspring Philanthropic Fund

## **Networks**

Coalizão Negra por Direitos  
Fórum Aberto Mundaréu da Luz  
International Drug Policy Consortium (IDPC)  
Rede Latinoamericana e do Caribe de  
Pessoas que Usam Drogas (LANPUD)  
Observatório do Sistema Prisional Baiano  
Pacto pela Democracia  
Plataforma Brasileira de Política de Drogas  
(PBPD)  
Rede de Advocacy Colaborativo (RAC)

## **2022 Partnerships**

Associação Brasileira de Saúde Mental -  
Abrasme  
Anistia Internacional  
Centro de Convivência É de Lei  
Fogo Cruzado  
Fórum Popular de Segurança Pública do  
Nordeste  
Instituto de Defesa da População Negra  
(IDPN)  
Rede Nacional de Feministas  
Antiproibicionistas (Renfa)  
Rede de Observatórios da Segurança

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# 2022 Backing and Projects

## **Fundo Baobá**

In September 2021, Iniciativa Negra was selected for the public edict “Vidas negras: dignidade e justiça” (Black Lives: Dignity and Justice, in Portuguese). The developed project brought upon reflections around the thematic axis of “Reparation for victims and survivors of criminal injustices with racial bias”, analyzing contexts and reparation initiatives for victims of the war on drugs.

## **Fundo Brasil de Direitos Humanos**

(Brazil Human Rights Fund, in Portuguese)

In February 2021, we started the project “Unveiling the punitive mesh and building alternatives: Racism and the Drug Policy in Salvador”, with two execution axes: research and advocacy; and political articulation. The project is subsidized by Fundo Brasil de Direitos Humanos and had its results explored in the actions related to the “Do crédito ao desmonte: aplicações de alternativas penais e enfrentamento ao uso abusivo de prisões provisórias em Salvador” (From Credit to Dismantling: applying penal alternatives and standing against the abusive use of provisory arrests in Salvador, in Portuguese) research.

## **Elas+**

In November 2021, Iniciativa Negra was bestowed backing from Elas+, which allows for the strengthening of institutional means, leadership and the development of activist action tied to the mission of the organization.

## **Instituto Ibirapitanga**

The project “Iniciativa Negra para pesquisar, formar e incidir” (Black Initiative for research, education and advocacy in Portuguese) funded by Instituto Ibirapitanga has its goal in providing subsidies to the consolidation of data production based

research. Currently, the subsidy supports the development of research and political advocacy.

## **OAK Foundation**

OAK Foundation offers subsidies towards the institutional development of Iniciativa Negra. With OAK’s support, it’s possible to delineate actions that bring about institutional development and the necessary sustainability to enact the desired social change.

## **Open Society Foundation (OSF)**

Open Society Foundation support’s objective is offering resources for institutional development. As such, it’s possible to design actions and objectives towards de consolidation and strengthening of our brand in the field of social actuation, besides promoting the production of knowledge in the research field and consolidating the communication area towards engagement.

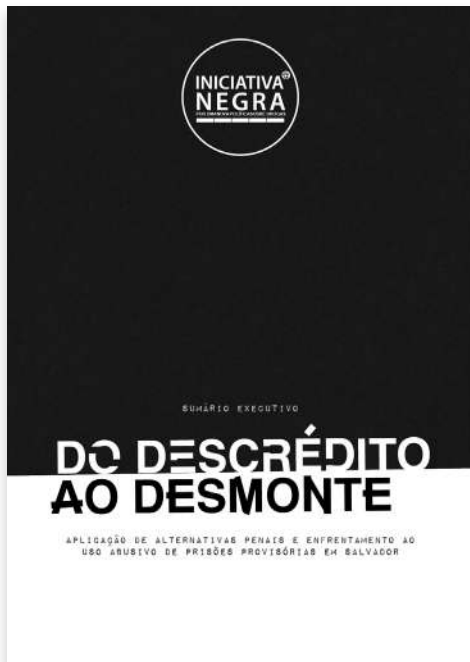
## **Wellspring Philanthropic Fund (WPF)**

Wellspring Philanthropic Fund funded the project “Gêneros” (genders, in Portuguese), that proposes the construction of a platform that provides a counter-narrative to the “gender ideology” . Developed by the Associação Nacional de Trans e Travestis (ANTRA) (National Trans and Travesti Association, in Portuguese), by the Iniciativa Negra por uma Nova Política Sobre Drogas and by the Rede Nacional de Feminista Antiproibicionistas (RENFA) (National Network of Anti Prohibition Feminists, in Portuguese), the project ended in 2022, after providing collective instruments of formation and dissemination of information, narratives and research sources that take gender perspective and gender diversity in consideration in intersectional and transversal manner.



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# PUBLICATIONS



The [research](#) analyzes elements of the actions of the Justice System of Salvador, Bahia, considering the penal process of people accused of crimes related to the Drug Policy, as well as the processes of discrediting, dismantling and bad-faith usage of penal alternative policies in the city of Salvador-BA between the years of 2020 and 2022.

Bahia is a pioneer state in alternative measures policy in regards to freedom restriction, however the research shows that these measures have been badly implemented. Another point of data revealed is that 85,4% of sentences declared by judges at Tribunal de Justiça da Bahia in second instance do not mention the labor situation of the accused - this lack of knowledge reflects in the application of sentences that make it

harder or impossible for the accused to keep an income source whilst carrying out their sentence.

Besides the publication of the research summary, a mini documentary was also produced that contains statements from Antônio Faiçal, a judge on Tribunal de Justiça da Bahia; Luciano Goés, abolitionist lawyer and doctoral student of Law at Universidade de Brasília; Hugo Dantas, social worker and former employee at Central Integrada de Alternativas Penais (CIAP) (Integrated Central for Penal Alternatives, in portuguese); Marta Rodrigues, Salvador council member and president of the Comissão de Direitos Humanos e De Finanças da Câmara Municipal de Salvador (Human Rights and Finances Commission for the city council of Salvador, in portuguese); and Maurício Saporito, Public Defender. The full video was posted at Iniciativa Negra's Youtube channel and five teasers were revealed with statements by each of the interviewed;

To broaden the debate on provisory arrests and penal alternatives, the individual interviews taped for the minidocumentary were also posted to our website, besides an article approaching the context of provisory arrests at the time of the publication. The researched was published in June 2022 by the Iniciativa Negra por uma Nova Política sobre Drogas with backing by Fundo Brasil de Direitos Humanos.

On Instagram, we have reached over 34 thousand accounts with posts about the research alone. To elevate the media debate, we partnered with Alma Preta Jornalismo that wrote the news piece "[Progama de alternativas penais sofre com desmonte na Bahia, revela pesquisa](#)" ("Penal alternative Programme suffers from dismantling in Bahia, research shows", in portuguese ), and also with Ponte Jornalismo that focused on the publishing of the research on the news story "[Medidas alternativas à prisão mal aplicadas viram punição para réus, aponta pesquisa](#)" (Poorly implemented alternative measures to arrest become punishment for the defendants, research points).



*Prior to publishing, the research was presented with invited civil society organizations and key actors. The activity happened in May, at Centro Cultura*



**ALMA PRETA** JORNALISMO PRETO E LIVRE

BLACK STORIES APOIE

INÍCIO COTIDIANO POLÍTICA CULTURA QUILOMBO ÁFRICA & DIÁSPORA LITERATURA AGENDA VÍDEOS APOIE QUEM SOMOS SERVIÇOS CONTATO

COTIDIANO / Quarta, 29 Junho 2022 09:20

## Programa de alternativas penais sofre com desmonte na Bahia, revela pesquisa

Mesmo com repasse de mais de R\$ 1 milhão, serviços da Central Integrada de Alternativas Penais Diversas à Prisão (CIAP) continuam suspensos

Texto: Cláudia Ribeiro | Edição: Natália Nascimento | Foto: Vínculos de Resgatando Ponto

**ponte**

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## Medidas alternativas à prisão mal aplicadas viram punição para réus, aponta pesquisa

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Juizes aplicam medidas como tornozeleira eletrônica sem necessidade e com isso dificultam até que réus em liberdade consigam emprego, afirma estudo da Iniciativa Negra por uma Nova Política sobre Drogas realizado na Bahia

**MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS**



## Gêneros - Escola Nacional de Gênero e Sexualidade

Project “Gêneros - Escola Nacional de Gênero e Sexualidade (Genders - National School of Gender and Sexuality, in Portuguese) debuted in June. The result of a partnership between Iniciativa Negra, RENFA and ANTRA with funding by Wellspring Philanthropic Fund (WPF), the project was developed throughout the pandemic.

“Gêneros” presents itself as a platform to differentiate the debate on gender and sexuality from the perspective of the assurance of rights. The project sports a mapping of setbacks attested by Law Projects between 2019 and 2021, besides reflecting on them in round tables with acting specialists in the many fields that establish dialog with the protection of the rights of these populations. All of the projects resources are gathered in a website and Instagram profile ([@escolageneros](#)), which also held a debut live mediated by Nathália Oliveira with the participation of Luana Malheiro (anthropologist and co-founder of RENFA), Dandara Rudson (Law school graduate, member of RENFA and Iniciativa Negra) and Symmy Larrat (journalist, LGBTQIA+ and trans citizens activist and the first president of ABGLT).



### MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS

#### NOTÍCIA PRETA [🔗](#)

[Iniciativa Negra debuts School for Gender and Sexuality](#)

#### IBAHA [🔗](#)

[Entities launch platform to counter fake news and discuss gender and sexuality in Brazil |](#)

#### NOTÍCIAS DO MUNDO [🔗](#)

[Entities launch platform to counter fake news and discuss gender and sexuality in Brazil](#)

#### IG QUEER [🔗](#)

[Get to know the website that gathers information on gender and sexuality in the nation](#)



# NET WORKS

## Instituto de Defesa da População Negra (IDPN)

(Institute for Defense of the Black Population, in Portuguese)

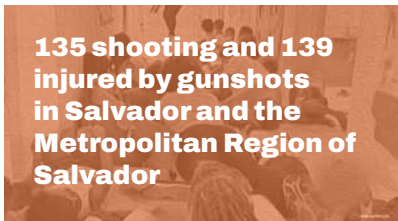
Since 2020, Iniciativa Negra has acted as a fiscal sponsor to the IDPN. This aligns with our proposition of strengthening collectives, organizations and budding networks.

### Fogo Cruzado

Iniciativa Negra has started a partnership with Instituto Fogo Cruzado to monitor shooting data in Bahia. The first results of monitoring were published in August and the year's end was punctuated by a report of 100 days monitoring in Bahia. The presentation of the 100 days report was held at "Centro Cultural Que Ladeira É Essa?" and was attended by over 20 civil society organizations.



In 2022, 6 monitoring reports were published referring to the July-November time frame and we were mentioned 69 times by the press.



Photos: Reproductions from Fogo Cruzado

**MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS**

**G1 BA**

[Fogo Cruzado: 131 shootings registered in Salvador and the Metropolitan Region of Salvador in July; around 80% of the victims have passed away](#)

**CORREIO 24 HORAS**

[“Shootings happen at any moment. We live in fear”, says resident](#)

**TRIBUNA DA BAHIA**

[Balance sheet shows 131 shootings and 108 people injured in July in Salvador and the Metropolitan Region of Salvador](#)

**ALMA PRETA**

[Bahia registers three people shot daily in July](#)

**G1 BA**

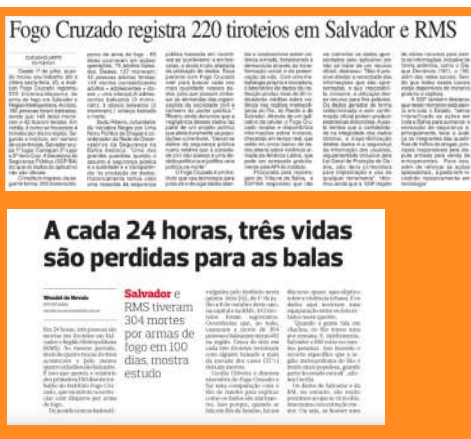
[A hundred days of Fogo Cruzado in Bahia: report shows over 400 injured in shootings between July and early October this year](#)

**BNEWS**

[Research shows that Salvador and the Metropolitan Region of Salvador have had over 400 shootings in 100 days](#)

**IBAHIA**

[Salvador and the Metropolitan Region of Salvador have had over 400 shootings in 100 days, research shows](#)



left: Correio 24 horas news story; top: Tribuna da Bahia news story, bottom: Correio 24 horas news story

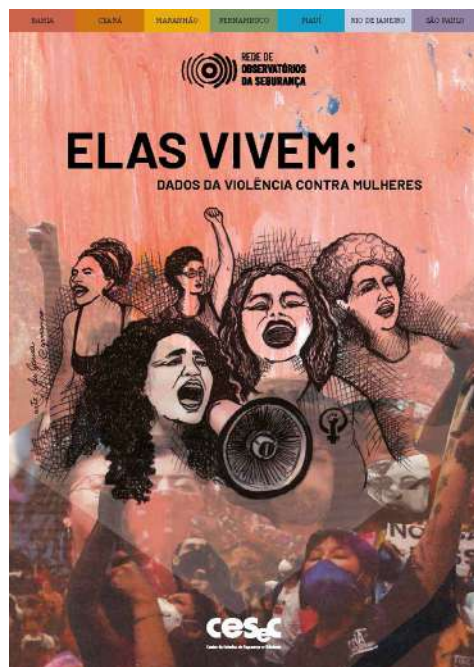
## Plataforma Brasileira de Política de Drogas (PBPD)

(Brazilian Platform for Drug Policy, in Portuguese) Iniciativa Negra is one of the organizations that comprise the Plataforma Brasileira de Política de Drogas. In 2022, Iniciativa Negra took on the mantle of fiscal sponsor of the resources related to PBPD's work.

## Redes de Observatórios da Segurança

(Safety Observatory Network, in Portuguese) Iniciativa Negra is part of Rede de Observatórios de Segurança, a collective of civil society organizations and academic institutions from seven different states with the goal of monitoring information on public safety, violence and human rights. Starting from the monitoring of pre-established indicators in the news cycle, the methodology used by Rede cross references the information with official and government data. Dudu Ribeiro coordinates the Observatório de Segurança in Bahia, and Larissa Neves and Luciene Santana enacted the monitoring as researchers in 2022.

In 2022, we collaborated with the production of the reports “#ElasVivem: dados da violência contra mulheres” (#WomenLive: data on violence against women, in Portuguese), “Raio-X das ações de policiamento” (X-Ray of policing action, in Portuguese), “Máquina de moer gente preta: a responsabilidade da branquitude” (“Black people grinding machine: the responsibility of whiteness, in Portuguese) and “Pele alva: a cor que a polícia apaga” (“Target skin: the color that police erases”, in Portuguese).



### #ElasVivem: dados da violência contra mulheres

In a second edition with data on violence against women, the report series “Elas Vivem” points out the main indicators and dynamics of the “violent crimes that daily jeopardize the lives of women in a structurally sexist society”.

### MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS

#### CORREIO 24 HORAS [🔗](#)

[Bahia sits at fourth place in Brazil when it comes to violence against women](#)

#### G1 BA [🔗](#)

[Bahia has a case of violence against women every two days, research shows](#)

#### VALE FM 102.3 [🔗](#)

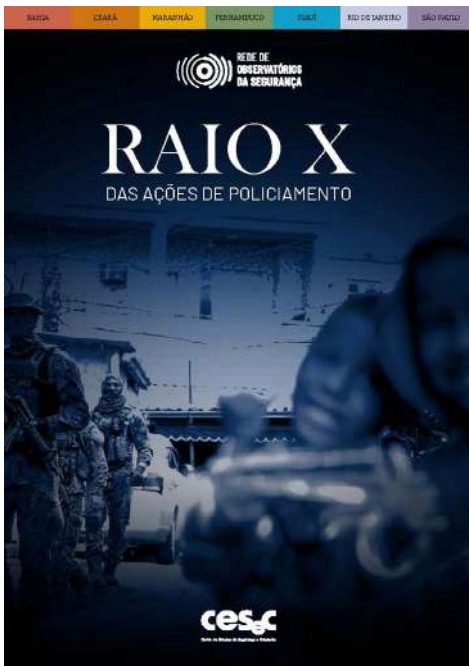
[Bahia has a case of violence against women every two days, research shows](#)

#### ANDAIA FM [🔗](#)

[Five states have registered 409 femicides in 2021](#)

#### AÇÃO POPULAR [🔗](#)

[Bahia sits at fourth place in Brazil when it comes to violence against women](#)



## Raio-X das ações de policiamento

“Report on motivation, results and consequences of police actions in July 2020 - June 2022 in five member states of Rede de Observatórios da Segurança”.

### MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS

#### BAHIA.BA [↗](#)

[Bahia and other four states have had over 20 thousand police actions during the pandemic](#)

#### ISTO É DINHEIRO [↗](#)

[Five states have had over 20 thousand police actions during pandemic](#)

#### O DIA [↗](#)

[A person died every ten hours in police action, study shows](#)

NOTÍCIAS NA TV



The launch of the report was highlighted on Correio 24 Horas and SDC TV with the participation of Dudu Ribeiro



## Máquina de moer gente preta: a responsabilidade da branquitude

The report reveals the agents of black people’s death production hidden under the pact of whiteness, such as media coverage and justice system action, which feed the deadly machine of racial violence run by the State.

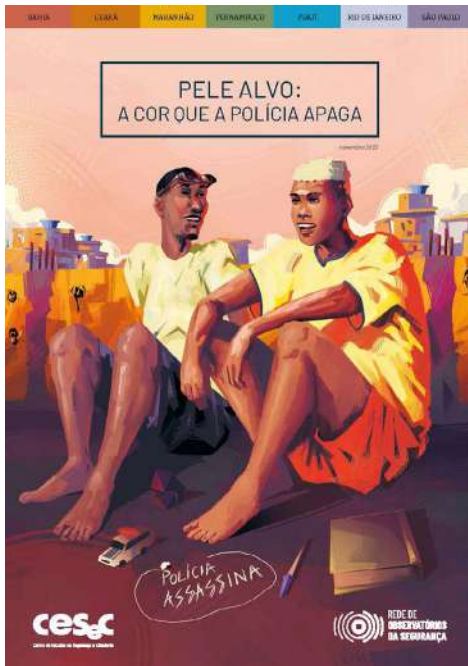
### MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS

#### NOTÍCIA PRETA [↗](#)

[Police forces are what most victimize black people in 7 states, report shows](#)

#### PRIMEIRO JORNAL [↗](#)

[Brazil registers over 21 thousand violent events in a year, report points out](#)



## Pele alvo: a cor que a polícia apaga

Report from Rede de Observatórios da Segurança shows the existence of people with “target skin”, based on the analysis of 2021 data on police lethality in seven Brazilian states (BA, CE, MA, PE, PI, RJ and SP).

### MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS

**G1 BA** [🔗](#)

[Observatório de Segurança monitors case of murdered raffle sellers in Bahia](#)

**REVISTA RAÇA** [🔗](#)

[Report claims that for every 100 people killed by Bahia police, 98 are black](#)

**BNEWS** [🔗](#)

[Black brazilians die more often than white in police ac-](#)

[tion; yet another result of racial disparity in Brazil](#)

**TERRA** [🔗](#)

[In Bahia, a black person is killed by the police every 24 hours](#)

**CORREIO 24 HORAS** [🔗](#)

[Police victimization and racism in Bahia](#) [article by Luciene Santana, Dudu Ribeiro and Larissa Neves]

**BRASIL DE FATO** [🔗](#)

[For every 100 people killed by Bahia police, 98 are black, report claims](#)



*Publishing of the report “Pele alvo: a cor que a polícia apaga” that took place at Boteco da Dona Tati, São Paulo. Besides a round table, the event also sported art performances. Fotos: Renato Cafuzo*



# 2022 ACTIONS



## Brasil Mulheres 2022

The “[Brasil Mulheres 2022](#)” (Women Brazil 2022, in Portuguese) articulation promoted by Marta Suplicy gathered 35 women of diverse strata of society to advocate over candidates’ platforms during the October elections, particularly those running for higher offices. Our executive director, Nathália Oliveira, was one of the participants and contributed to the elaboration of esteemed points to the anti prohibition and anti racist agenda in the write-up of an open letter to the nation.

Point 15 stands for drug policy overhauling, with special attention to women prosecuted for related felonies; besides user care guided by damage reduction. In Point 16, which is about overhauling the public safety model, our main contribution was standing by the involvement of the three federation entities in the assurance of rights to teenagers in conflict with the law, the incarcerated and formerly incarcerated population, and their families. The building blocks of this point comes from the research “A Liberdade é uma Luta Constante” (Freedom is a Constant Struggle, in Portuguese), published by Iniciativa Negra in September 2021, that identified the hardships of formerly incarcerated people and their families in accessing basic rights in the city of São Paulo. As a solution, the report suggest better and bigger participation of municipalities to direct people who already access services such as SUS (Brazil’s universal public healthcare system) and SUAS (Brazil’s universal public social services system).



## Conselho de Segurança da Bahia

[Iniciativa Negra was elected to join the Conselho Estadual de Segurança Pública e Defesa Social](#) (CONESP-BA) (State Council for Public Safety and Social Defense, in Portuguese). Dudu Ribeiro became a council member in March. With Iniciativa Negra joining it, CONESP-BA hosts the participation of a civil society organization for the first time, previously composed mostly by police entities.



## **MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS**

[Iniciativa Negra Organization is elected to join CONESP](#)

**NEWS STORIES ON VOZ DA BAHIA** [🔗](#) **BAHIA NOTÍCIAS** [🔗](#) **BAHIA MUNICÍPIOS** [🔗](#) **OPINIÃO BAIANA** [🔗](#)

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## **Campanha COMUDA**

In March 2022, civil society organizations made statements regarding the removal of counseling organizations at the Conselho Municipal de Políticas Públicas de Drogas e Álcool do Município de São Paulo (COMUDA) (São Paulo Municipality Council of Public Policies on Drugs and Alcohol, in Portuguese) without any dialog. To make the case visible, a technical note and letter demanding more transparency and publicization of the decisions of the entity were drafted. The documents were adhered to by over 40 civil society entities. Iniciativa Negra and Centro de Convivência É de Lei registered the documents in conversations with São Paulo's city council members, whilst also visiting the Municipal Office, State Prosecution, Public Defense, Health and Human Rights commissions at city council and the Defense of Rights of the Human Person commission at the legislative chambers.

The demands and mobilization were registered in [mini documentary form](#), shared over Iniciativa Negra and Centro de Convivência É de Lei's social media accounts.



## **MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS**

### **FOLHA DE S. PAULO - COLUNA MÔNICA BERGAMO** [🔗](#)

[Over 40 entities demand more social participation and transparency on war on drugs in São Paulo](#)

### **SMOKE BUDDIES** [🔗](#)

[Articulation asks for civil participation on São Paulo's drug policy](#)

### **RÁDIO BRASIL ATUAL** [🔗](#)

[Drug policy: 40 entities ask for bigger participation at Managing Committee in São Paulo](#)

### **PACTO PELA DEMOCRACIA** [🔗](#)

[Radar da Democracia's Newsletter](#)

### **FOLHA DE S. PAULO - ARTIGO ASSINADO POR ORGANIZAÇÕES QUE MOBILIZARAM AÇÃO** [🔗](#)

[End the war on drugs](#)

*Mônica Bergamo's Column and the article "End the war on drugs" also were highlights of the printed edition*



**NO IMPRESSO**

## In-Freedom Care

In 2022, the violent actions at Cracolândia, in São Paulo, and the absence of public policies geared towards in-freedom care were recurring debates in media and the public space. Iniciativa Negra's accumulation in this field, with actions that denounced the impacts of the war on drugs, was presented in various articles and partnered articulations.

Throughout the year, we were sources as the São Paulo's City Hall adopted actions like involuntary admissions. But also on a federal level, with the adoption of policies contrary to the Anti-Asylum Law such as, for instance, the investment in psychiatric hospitals. In May, we joined several civil society organizations that act on healthcare issues, drug policies and human rights to bolster the need for policies geared towards [in-freedom care](#). We were also present in the Anti-Asylum Fight celebration day.



## DESTAQUES NA IMPRENSA

### FOLHA DE S. PAULO [🔗](#)

[New police actions at Cracolândia and the Brazilian drug policy, listen to the podcast Café da Manhã](#)

### [Podcast Café da Manhã](#)



*Interview with Nathália Oliveira was a highlight on the Café da Manhã podcast*

### BOA TARDE SP - BAND [🔗](#)

[Nathália Oliveira is one the interviewed specialists to comment on the Cracolândia situation regarding violent police action](#)

### *Involuntary admissions*

### ESTADÃO [🔗](#)

[Cracolândia: São Paulo's City Hall adopts involuntary admission of addicts](#)

**Also run by other media vehicles:**

**ISTO É DINHEIRO [🔗](#) TERRA [🔗](#) UOL [🔗](#)**

*We were mentioned in 33 news articles about the Anti-Asylum Law. Here are the highlights:*

### FOLHA DE S. PAULO [🔗](#)

[Health Ordinance and Citizenry edict empty Anti-Asylum Law, entities claim](#)

### O GLOBO [🔗](#)

[Ministry of Citizenry allocates R\\$10 million towards psychiatric hospitals, criticized by torture practices similar to those of asylums](#)

### RÁDIO BRASIL ATUAL [🔗](#)

[Bolsonaro's office weakens psychosocial policy and might bring asylums back](#)

### JOTA [🔗](#)

**JOTA - OPINION PIECE SIGNED BY CHICO CORDEIRO, LEONARDO PINHO AND NATHÁLIA OLIVEIRA**

[Federal government enacts another attack on Brazil's drug policy](#)

## **Arguição de Descumprimento de Preceito Fundamental (ADPF) Vidas Negras**

(Non-compliance with a fundamental precept claim (ADPF) Black Lives, in Portuguese) In May, Coalizão Negra por Direitos (Black Coalition for Rights, in Portuguese), together with victim's families, motioned for a lawsuit at the Brazilian Federal Supreme Court so that Brazil would acknowledge the existence of a policy for the death of the black population.

The Arguição de Descumprimento de Preceito Fundamental (ADPF) Vidas Negras was also the subject of public audience at House of Representatives. Iniciativa Negra was present for the activities, represented by Dudu Ribeiro and Jade Christinne, besides contributing to the drafting of the ADPF via the political articulator, Lays Araújo.



## Marcha da maconha

In June, we were at the Global Marijuana March in São Paulo. AT the time, in partnership with PBPD we launched the slogan “Democracy is also a victim of the war on drugs” in an action with stickers and a 10 meters long flag.

The Global Marijuana March in Salvador happened in november, with Dudu Ribeiro attending the event. In a statement given at the event’s float, our executive director highlighted the need of a legalization policy that brings reparation to the population affected by the noxious impacts of the war on drugs. In this edition, the March put emphasis on the impacts of the war on drugs on indigenous and black lives with the campaigning “in the war on drugs, you’re also a victim”.





Fotos: @milariosphoto

## “Descontrole: o Ministério Público no centro das atenções” campaign

(Unmanageability: Public Prosecution at the center of attentions, in Portuguese) Iniciativa Negra joined forces with Amnesty International in the campaign about police lethality and the role of Public Prosecution in inspecting the actions of the institution. WE were part of conversations held in Bahia and the launch of the campaign with the mini documentary “Descontrole: o Ministério Público no centro das atenções”.



### MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS

#### MINISTÉRIO PÚBLICO DO ESTADO DA BAHIA [🔗](#)

[Meeting between Public Prosecution and Amnesty International discusses police lethality in Bahia](#)

#### CORREIO 24 HORAS [🔗](#)

[Amnesty International holds meeting with Bahia's Public Prosecution to tackle police lethality](#)

#### BAHIA NOTÍCIAS [🔗](#)

[Amnesty International and Public Prosecution debate police lethality against black people in Bahia](#)

## Brazilian Mental Health Congress

Between the 21st and 24th of July, the 8th Brazilian Mental Health Congress held by Abrasme took place. The Congress creates a space for dialogue and collective constructions. In this edition, the event received more than 3 thousand people. Nathália Oliveira participated in the panel ‘What drug policy do we want?’ which was part of the program on the last day of the event. Also present at the panel were Moribuxava Itamirim, Luciana Boiteux, Helena Aparecida Ferreira and Maria Angélica Comis.





## Boteco Brasileiro de Política de Drogas

Boteco Brasileiro de Política de Drogas (Brazilian Pub for Drug Policy, in Portuguese) first started as a space for conversations between key actors in civil society and the strengthening of social participation and democracy.

The first meeting happened in April 2022, at Boteco Dona Tati in São Paulo, directed only to activists and representatives of civil society organizations. Items such as in-free-dome care, damage reduction and assurance of rights were debated to reinforce the need for the creation of a democratic and transparent drug policy that will foster social participation.



In July, the meeting took place in Rio de Janeiro, still solely directed to activists and representatives of civil society organizations. The activity was held in partnership with the Plataforma Brasileira de Política de Drogas.

The goal of Boteco Brasileiro de Política de Drogas was redesigned to integrate the activities in the campaign “Na guerra às drogas você também é vítima”. In October, meetings became weekly and open to the general public.

In association with Boteco da Dona Tati, in São Paulo, the programme was dubbed “Quintas Pela Democracia” with the objective of reinforcing the debate and articulations on elections and candidatures. Quintas Pela Democracia is backed by Abrasme, Centro de Convivência É de Lei, Dandara Editora, RENFA and PBPD.

This new format was also part of Caravana do Conhecimento, held by PBPD, passing through cities such as Salvador, Fortaleza and Belém.



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## **Encontro Nacional sobre Política de Drogas, Democracia e Direitos Humanos**

In August, Iniciativa Negra and PBPD held the first Encontro Nacional sobre Política de Drogas, Democracia e Direitos Humanos (National Meeting for Drug Policy, Democracy and Human Rights, in Portuguese) in Rio de Janeiro. Its goal was motivating society around that theme and uniting ends that already fostered discussions regarding the subject, empowering this national network of organizations and partners.

During the meeting, we launched the campaign “Na guerra às drogas você também é vítima”. Who is, effectively, impacted by the war on drugs? The campaign aims to answer this question, revealing that even though those most impacted are the black, poor and the outskirts populations, in one way or another the damages done by the war on drugs are shared between the entire population. Starting from the “Agenda Emergencial pelo Fim da Guerra às Drogas” (Emergency Agenda Towards Ending the War on Drugs), we’ve gathered central axes (care, justice and safety, regulate to rectify, participation and social control) to propose actions to bring about change.

The public launch of the campaign took place on August 30th at Ganjah Coffee Shop. It was mediated by Mc Martina and Pâmela Carvalho, besides speeches from congressmen and public figures like Mônica Francisco, Luciana Boiteux and Carlos Minc. Organizations such as the Rede Nacional de Feministas Antiproibicionistas (RENFA), Centro de Convivência É de Lei and Associação Brasileira de Saúde Mental (Abrasme) also made relevant statements during the event. Organizations that make up the PBPD network were mostly present at the meet up, which was closed out by the band Afroribeirinhos.

Besides the launch event, the campaign also multiplied across Brazil via the network that makes up PBPD. Another highlight of the campaign was in September with “Cine Debate Pico da Neblina: Regular para Reparar” (Movie debate Pico da Neblina: Regulate to Rectify, in Portuguese) held on Saladearte Cinema do Museu in Salvador. The event articulated the themes of the campaign with the first episode of the series “Pico da Neblina” as a starting point, with participation by actor Henrique Santana, “Salim” in Pico da Neblina; Dexter, rapper and “CD” on the show; Driele Amunã, social educator for streets; Dona Tereza, then candidate for state representative of Minas Gerais; Luana Malheiro, anthropologist and articulation coordinator at PBPD; and the founders of Iniciativa Negra, Dudu Ribeiro and Nathália Oliveira.



*Lançamento da campanha ‘Na Guerra às Drogas, Você Também é Vítima’ no Rio de Janeiro*



*Cine debate Pico da Neblina em Salvador*

## **MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS**

### **FOLHA DE S. PAULO | MÔNICA BERGAMO** [🔗](#)

[International consortium adheres manifest for a new drug policy in Brazil](#)

### **DESACATO** [🔗](#)

[Campaign aims to demonstrate that taxpayers are also victims in the war on drugs](#)

### **DIPLOMATIQUE** [🔗](#)

[The war on drugs has to stop. Are president candidates ready for this conversation?](#)

### **G1 BA** [🔗](#)

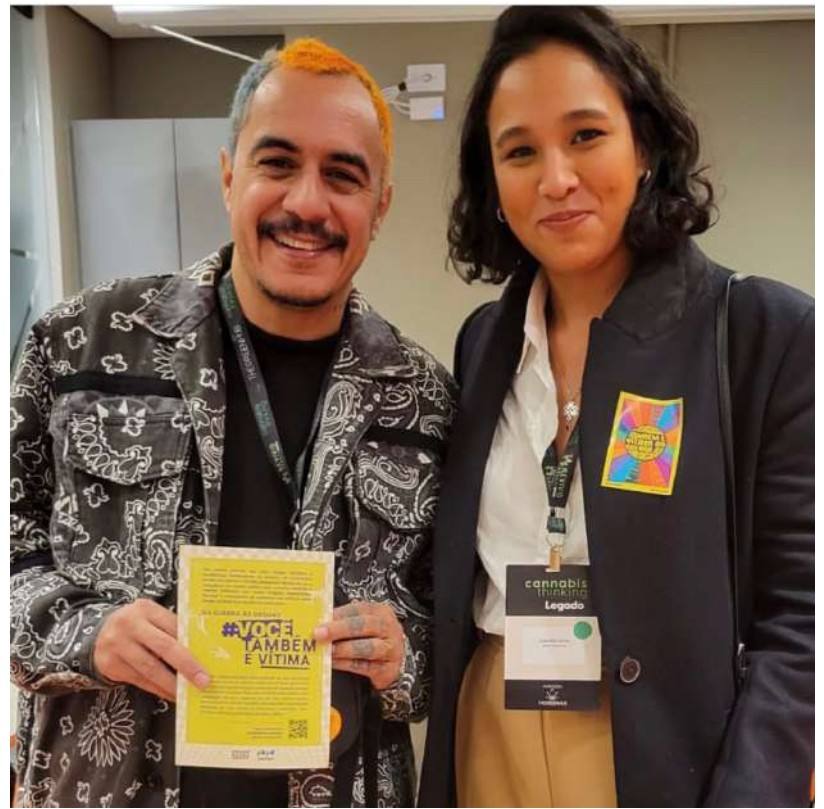
[Movie Debate to be held in Salvador with the presence of the rapper Dexter, the actor Henrique Santana and specialists](#)

### **AGÊNCIA DE NOTÍCIAS DAS FAVELAS** [🔗](#)

[Cine Debate: “Pico da Neblina - regular para reparar” project takes place in Salvador](#)

### **PORTAL A TARDE** [🔗](#)

[Movie debate discusses drug policy with cast de série](#)



## “Por direitos, reparação e justiça” round tables

(For rights reparation and justice, in Portuguese) During August, the researchers for “Iniciativa por direitos, reparação e justiça”, project backed by Fundo Baobá, held round tables on reparations to the victims of criminal injustice with racial profiling. The activities happened in Belém, as part of the 10th Fórum Social Pan-Amazônico (Pan-Amazon Social Forum, in Portuguese), in Rio de Janeiro, Salvador and São Paulo.



Round table with the Rio de Janeiro participants on the left, on the right: participants of the round table in Belém.



Round table with the Salvador participants on the left, on the right: participants of the round table in São Paulo.

## Festival do Clube de Criação

(Creation Club Festival, in Portuguese) Nathália Oliveira participated in the panel “Necropolitics and Biopower: Control mechanisms sustained in racial difference”, at the 10th edition of the Festival do Clube de Criação. With a debate led by the work of Cameroonian philosopher and historian Achille Mbembe, the panel was attended by Bruno Paes Manso, Cleifson Dias Pereira, Rene Silva and mediated by journalist Rosenildo Ferreira.



## Salvador City Council Special Session emphasizes the social relevance of Iniciativa Negra and the Research “Mesmo que me negue sou parte de você”

In November, council member Maria Marighella promoted the Iniciativa Negra Special Session and the research “Mesmo que me negue sou parte de você: Racialidade, territorialidade e (r)existência em Salvador” (Even if you deny my, I’m a part of you: raciality, territoriality and (r)existence in Salvador, in Portuguese). The session paid homage to Iniciativa Negra and outlined the importance of the organization for antiracism as praxis.





Dudu Ribeiro e Ana Miria Carinhonha at the Special Session. Photos: Adriele do Carmo.

## **Tem Gente com Fome campaign**

Since the launching of the campaign Tem Gente com Fome (There are people who are starving, in Portuguese) by Coalizão Negra por Direitos, in 2021, we have supported the promotion of donation and distribution of food items in Salvador.

Food insecurity is still a reality for many Brazilian families. In this regard, Iniciativa has, for over a year, acted on the campaign by mapping and mediating partnerships to support the distribution of food hampers. In December, the State Bureau of the Landless Workers' Movement (MST) in Bahia was one of the partners that helped out with the logistics of distributing food hampers to families.



Luciene Santana participated of the distribution of food hampers.

## **Presentation on the research “Liberdade negra sob suspeita”**

In December, Iniciativa Negra and Rede Reforma organized a round table with partner organizations such as Amarrar, to discuss the results of the research “Liberdade negra sob suspeita: o pacto da guerra às drogas no Estado de São Paulo” (Black freedom under suspicion: the war on drugs pact on the State of São Paulo, in Portuguese), carried out under the project “Iniciativa Negra para pesquisar, formar e incidir” backed by Instituto Ibirapitanga.



## Meeting with UN Rapporteur

In April, [Iniciativa Negra](#) was part of a meeting with the UN Special Rapporteur on the Rights to Freedom of Peaceful Assembly and of Association's, Clément Voule. At the time, it was possible to raise issues such as the growing investments in facial recognition technology; the exclusion of civil society of spaces of social participation; the lack of a continuous care policy for people afflicted by the current drug policy, exemplified by the many violent actions in Cracolândia in the months preceding Clément Voule's visit.



## 1st Global Network against Police Brutality meeting

Between September 13th and 15th, civil society organizations were in Bogotá, Colômbia, for the [first Encuentro da Red Global contra la Violencia Policial](#), organized by the NGO Temblores. Dudu Ribeiro, co-founder and executive coordinator of Iniciativa Negra, took part in activities and, alongside Coletivo Papo Reto members, shared the Brazilian context for police brutality.



## NY CICAD

Iniciativa Negra por uma Nova Política sobre Drogas, Plataforma Brasileira de Políticas de Drogas (PBPD), a Rede Nacional de Feministas Antiproibicionistas (Renfa), Rede Latinoamericana de Pessoas que usam Drogas (Lanpud), Rede Brasileira de Redução de Danos e Direitos Humanos (REDUC) and Programa Institucional sobre Drogas da Fiocruz all participated at the 72nd meeting of the The Inter-American Drug Abuse Control Commission (known by its Spanish language acronym, CICAD) in Washington with the goal of strengthening the participation of civil society in international spaces, standing for an overhaul of drug policy. CICAD gathers members of OAS and has been a space for dialog and debating the main problems of drug policy

. “Na guerra às drogas, você também é vítima” campaign was the highlight of Nathália Oliveira’s statement at the event. The plurality of people thinking about drug policy and the need for reformulation was a key point in our executive director’s speech. Watch a clip of the speech [here](#).





# **COMMUNICATE TO ENGAGE**



### Instagram

**13.102 followers**

21,72% growth

+ 5.306 followers\*

128.662 total reach



### Reels

**80.567 total views**

27 reels

2.984 average per reel views



### Twitter

**1.621 followers**

54,34% growth

+ 706 followers

190 tweets

1.513 interactions



### Facebook

**10.883 likes**

+ 341 likes\*

100 posts

855 interactions



### Site

**8.330 total views**

### Newsletter

5 campaigns sent



### Imprensa

739 press mentions

**22 TV insertions**

\*number does not reflect the total followers count in comparison with the previous year, ad there are always oscillations with lost followers be it due to unfollows, deactivated accounts etc

## New Black Initiative website

During the first semester, we worked on the development of a new institutional website. The goal is to have amongst its functionalities a library with publications that substantiate the debate on racism, Human Rights and drug policy, in addition to research and other publications from partner organizations.

We released the new version of the website in July, with a more dynamic layout with quick-to-view sections for the actions developed by Iniciativa Negra, besides press mentions. The website upkeep also made it possible to host self-produced content from event coverage, opinion pieces and “Dichave”, a glossary with the main terms used in our acting field.



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## Press Results

### FOLHA DE S. PAULO

[War on drugs, a debt that must be overcome to reduce inequality](#) by Nathália Oliveira

### SPTV 1 - GLOBO

[“Number of people in Cracolândia grows”](#)

### G1 SÃO PAULO

[Survey shows that Cracolândia goers are on the rise again in 2021](#)

*Nathália Oliveira is one of the specialists commenting on the Cracolândia situation.*



*News piece was a highlight at G1's homepage*

## **FOLHA DE S. PAULO** [🔗](#)

[Article “For a new drug policy” by Nathália Oliveira](#)

## **G1 BAHIA** [🔗](#)

[Specialist sees set of aspects in Bahia’s violence figures; Public Safety Services points to reduction in violent death rates](#)

*Dudu Ribeiro, coordinator for Rede de Observatórios de Segurança na Bahia and co-founder of Iniciativa Negra por uma Nova Política sobre Drogas, comments data on Bahia violence.*

## **PERIFERIA EM MOVIMENTO** [🔗](#)

[Movements of family members and survivors of the prison system focus on criminal justice](#)

*Organizations and projects supported by the Fundo Brasil de Direitos Humanos are highlighted in an article produced by Periferia em Movimento. Content originally published in the magazine Resistindo com quem resiste, to celebrate the 15th anniversary of the Fundo Brasil de Direitos Humanos. To download, click [here](#).*

## **CÂMARA MUNICIPAL DE SALVADOR** [🔗](#)

[Maria Marighella shows solidarity with Gamboa de Baixo](#)

*Faced with high homicide rates, councillor Maria Marighella shows solidarity with Gamboa and proposes a Plano Estadual de Redução de Homicídios (State Homicide Reduction Plan, in Portuguese) based on the recommendations of Iniciativa Negra’s research ‘Mesmo que me negue sou parte de você’.*

## **PONTE JORNALISMO** [🔗](#)

[Why has police brutality skyrocketed in Bahia even with 15 years of PT government](#)

## **TVT** [🔗](#)

[“Gamboa massacre dialogues with the way the state is present and absent in territories”](#)

*Ana Míria Carinhonha, research coordinator at Iniciativa Negra, is interviewed on a TVT program.*

## **TV GAZETA** [🔗](#)

[After emptying Cracolândia, SP government says it will remove tents from Praça Princesa Isabel](#)

## **PONTE JORNALISMO** [🔗](#)

[Calling ‘Cracolândia’ ‘Cracolândia’ helps real estate speculation, says researcher](#)

## **FOLHA DE S. PAULO** [🔗](#)

[São Paulo divided on effectiveness of Cracolândia operations, says Datafolha](#)

## **CORREIO 24 HORAS** [🔗](#)

[Deaths in Gamboa complete 2 months: cases of police violence continue unsolved](#)

## **TRACE** [🔗](#)

[Sociologist Nathalia Oliveira is this Thursday’s guest on the Tô na Trace podcast](#)

## **FOLHA DE S. PAULO** [🔗](#)

[Article “Democracia também é vítima da guerra às drogas” by Nathália Oliveira e Vinicius Alves](#)

## **VOICES OF AMERICA** [🔗](#)

[Police violence is discussed in a report by US channel Voices of America](#)



*Nathália Oliveira participou do episódio 51 do podcast ‘Tô na Trace!’*

Dudu Ribeiro comments on the data, showing how the fallacy of the War on Drugs creates a system that only targets those at the cutting edge of drug production and trade, as well as denouncing the disregard for black lives caused by security policy.

**TV ARATU** [🔗](#)

[Bahia is the second state with the most violent deaths](#)



**ECO A UOL** [🔗](#)

[White judges, black prisoners: what is mass incarceration? Is it racist?](#)

**PORTAL A TARDE** [🔗](#)

[Sex crimes increase by 1.4% in Bahia, according to survey](#)

**TV ARATU** [🔗](#)

[Salvador records 5 police officers shot; 1 dead](#)

**IBAHIA** [🔗](#)

[Researcher points to failure in the State's social role in guaranteeing security](#)

**AL JAZEERA** [🔗](#)

[Brazil election: Black voters could determine run-off winner](#)

Dudu Ribeiro takes part in an Al Jazeera report on the impacts of the Bolsonaro government on the black population.

**MARIE CLAIRE** [🔗](#)

[Voices against racism: Three projects founded by black women to get to know](#)

**SMOKE BUDDIES** [🔗](#)


[Relaxing the Drug Law would reduce crime rates, according to Bahia's attorney general](#)

**JORNAL FLORIPA** [🔗](#)

[Fundo Brasil brings together organizations fighting racism and mass incarceration](#)

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### Metendo a colher



Segundo pesquisa divulgada pelos institutos Patrícia Galvão e Locomotiva, 70% das mulheres já sofreram algum tipo de ameaça por companheiros ou ex-companheiros. O que aponta que o espaço familiar que deveria ser um local de proteção e acolhimento, pode ser o mais perigoso para essas mulheres.

De acordo com dados divulgados pela Rede de Observatórios da Segurança referentes a 2020, 58,4% dos casos de violência contra a mulher foram de autoria dos cônjuges/Namorado/a ou ex-Durante longo tempo na história brasileira, a violência doméstica foi tratada como uma questão privada, sendo tratada pelo senso comum de forma naturalizada como diz o ditado "em briga de marido e mulher ninguém mete a colher". Esta violência durante muito tempo foi produzida e invisibilizada porque se atribuía exclusivamente a família a sua resolutividade.

Cabe destacar que tal violência contra a mulher é construída social e historicamente como um fator presente no cotidiano das mulheres no país, sendo reflexo da hierarquia de poder e exploração exercida pelas relações de gênero. E quando o companheiro compreende a mulher enquanto posse e parte da sua propriedade, que portanto deveria ser passiva em casos da violência na relação.

A Lei Maria da Penha além de possuir um recorte de gênero, trata sobre violência cometida no espaço de convivência familiar e privado. Neste sentido, a lei amplia a proteção das mulheres quando ela rompe com a exclusividade da família no combate a violência e evoca o Estado a garantir a rede de proteção para as mulheres vulneráveis a violência doméstica. O ditado popular que diz: "em briga de marido e mulher não se mete a colher" perde o sentido.

Para além da existência da lei, o fortalecimento das redes de atendimento e proteção das mulheres que foram vítimas de violência são fundamentais para a garantia de cumprimento dos direitos e políticas de proteção e apoio dessas mulheres. Mas sobretudo, uma mudança na cultura do machismo brasileiro será fundamental para preservação da vida das mulheres. ■

**Luciene Santana's Article at the January 4th edition of Jornal A Tarde**

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