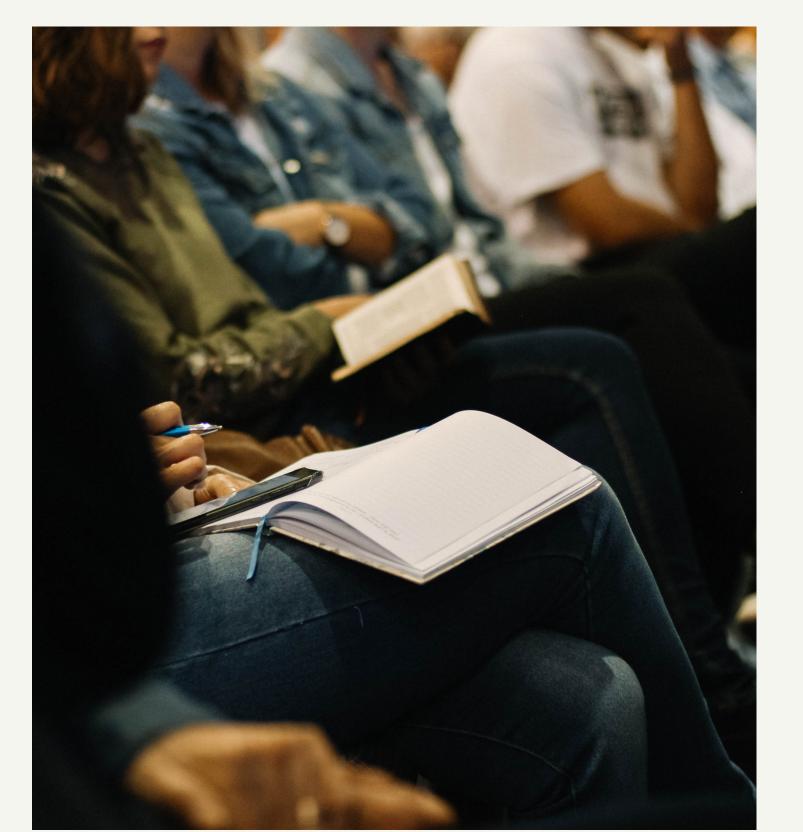
Annual Report 2020



Get to know the activities carried out during 2020!



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Message from the Executive Direction

Dear All:

Thank you for joining us for another year in our work to strengthen Civil Society!

The year 2020 brought upon us a global health, political, economic and social crisis that had a strong impact on CSOs' capacity for taking action. However, it has also shown us the great adaptability and resilience of the sector, and the unavoidable importance of networking on the other.

From RACI, we have not only been able to facilitate spaces for meetings, thought, training and support, which are essential to face this challenging year, but also to increase our outreach and support to more organizations in Argentina, Latin America and the Caribbean. Within the framework of virtuality, we have been able to carry out multi-stakeholder events, with the presence of panelists and experts from all over the world. We facilitated a space for dialogue with UN Argentina, contributing to the construction of the strategic framework for International Cooperation of Argentina for the period 2021-2025. We also conducted events on resource mobilization, trainings on transparency and accountability, webinars on Diversity and Inclusion, among other workshops that provided relevant inputs for the sector. In addition, we co-managed different funds and presented Civic Perspective on COVID-19, a study that allowed us to identify the situation of organizations and to act based on reliable information. Although the pandemic kept us at home, RACI expanded and managed to consolidate RACI Canada, an organization that will allow us to work more effectively in Argentina and throughout the region.

Despite the difficulties that arose in the wake of the pandemic, we once again found ourselves with a resilient and creative Civil Society that has managed to reinvent itself to overcome adversity. We hope that this new year finds us more united, active and stronger than ever!







Team



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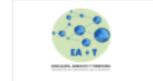


























































Members



















































































































































Institutional Development

Overview

RACI in numbers





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Civil Society Organizations incorporated into the Network



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New strategic allies



155

Members by the end of 2020



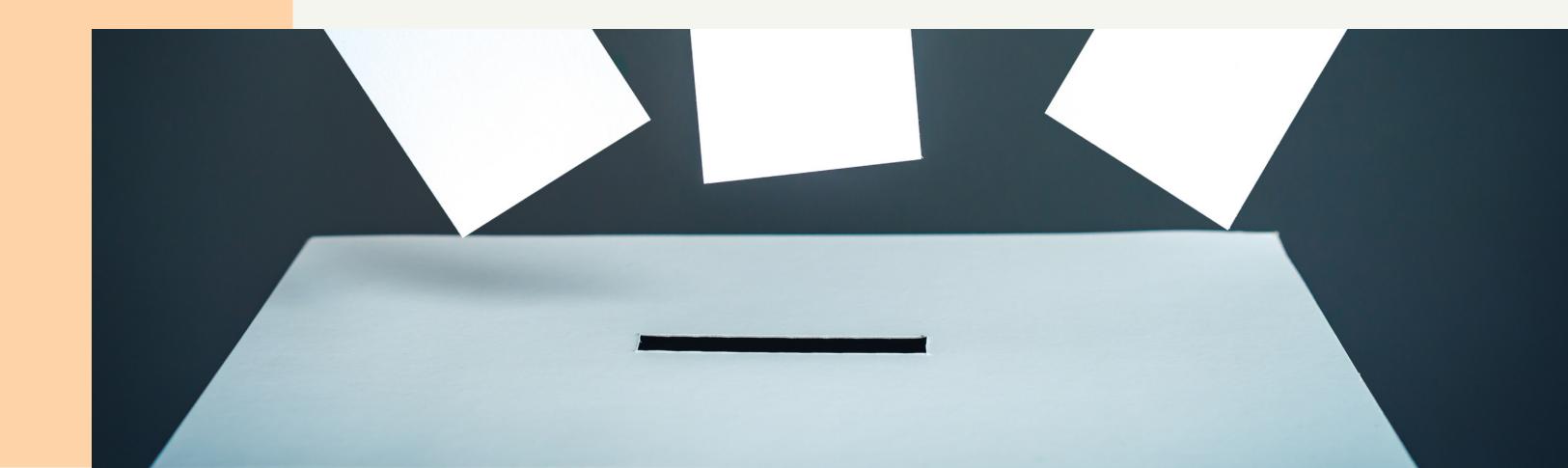
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Cooperation opportunities sent

Executive Committee Elections

Every two years, RACI opens the application process, within which the Executive Director of each member organization can submit their intention of becoming part of the Network's Executive Committee. On this occasion, there was a record number of applicants (reflecting the Network's growth in size and diversity).





2020 Elections

Candidates to the Executive Committee 2020 - 2022

Mariela Belski

Amnesty International

Horacio Joffre Galibert

APAdeA

Alejandra Perinetti

Asociación Aldeas Infantiles Argentina

Verónica Torassa

Asociación Azul Solidario

Anabella Serignese

Asociación Conciencia

Daniel Pomerantz

AMIA

Natalia Gherardi

ELA

Andrea Rivas

Familias Diversas Asociación Civil (AFDA)

Marisa Giraldez

Fundación Banco de Alimentos

Marcelo Miniati

Fundación Cimientos

Constanza Oxenford

Fundación Germinare

Gabriela Lozano

FIC Argentina

Alejandra Scialabba

Fundación Kaleidos

Diego Aguilar

Fundación León

Carolina Tamagnini

FUNDEPS

Nicolás Rosenthal

Fundación Hora de Obrar

Nicolás Federico

Fundación Reciduca

Manuel Jaramillo

Fundación Vida SIlvestre

Florencia Ruiz Morosini

Proyecto Educar 2050

Virgilio Gregorini

TECHO Argentina



Executive Committee Election Process

The process began in July, with the opening of nominations, and ended in October, when the winners were announced at the last Members' Assembly of the year.



1- Candidate nomination period

1/07 to 31/07, 2020

2- Nominees' Approval period by the Evaluation Commission

3/08 to 28/08, 2020

3- Preparation of the encrypted voting system

13/08 to 4/09, 2020

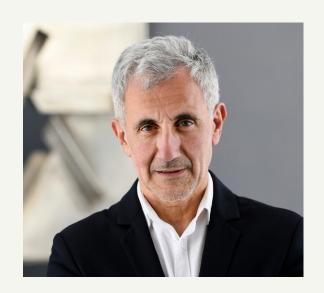
4- Voting period

7/09 to 11/09, 2020

5- Official communication of winners at the third Members' Assembly of the year

28/10, 2020

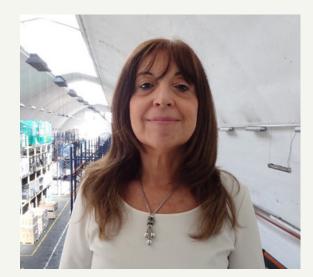
Executive Committee 2020 - 2022



Daniel Pomerantz



Mariela Belski Amnesty International



Marisa Giraldez
Fundación Banco
de Alimentos



Manuel Jaramillo

Fundación

Vida Silvestre



Natalia Gherardi



Diego Aguilar
Fundación León



Virgilio Gregorini
TECHO

Thank you very much, Executive Committee 2018 - 2020!

We deeply thank the members of the 2018-2020 Executive Committee who did not renew their mandate, for their commitment and dedication towards the growth and consolidation of the Network during these years.





Patricia Kahane
Fundación
Tzedaká



Bárbara Kuss
Fundación Huerta
Niño



Rául Zavalía Lagos

Fundación Pro

Vivienda Social



Noel Alonso Murray

Fundación Directorio

Legislativo



Emilio Xarrier

Fundación

MALBA

End of the year campaign

#ArticulateTo Strengthen





















RACI carried out this campaign aiming to review the monumental work done by Civil Society this year, taking into account the importance of articulation and networking culture. With the contribution of more than 15 member organizations, content was created and shared through RACI's social networks to make the work of CSOs visible and promote the importance of working together. It consisted of short videos submitted by network members, who commented on the challenges they faced this year and how networking helped to overcome them.

Co-management of Funds

RACI takes part in the process of resource mobilization to Civil Society Organizations in Argentina and the region, providing technical assistance to actors linked to International Cooperation and Local Private Social Investment in the selection of social projects, elegible to obtain funding.





New Zealand Embassy Fund for Argentina and Paraguay

A total of 299 projects were received, 270 for Argentina and 29 for Paraguay, on the following topics: gender equality, social and economic inclusion, climate change and resilience, strengthening democratic institutions and citizen participation, and social and health issues related to the covid-19 pandemic.



New Zealand Embassy for Mexico Fund

A total of 349 projects were received from 8 countries in Latin America and the Caribbean on the following topics: education, health and social issues related to the covid-19 pandemic, community development, food security, climate change and resilience, sustainable agricultural development, and disaster relief.



COVID-19 Emergency Fund for Latin America and the Caribbean

A total of 187 projects were received from 24 countries, on the following topics: access to information, transparency and accountability, and monitoring access to public services during the pandemic.

Projects in numbers

Submitted Projects

Approved Projects

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Projects

Mesa de Redes - Regional Spaces

With the aim of federalizing cooperation, and as a member of the EU-funded project Mesa de Redes, RACI accompanies two Argentine organizations from Tucumán (Fundación León) and Salta (Salta Solidaria en Red) in their efforts to strengthen other civil society organizations in their regions.

Mesa de Redes - Internal Strengthening

In order to provide a renewed and more intuitive experience, RACI is redesigning its institutional website, with a special access for our members.

National Dialogues - Unconferences

With CIVICUS' support, RACI organized three virtual events, where a space for a horizontal and relaxed dialogue was created between participants and different role models linked to sustainable development at a global level.

REDD+

In the framework of the presentation of the REDD+ project, developed in Argentina by Fundación Huellas para un Futuro, RACI collaborated with the organization of a multi-sectoral online conversation to think upon the following case study: Transversality as a strategy to address Climate Change.

Workshop on Diversity and Inclusion

RACI held a workshop for the Latin American chapters of Transparency International, where they worked to generate more diverse and inclusive organizations.

Donor Counseling

RACI accompanies different donors by preparing reports and updating them on the state of civil society.











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<u>Interns and</u> <u>volunteers</u>

Students and professionals - both Argentine and foreign- perform various tasks in the Network, helping with research projects and assisting in the production of relevant content for our members.

50

Interns and volunteers joined us - first in person, then virtually - during 2020.

Internal Trainings of the RACI Team

During 2020, the RACI team was trained on different issues in order to increase performance on the tasks that each one of them takes upon:

Deliberative Democracy Exchange **Kettering Foundation**

The Kettering Foundation continued to strengthen leaders who promote spaces for deliberative democracy.

Strategic Communications Course AGNA

AGNA offered a course on Strategic Communications, thus collaborating in the construction of RACI's annual communications plan.

Video Editing Training AGNA

AGNA's communication team trained RACI in video editing, providing new capabilities for the fulfilment of audiovisual campaigns.









Workshops

Strategic Planning Workshop

How to think about your organization in a context of high uncertainty.

A workshop designed to share the Transformative Planning for Changing Scenarios methodology. The workshop aimed to think strategically about the future, design the process in a participatory way, work with the "Theory U" and undertake a systemic approach.

Support and partners: Government of the City of Buenos Aires and Holocaust Museum.

Social Innovation Labs for CSOs

These laboratories held in La Plata (February 19) and Salta (March 11) were designed so that attendees could prototype, by developing sustainable social projects with impact, analyzing current problems and seeking innovative and creative solutions.

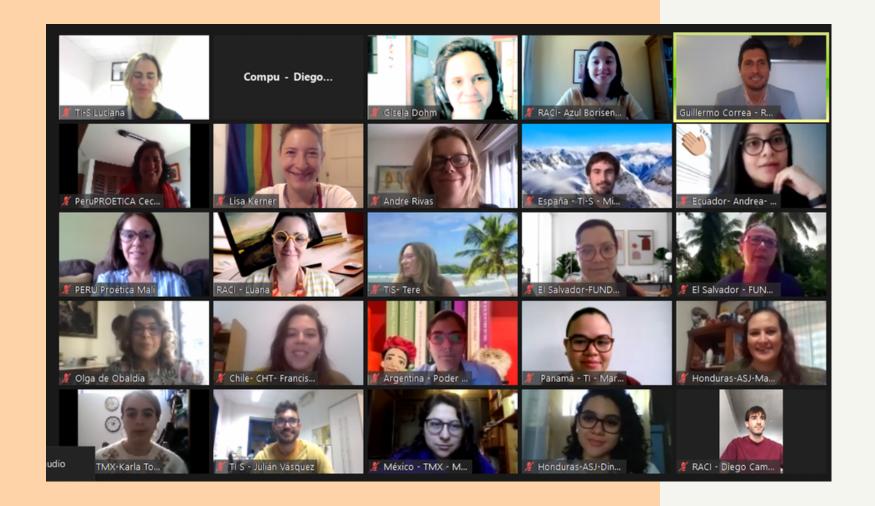
Support and allies: National Ministry of Health and Social Development, ICDC, National University of La Plata / UCASAL, Manos Abiertas Salta.

Regional Innovation Labs

The Regional Innovation Labs were designed to learn about and develop sustainable social projects with impact, by analyzing current problems and seeking both innovative and creative solutions.

Support and partners: Banco Galicia, CREA.







Co-Creation Workshop

Building more diverse and inclusive organizations

This workshop focused on a critical and introspective view of the third sector on the issues of Diversity and Inclusion. We believe that our duty as Civil Society is to continue to amplify voices globally, particularly the perspectives of the most marginalized, and to continue to challenge exclusion. This implies first looking inward, into our own organizational cultures, to interrogate and reevaluate whether our leadership practices, policies and behaviors meaningfully integrate diversity and inclusion into our workplaces or not, and whether these organizational cultures reflect the communities we serve and advocate for or not.

Webinars

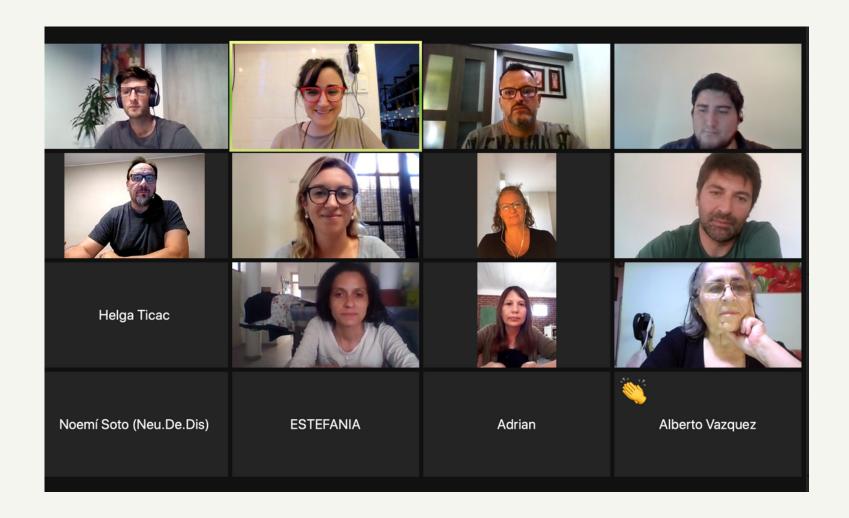






Throughout the year, RACI hosted a series of exclusive webinars for our member organizations. Thank you CAF America and GA for joining us!

Webinars



Transparency in CSOs

In December, thanks to Fundación Estudios Patagónicos and Fundesur, RACI coordinated a workshop on Transparency and Accountability. The workshop aimed to strengthen Civil Society Organizations in Patagonia and took place over two days. Approximately 20 organizations participated. On the second day, there was a panel composed by Asociación Civil Avanzar (Argentina) and Comunidad de Organizaciones Solidarias (Chile), which allowed to share experiences of accountability in the region.



Exclusive Webinars

With the support of the National Ministry of Social Development, RACI held exclusive webinars for members on Call for Proposals Management and Resource Search Strategies.

RACI Canada

During 2020, RACI Canada continued to strengthen itself. It represents a key and strategic space to continue fulfilling the mission of strengthening organizations in Latin America and the Caribbean.









Advocacy

Local Events and Meetings

RACI continues to work along its allies, providing them with a space for articulation with other sectors, collaborating with the dissemination and visibility of the different activities.

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23

Events organized by RACI 479

Meetings with CSOs

44

Meetings with International Cooperation 8

Meetings with Government

76

Meetings with the Private Sector 28

Meetings with Academy 142

Meetings with International Organizations

2020 Events

Presentation of the Local Social Private Investment Directory

In February, RACI presented the latest edition of the LSPI Directory, which intends to map the way in which companies and corporate foundations are linked to Civil Society.

In this regard, we continued to generate links and create partnerships with companies and corporate foundations, considering them fundamental for the achievement of the 2030 Agenda.









2020 Events

Civil Society facing the New World Scenario After Covid-19

75 years since the creation of the UN: redefining multilateralism

Alongside UN Argentina, on June 18 RACI held a virtual event with the aim of proposing a space for dialogue to think about the future of articulation in Civil Society. In the framework of the 75th anniversary of the creation of the UN, RACI proposed a redefinition of multilateralism with great international and local panelists.





Presentation of the REDD+ project

In the framework of the presentation of the REDD+ project, developed in Argentina by Fundación Huellas para un Futuro, RACI organized a multi-sectoral online dialogue to discuss the following case study: Mainstreaming as a strategy to address Climate Change.



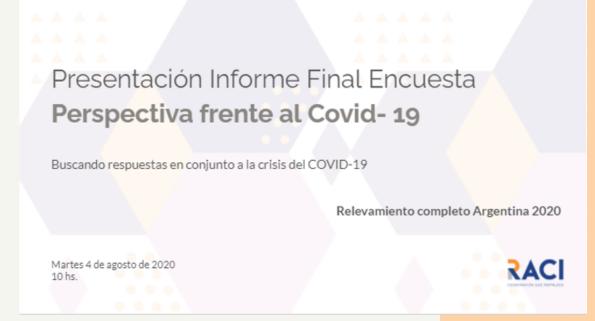


Civic Perspective on Covid-19

In April we launched Civic Perspective on Covid-19, a survey that reached more than 200 organizations and gathered qualitative and quantitative information on how the pandemic impacted their actions and target populations.

RACI's research team also began working alongside AGNA in order to monitor the effects of Covid-19 on Civil Society in countries around the world and in the Latin American region.



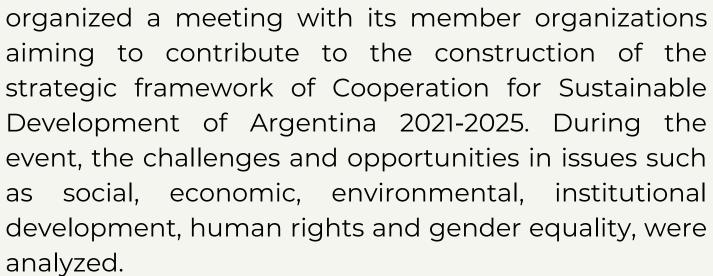




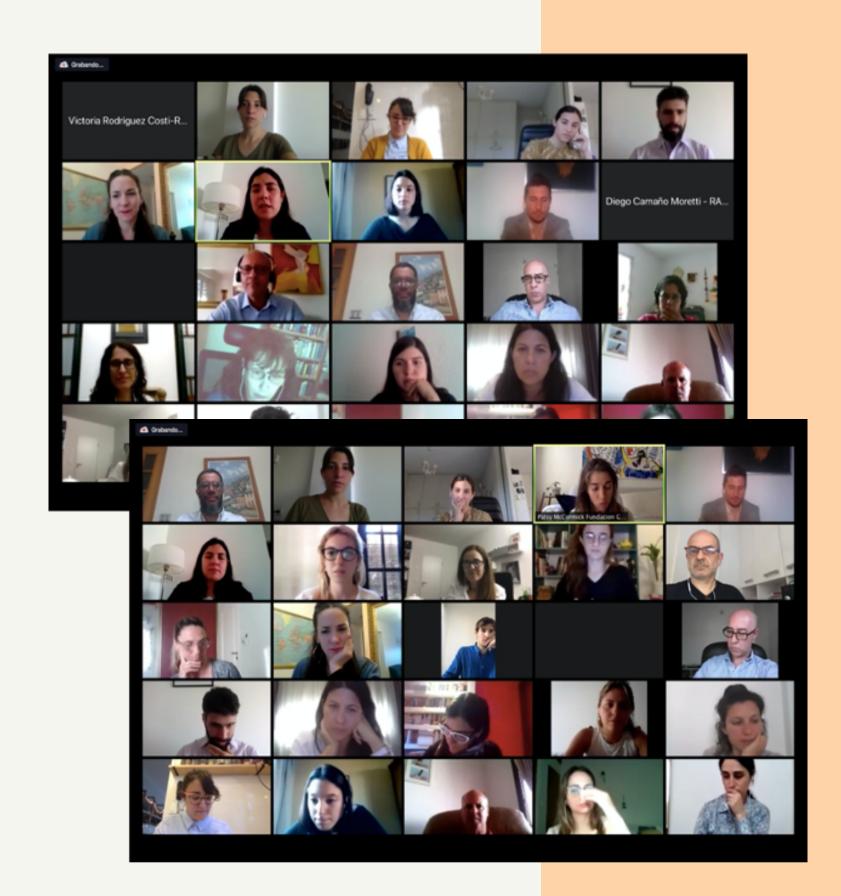
2020 Events

Conversation about the **United Nations' Strategic** Framework for Sustainable **Development Cooperation in Argentina 2021-2025**

As part of a series of dialogues of UN Argentina, RACI







Community Foundations in Argentina

When the community is the main investor

Together with Fibo and the GDFE, RACI organized a webinar to introduce community foundations and give rise to a new social actor, which could bring value to the sustainability of community organizations and the generation of vibrant communities.

Fundaciones Comunitarias en Argentina:

Cuando la comunidad es su principal inversor

12 de noviembre de 2020 16 a 17.30 hs.



Agustín Landa

COMUNALIA - Alianza de
Fundaciones



Gabriela Sbarra
Fibo Impacto Social



Guillermo Correa



Javier García Moritán



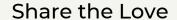






Campaigns







Global Accountability Week



#StrongerTogether





Open Letter to Donors



Estimad@s:

Frente a la pandemia de COVID-19, hemos estado presenciando la respuesta activa de una sociedad civil que se preocupa por comunicar responsabilidad y por adoptar medidas para proteger la salud y el bienestar de todos. Además de las adaptaciones operativas que se están llevando a cabo, dada la cuarentena y el distanciamiento social mandatorio, muchas organizaciones también han desarrollado comités de crisis para generar planes de contingencia y pensar en las distintas posibilidades para el desarrollo de recursos a mediano plazo: la energía está enfocada en pensar alternativas. Esta situación somete a la sociedad civil a una gran presión financiera, ya que la ha obligado a posponer y cancelar proyectos, viajes, eventos y actividades, a la vez que los fondos se redirigen para encontrar respuestas a la crisis que surge a partir del coronavirus.

Por este motivo, vemos la necesidad de hacer un pedido especial a los donantes y a los intermediarios que apoyan a la sociedad civil: requerimos flexibilidad para utilizar las subvenciones, certidumbre y estabilidad para poder seguir realizando nuestra labor en estos momentos de restricciones, dudas y desasosiego. La sociedad civil siempre ha sabido mantenerse viva y enérgica, es el sector que se caracteriza por su resiliencia, pero necesita, más que nunca, de su ayuda para continuar haciéndolo. Recomendamos que entablen conversaciones con los beneficiarios, los escuchen y los ayuden a pensar en adaptaciones para los proyectos. También, pueden ofrecer flexibilidad en cuanto a los plazos de pago y aprovechar para simplificar procedimientos burocráticos, dejando mayor espacio para que las organizaciones puedan continuar con su labor.

A nuestras organizaciones miembro, las acompañamos y celebramos su capacidad de adaptación ante estas circunstancias, que les permite seguir cumpliendo un papel esencial en nuestra sociedad. Desde RACI, seguiremos trabajando para fortalecer a la sociedad civil y promover un espacio habilitante propicio, de manera que nos sumamos al pedido de gobernantes, instituciones y organismos de distintas partes del mundo para que enfrentemos la crisis de manera solidaria, promoviendo la cooperación y entendiendo nuestra responsabilidad como actores fundamentales para sobrellevarla. Cómo enfrentemos esta crisis definirá nuestra manera de pensarnos como sociedad en el futuro.

Contamos con tod@s ustedes,



With the onset of mandatory isolation, RACI felt the need to address donors so that they would comprehend their fundamental role at the time and redouble their commitment to Civil Society.

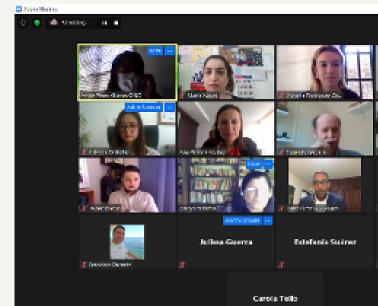
Innovation for Change (I4C)

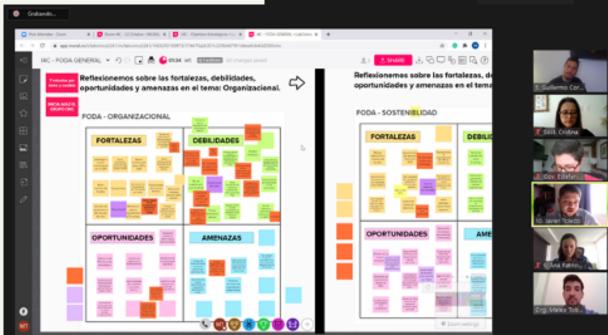


What is I4C?

Innovation for Change is a global network of people and organizations that want to connect, partner and learn together to defend and strengthen civic space and overcome restrictions on our basic freedoms of assembly, association and expression. RACI is part of the Regional Executive Committee, along with Alianza ONG (Dominican Republic), Grupo Faro (Ecuador) and Youth Against Violence (Guatemala). From this network, we lead activities, initiatives and events to strengthen organizations in the region.

2020 was a peculiar year for all of us, we had to be resilient and adapt our activities to the new realities and challenges faced on a regional scale. In this sense, RACI held virtual assemblies with its members to know more about their situation. We also developed a Strategic Planning process to reflect on the objectives and actions carried out by the Center with a view to 2021.







I4C Activities

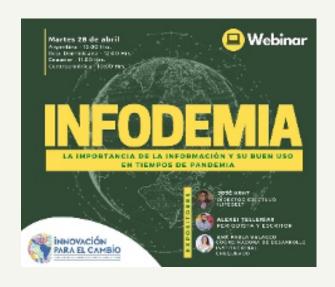


Webinars

From I4C, RACI organized a series of webinars to share tools and generate spaces for dialogue between organizations in the region on issues that became relevant in the context of the pandemic.













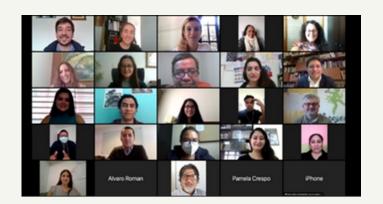
I4C Activities



CoCreamos, Collaborative-Culture Festival

The CoCreamosFest (https://2020.cocreamos.org/), the first collaborative culture festival in the region, was organized by Ouishare and co-organized by the Latin American and Caribbean Regional Center for Innovation for Change, was held on December 2-4, 2020.

The main objective of #CoCreamosFest was to generate spaces of encounter, connection and inspiration, with notewhorty content about collaborative culture and its challenges, in order to explore and co-create an annual showcase of collaborative culture. The milestone of the event was the co-creation of a Manifesto for Collaborative Culture that gathered the shared vision of all participants, which serves as the bedrock on which to continue working to contribute to the co-construction of a sustainable present and future.



Network Innovation: collective impact for civic space

On January 13, 2020, Guillermo Correa, Executive Director of RACI and member of the Regional Executive Committee of Innovation for Change (I4C) Latin America and the Caribbean, participated in Washington DC in the event "Network Innovation: collective impact for civic space". The objective was to share real and innovative experiences carried out by the I4C network in politically restrictive spaces, stories of how local and regional activists managed to strengthen and defend civic space in each region.









Articulation

Monthly Members' Meetings

We thank the members who collaborated with the organization of the meetings this year:























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Face-to-face meetings

9

Virtual meetings

39

Guests from different sectors

35

Average number of attendees

Welcoming New Members

As every year, RACI opened its membership during the month of May. We virtually welcomed the 14 organizations that decided to join and start networking!

































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Administrators' Group Meetings

From our members, new spaces for joint work arise...

In 2020, the Administrators' Group was inaugurated. It emerged as an initiative of the network's members (bottom-up growth) and aims to discuss possible strategies in relation to the administration and finances of the organizations. Structured around bimonthly meetings and with a collective and co-created agenda, the network's administrators set out to share best practices, strategies and tools to be able to act in the best way in the face of an unprecedented scenario.

Thus, in 2020, the group met 6 times: in January, April, May, July, September and November.

National Dialogues: Multisectoral Unconferences

In a time of constant change and uncertainty, RACI sought to organize unstructured spaces for dialogue that would enable the exchange of information and ideas among participants and representatives of the different sectors related to sustainable development. In this way, we thought about the mobilization of resources for organizations from different angles, joined by a group of experts made up of local and international professionals. On the other hand, these unconferences were carried out with an innovative methodology, where the voices of the participants were truly heard: they were the real protagonists and decision makers of the agenda.

















Research

2020 Publications



Local Social Private Investment Directory 2019 Edition

After a year and a half of research carried out with the support of the National Ministry of Development, this publication compiles relevant information on the main actors in local private social investment (ISPL) in the country.

The Directory compiles more than 360 files with profiles of companies and foundations: work themes and SDGs supported, type of support provided, target population, provinces in which they have actions and contact information. It also contains an preliminary analysis on the situation of the ISPL in the country, the private sector and its relationship with the SDGs, the relationship between access to funds and the enabling space for organizations, etc. With a strong focus on the 2030 Agenda, and fulfilling the triple function of making the actions of the Private Sector visible, but also demanding accountability, as well as democratizing access to information that promotes the sustainability of organizations, the ISPL Directory has become an invaluable tool for the Social Sector.

Publications and studies

Civic Perspective on Covid-19

Due to the pandemic and mandatory social isolation, RACI decided to focus its annual perception survey on analyzing the impact of these changes on organizations and their working communities. With the aim of generating a reliable diagnosis of the sector's current state and a relevant input for advocacy, the survey was opened between April and June of this year. In August, the results were presented in a virtual event and we are currently working on the publication of the digital and physical version, which will be available next February (2021). We are also working on the regional version (Latin America and the Caribbean) of the Perception Survey, to be launched in 2021.

Creation of the Covid-19 Observatory

Also due to the extraordinary events of this year, RACI's Research Area, together with AGNA, decided to imonitor the situation of Civil Society organizations in the face of the pandemic. It was first circumscribed to the Latin American region, later to be opened to the whole world. To this effect, we formed a team of young researchers-practitioners, with different social - related majors and from universities from all over the country and the world. We gathered information about the context in which organizations act- and their enabling space - and what have been their main challenges in the context of the pandemic. We will continue working on the Observatory throughout 2021, aiming to produce relevant information on the state of Civil Society at the international level, invariably stationed at our particular location and Latin American perspective.



Publications and studies

Completion of the survey and update of the Service Guide of CABA Organizations.

This project, which was supported by the General Directorate for the Strengthening of Civil Society, within the Ministry of Human Development and Habitat, of the Government of the City of Buenos Aires, completed its survey phase. This enabled us to update the database of more than 1,000 CSOs working in CABA. They were incorporated to the following <u>RACI platform</u>. Information on the services which the organizations provide to the community was added too. We are currently in the process of preparing a report containing the main characteristics of the organizations and their services. We hope to be able to share it with you in 2021.

Completion of survey on public resources for social organizations at national level

This project was supported by the National Ministry of Development and consisted of a survey about the resources (both financial and non-financial) available to social organizations at the national level (in the 23 provinces and CABA). The large database generated over more than two years of survey is being processed and we will publish the main findings in a report to be presented in 2021.







Communication

Social networks



Instagram
@raciargentina
1.824 followers



Twitter
@raciargentina
4.507 followers



Facebook /raciarg 7.894 followers

Monthly Newsletter

Through our Newsletter, which is shared on a monthly basis, we share information on the Network´s activities and on international cooperation, besides reports on the state of civil society in Argentina, the region and the world. It also has a special supplement in which we share the activities taken upon by our members.

7.371
Contacts in base

32%

Average openings

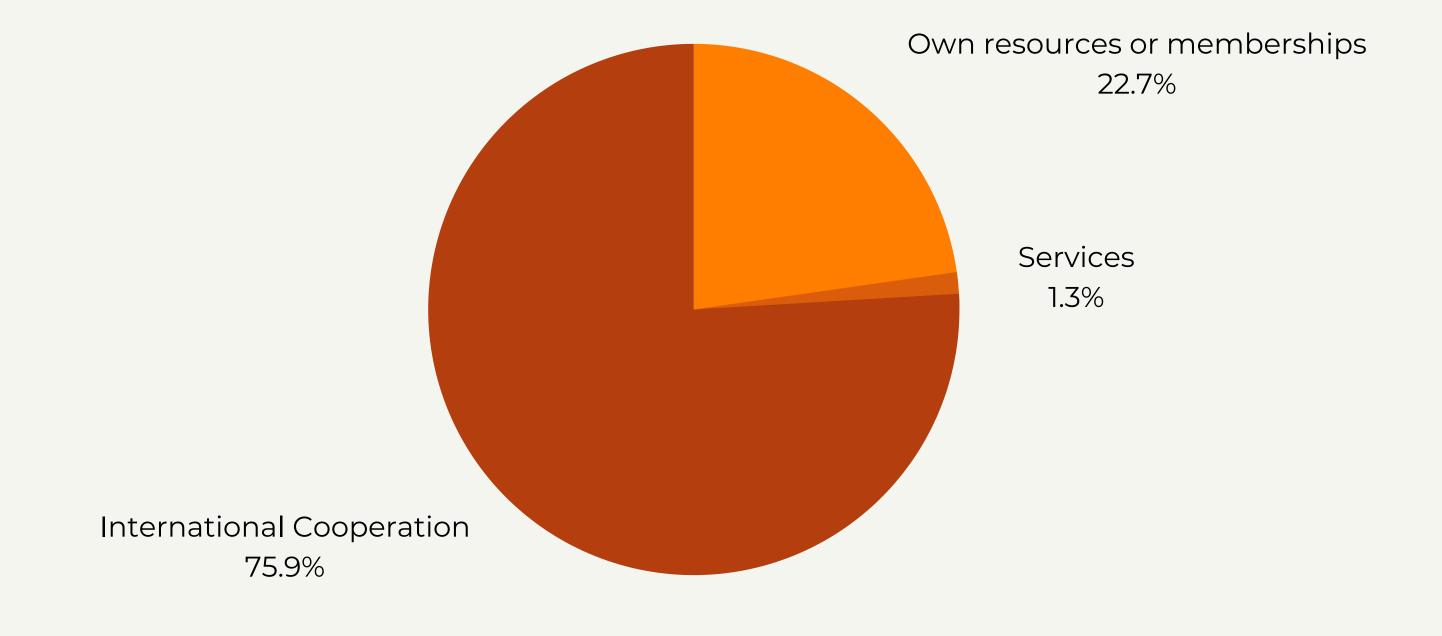






Administration and Finances

Origin of Funds by Source



RACI's balance closes on December 31, 2020 and in July the financial statement will be uploaded, approved by the corresponding authorities.







Strategic Allies - Local























Strategic Allies - Regional









Foreign Foundations













Networks











Multilateral Organizations









Projects















Foreign Representations















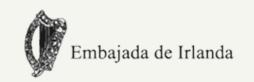


















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Local allies









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