


ALL EYES ON THE **AMAZON**

FIRST SEMESTER 2022 REPORT

An aerial photograph of a dense Amazon rainforest. The canopy is a vibrant green, with various tree species visible, including palm trees and broad-leafed plants. A prominent, bleached, dead tree trunk stands out in the center-left of the frame. The overall scene conveys the vastness and complexity of the forest ecosystem.

It's time to put
All Eyes on the Amazon!



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1. Background

HIVOS has led the All Eyes on the Amazon (AEA) program since 2017, along with a coalition, which at different times, has reached more than 40 local and international organizations. The objective was fighting against deforestation and degradation of the Amazon Forest and protecting the territorial rights of the local population in Brazil, Ecuador, and Peru. At AEA we address environmental activism, human and Indigenous rights, territorial defense, law enforcement, transparency, and technologies for forest monitoring.

Working collaboratively with our partners, we have implemented the second phase of the AEA Program since January 2021, joining efforts to continue

supporting the Indigenous peoples of the Amazon Basin and defending their human and territorial rights, with the aim of generating just, inclusive, and sustainable societies. HIVOS, our partners and allies seek to generate impact in the areas of Climate Justice, and Gender and Civic Rights, in this digital era.

This document details the main AEA developments in the first semester of 2022, organized into the Program components: Radical Transparency, Full Responsibility, Durable Solutions, and Linking and Learning.

2. Context

In recent years, the global health crisis caused by COVID-19 has exacerbated the economic and social crisis in low and middle-income countries, including the Amazonian countries. This has put additional pressure on the indigenous territories, rich in natural resources due to the excellent degree of conservation in which their inhabitants have maintained them. The extractivism of natural resources (oil and mining) has intensified drastically, and it is a challenge for indigenous peoples to confront these companies and large transnational and national interests. Overcoming the effects of the pandemic in Amazonian territories remains a challenge, especially in territories with different levels of extractives' threats and lack of technological accessibility. Despite this, during the first semester of 2022, many activities returned to be face-to-face.

In Ecuador, on January 28, a new oil spill occurred caused by the rupture of the Heavy Crude Oil Pipeline (OCP) in the Piedra Fina sector, Napo province.

The thousands of gallons of oil spilled contaminated the Coca River, affecting the same communities downstream that were victims of the 2020 spill - the worst in Ecuador's history in the last 15 years - and our partners Amazon Frontlines and Alianza Ceibo continue to collaborate to obtain a resolution of the [pending legal](#) case that seeks to achieve effective remediation and fight against the impunity of the industries responsible for these environmental disasters.

Also in Ecuador, and in response to the increasing political and financial instability affecting local organizations and indigenous peoples, since June 13 (for 20 days), the indigenous movement began a national strike to show their disagreement with the neoliberal and extractives' policies of President Lasso's government, and to demand that their rights be respected. From the first day of the strike, the Government repressed the right to social protest and criminalized indigenous leaders, including the illegal detention of

Leonidas Iza, current president of the Confederation of Indigenous Nationalities of Ecuador (known in Spanish as CONAIE). The national strike lasted until June 30, leaving a divided country, social disruption and ten technical dialogue tables to resolve agreed issues on Energy and Natural Resources, Targeting of Fuel Subsidies; Productive incentives; Health; Economy; Education or Indigenous Rights until October.

In Peru, the promulgation of Law No. 31494, which creates Self-Defense and Development Committees (known in Spanish as CAD) that violate the autonomy of the communities to which the law empowers to purchase and receive donations of weapons from private individuals and the police, has caused much concern and unease in the current period. This is a norm that civil society and the platform of Amazonian Indigenous Peoples United in Defense of their Territories (known in Spanish as PUINAMUDT) had rejected in 2021 and that in 2022 has been promulgated by the Executive.

In Brazil, the trial on the "Marco Temporal" (temporal milestone), scheduled to be addressed in June, was canceled by the Supreme Court and will only be dealt with again in 2023. To protect the human rights of 305 indigenous peoples in Brazil, GreenPeace, along with the Coordination of the Indigenous Organizations of the Brazilian Amazon (known in Portuguese as COIAB), The Brazil's Indigenous People Articulation (known in Portuguese as APIB) and FASE launched a [digital campaign](#) against the Marco Temporal and even though Brazil is facing a period of almost no openness to dialogue with the government, this petition shows that the population supports the indigenous cause and is committed to fight against the Marco Temporal. The petition already has approximately 103,000 signatures.

At the same time, violence against the Guarani Kayowá indigenous people has increased considerably. The murder of the Brazilian anthropologist Bruno Pereira and the British journalist Dom Phillips in the Javari Valley highlights the risk of death to which HHRR and environmental defenders are exposed in Brazil.

On the other hand, in Peru, the oil company Petroperu is preparing to start the exploration and exploitation for Block 192, located in the Loreto region,

promoting dialogues between the State and the indigenous communities in the area. The contract would be for a period of 30 years. This is happening, despite the cases of people affected by the contamination caused by more than 40 years of oil activity in an area that includes the basins of the Pastaza, Corrientes, Marañón and Tigre rivers, and where the Kichwa, Quechua, Achuar and Urarina indigenous peoples live.

Despite this complex political and social situation in the three countries, the AEA partners have continued to successfully protect the Amazon and its inhabitants. The Program will officially end in December. During September, the official closing event of the Program will be held, which will integrate the partners that were and are part of the AEA.



Recognition of AEA members

- We congratulate our partners who continue to fight against illegal activities and crimes in the Amazonian territories. The A'i Cofán de Sinangoe community, as part of AEA partner Alianza Ceibo, seeks the protection of 32,000 hectares of tropical forest and its biodiversity in the headwaters of Ecuador's Aguarico River, which is sacred to the Cofán. In May, Alexandra Narváez and Alex Lucitante, A'i Cofán youth leaders from the Sinangoe community, received the **Goldman Prize 2022**, considered the "Nobel Prize for the environment" as they are leading a movement to protect their people's ancestral territory from mining.
- Amazonía Viva (StoryMap) won the third place in the second edition of the **Journalists for Your Rights** contest, for the resources used, the level of photography, illustration and narrative, and for showing the cosmivision of the population.

3. Milestones 2022: January to July

- The Coordinating Committee of Indigenous Organizations of the Amazon Basin (known in Spanish as COICA) homologated the Confederation of Indigenous Nationalities of the Ecuadorian Amazon (known in Spanish as CONFENIAE) and SAT/RR/COICA Management Information System (MIS) interfaces to **collectively record cases of violation of rights in Ecuador and Colombia**. The collected data provides COICA with quantitative data to showcase the problems faced by the indigenous peoples of the Amazon basin in its 2022 case report and in future documents and publications.

- COICA assessed the regulations in force in Venezuela, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru and Bolivia regarding the Right to Free, Prior, and Informed consultation, including the jurisprudence of the high courts of those countries and an analysis of the domestic application of international treaties. Three documents were developed: 1) Analysis of the regulations in force in the designated countries. 2) Report on the safeguards and mechanisms specific to grassroots organizations 3) A document with recommendations for a **regional action framework for the implementation of strategic litigation and a proposal to implement a legal network for the defense of the Amazon basin**.

- In Ecuador, the ECOLEX corporation promoted the [Community Paralegal training program](#) with the support of Hivos and the leadership of CONFENIAE and COICA. **12 defenders were trained (8 completed the process) in legal principles related to the main conflicts that affect their communities** and the defense of their rights: community organization, land tenure, environment, non-renewable natural resources, local economic development, and biodiversity/intellectual property, as well as in the legal ways to defend the environment, nature, and territory, through face-to-face workshops held in different cities of the Ecuadorian Amazon.

- In February 2022, the [Constitutional Court resolved the Sinangoe case and ruled in favor of the right to Free, Prior, and Informed consultation of indigenous peoples and nationalities](#). The case was brought by the A'í Cofán - member of Alianza Ceibo, AEA local partner - who claimed that they were not

consulted on dozens of mining concessions on their ancestral lands, located in the province of Sucumbios. Ecuador's highest constitutional court reviewed and ratified two rulings in favor of the Cofán that said their right to prior consultation was violated. In addition, in its ruling, the Constitutional Court clarified how the consent of the peoples and nationalities should be.

- In Ecuador, San Francisco de Quito University (known in Spanish as USFQ) **produced 3 academic papers to showcase the socioecological conflicts in the Northern Ecuador Amazon**. 1) Spatial analysis of hydrocarbon pollution in the Ecuadorian northeast amazon region. 2) A hierarchical regression model to evaluate the effect of Connectivity, Land-cover and land-use change and deforestation, and Climate on malaria incidence in the Ecuadorian Amazon region. 3) Identification of priority areas for restoration based on biophysical and hydrological landscape characterization of the Northern Ecuadorian Amazon.

- In Peru, in February 2022, for the first time a United Nations Rapporteur on Toxic Waste and Human Rights, [visited Nuevo Andoas](#), a Quechua territory part of the PUINAMUDT platform to learn first-hand about the degree of contamination caused by hydrocarbon activities. In the framework of Hivos' articulated work with the Escazú Now Peru platform, Hivos contributed with information on deforestation drivers in Peru and the current situation of environmental defenders. This information was presented to the Rapporteur in a meeting on Saturday, February 26, where he also gathered information regarding the political and social panorama for the promotion of the ratification of the Escazú Agreement.

- In Peru, on March 24, 2022, the National Service of Natural Areas Protected by the State (known in Spanish as SERNANP) issued a [resolution](#) to **recognize and validate the work of the 24 park rangers in the monitored territories of the Amarakaeri Communal Reserve Administration Contract** (known in Spanish as RCA-Amarakaeri) based on the inclusion of state-of-the-art technology in the surveillance and monitoring system, through the application of MAPEO mobile, GPS, drone flights and



► Image: Acampamento Terra Livre. | ph: Nora Sánchez - Hivos

patrol reports supported by Hivos, and specialized partners Digital Democracy and the Institute of Social Studies (ISS). A [video](#) was prepared to showcase these results.

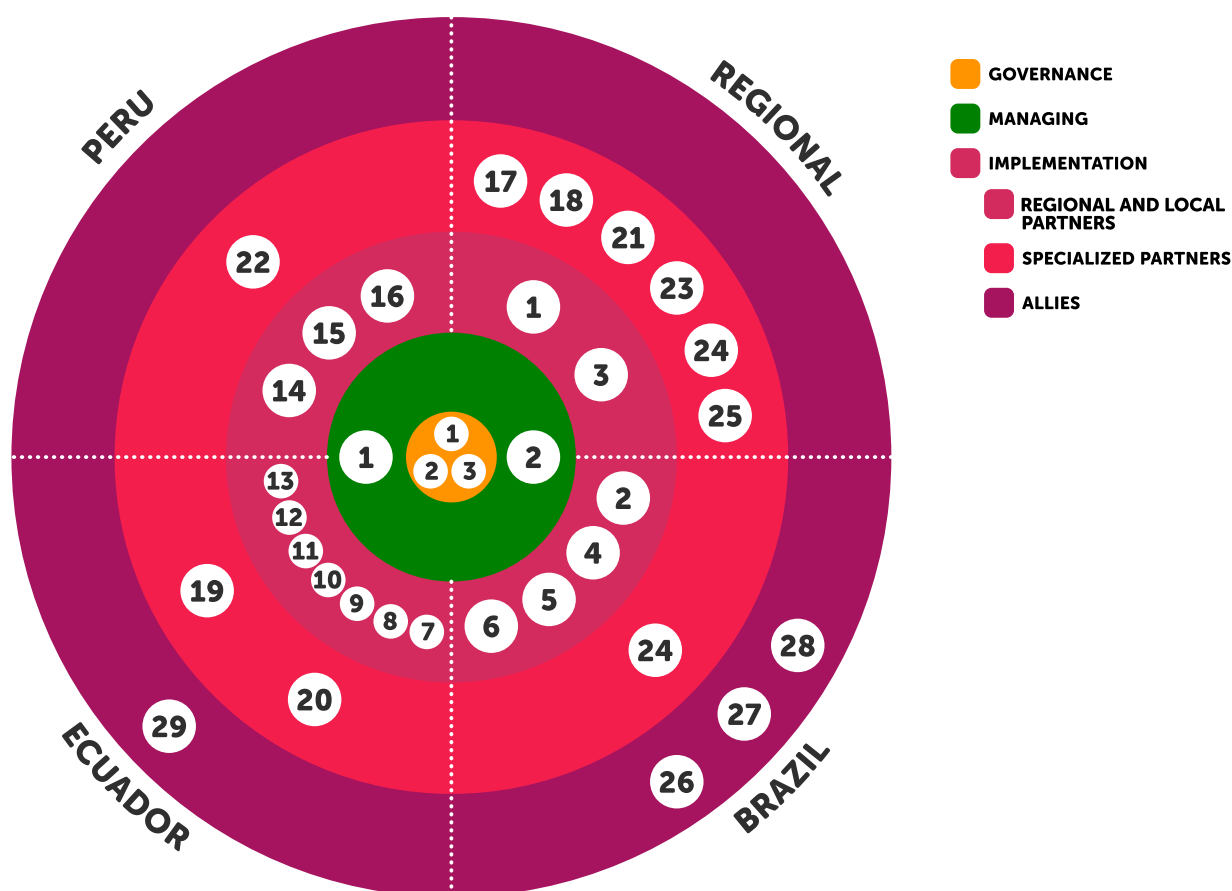
- Between May 25 and 27, 2022, the [AEA Regional Environmental and Land Monitoring Meeting](#) was held in the city of Puyo, Ecuador, with the objective of strengthening collective learning and the leading role of **indigenous monitors and surveillants of local partners and allies from Brazil, Ecuador, and Peru**, through an exchange of experiences, lessons learned, good practices, common challenges, and the strengthening of ties and alliances. For three days, about 60 monitoring coordinators, monitors from 3 countries as well as partners and allies specialized in monitoring, technology and rights, shared experiences on different aspects of territorial and environmental monitoring processes.
- During the X Pan-Amazonian Social Forum (FOSPA), one of the most important regional events for articulation and incidence on issues affecting the Pan-Amazon region (held in Belém, Brazil, during July 28-30), Hivos and FASE organized the event ["Amazon: Territory of resistance against mining"](#) with the goal of **presenting the socio-environmental damages caused by mining to the Amazonian territories and their peoples, from real cases presented from Brazil, Ecuador and Peru**. In addition, Hivos facilitated and articulated the participation of Alexandra Narvaez, member of Alianza Ceibo, and winner of the 2022 Goldman Prize, in this and other debate spaces at the FOSPA, such as "International perspectives to postpone the end of the world" and "Relations between National Governments and Self-Governments".
- Throughout the first semester, Hivos led the improvement and strengthening of the AEA Learning Platform and the [AEA Academy](#), in collaboration with several partners (as listed below and under "AEA implementation during the first half of 2022"). **We launched four public virtual and culturally adapted courses connected to tailored capacity-building and mentorship initiatives implemented closely with local partners:** the Documentary Podcast Production Course (linked to a collaborative production of a podcasts series with young indigenous communicators); the In-depth Journalism Course (connected to an editorial mentorship for communicators experienced in / from the Amazon region); and two Indigenous Health Promotion courses, adapted from a hybrid (virtual and in presence) training led with Indigenous Health Promoters in Ecuador and Peru, under the framework of the Amazon Indigenous Health Route project.
- Hivos was asked to share the experience of the AEA program to contribute to the booklet [Radical Collaboration to Accelerate Climate Action: A Guidebook for Working Together with Speed, Scale, and Justice](#). The final product includes the perspective on climate collaboration of 35 organizations and will be presented in two workshops at COP27.
- Hivos was interviewed by the Open Data Institute (ODI) for the development of the report ["Enabling Data Sharing for Social Benefit Through Data Trusts: Data Trusts in Climate"](#). The experience of the All Eyes on the Amazon program in Peru and other amazonian countries was included to explain the importance of data to tackle climate change.
- During this semester, AEA has posted **90 publications related to its implementation**, reaching an audience of approximately +1 million people.

4. AEA implementation during the first half of 2022

Coalition structure

Most partners' contracts ended on June 30, 2022, except for Brazilian partners that proposed in the March's AEA Steering Committee to extend their implementation period to September 2022, as they planned to work with significant mobilizations in different places in Brazil in the "Marco Temporal" trial.

This serves to Consolidate the All Eyes on the Amazon Program as a mobilization strategy for the promotion and protection of indigenous rights. Local partner Ecociencia and Specialized partners GK and Institute of Social Studies (ISS) also proposed to extend their implementation period to July and September, respectively to finish different activities.



GOVERNANCE

1. Hivos
2. Greenpeace
3. COICA

MANAGING

1. Hivos
2. Greenpeace

IMPLEMENTATION

Regional partners

1. Hivos
2. Greenpeace
3. COICA

Local partners

4. COIAB

5. CIMI

6. FASE
7. FDA
8. UDAPT
9. USFQ
10. PSHA
11. FENASH-P
12. CONFENIAE
13. Alianza Ceibo
14. PUINAMUDT
15. Perú Equidad
16. ECA Amarakaeri

SPECIALIZED PARTNERS

17. AIDA
18. PODER
19. Ecolex
20. Ecociencia
21. ISS
22. Digital Democracy
23. GK
24. Mongabay Latam
25. DDP

ALLIES

26. APIB
27. COAPIMA
28. UMIAB

29. Amazon Frontlines

Partners whose contract ended

30. Both Ends
31. Interpol
32. University of Maryland
33. Witness
34. WRI
35. AIDESEP
36. Artigo 19
37. NAE
38. FENASH-P
39. ODJ



► Image: Hivos training

Coalition governance

Since 2021, and within the extension proposal, the new AEA Governance model was approved. The Steering Committee includes the participation of a local partner, chosen by the Technical Committee, to strengthen a bottom-up approach in the decision made by this governing body. However, COICA and the focal point of the local partners have partially participated in the Committee meetings due to other unforeseen activities.

Likewise, the Technical Committee (former Technical Advisory Committee) went from a space based on the participation of international partners, to a space led by local organizations, Hivos, Greenpeace and COICA. This decision has turned out to be a success, since the involvement and empowerment of local partners has been guaranteed and strength.

During the first semester of 2022, we held:



2

meetings of the
Steering Committee



5

meetings of the
Technical Committee



9

meetings of the
Executive Leadership
Team (ELT)

So far, **5 Technical Committees** have been held from January to June. Among the most important agreements of 2022 are the re-election of the representative of the local partners for this new period, Nanky Wampanti (CONFENIAE); A free extension of the AEA was requested so that the Brazilian partners could influence the vote on the Temporary Framework.

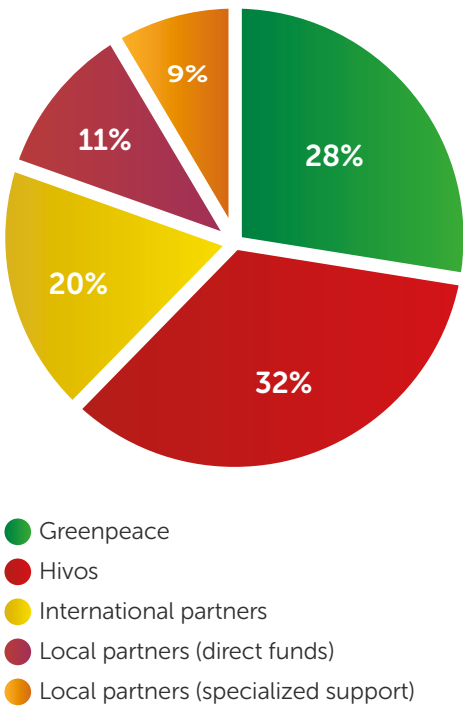
Two **Steering Committees** have been held, one in March and the other in May. In them, the free extension of the AEA was analyzed and approved at the request of the Brazilian partners; linking the program with the 80/25 Initiative of COICA and IUCN; o Approval of the AEA Closure and Sustainability Strategy, which includes the Communication and Advocacy

Plan; Harvest of scopes; the Sustainability Strategy of the Learning Platform; and the face-to-face closing event for all partners (to be held in September).

After conversations held within the Technical and the Steering Committee, there is no interest to work as a Consortia in the AEA Consortium in remaining united with its more than 40 partners, because although the coordination effort and the achievements are recognized, the high number of partners makes a close relationship between all of them very complex. Therefore, more than as a Consortium, it is interesting to maintain a network of allies.

Financial Distribution

Budget allocation percentages by partner categories - July 2022

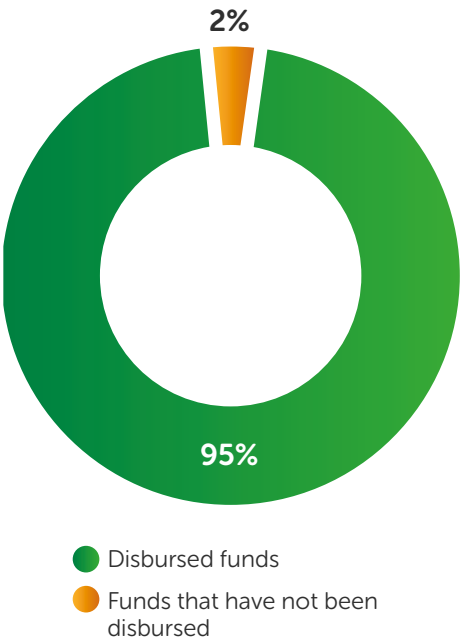


Graph 1. Distribution of the AEA consortium budget by category of partner (as of 07/30/2022)

As of July 2022, **98% of the total amount foreseen has been disbursed**, leaving only 2% pending, which is mostly related to the final payments established in the partners' contracts, whose means of payment corresponds to the final 2021 and 2022 audited reports.

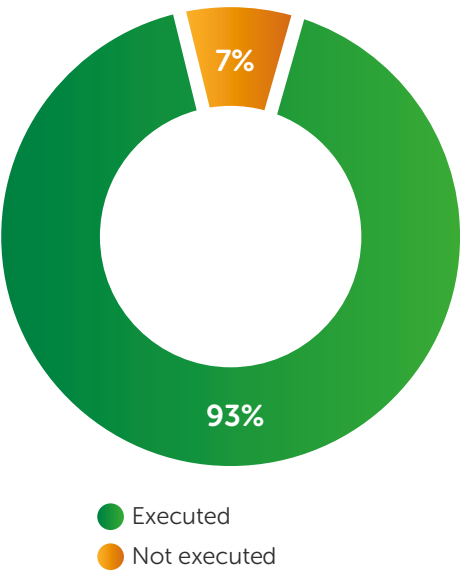
Regarding the execution progress in this last period, practically most of the partners have managed to execute 100% of the budget established in their contracts. The only partners with a balance to execute during the second half of 2022 are Hivos, Greenpeace and ISS with 7% of the total amount allocated.

Hivos disbursements



Graph 2. Disbursements made by Hivos to partners, with respect to the total budget (as of 07/30/2022)

Budget execution by the Consortium



Graph 3. AEA Consortium Budget Execution Status (as of 07/30/2022)

5. Technical Implementation



Radical Transparency

We use innovative technologies to collect evidence, monitor and evaluate the levels of deforestation and the trade and financial chains that affect the forests and local populations.

• In Ecuador: Alianza Ceibo and Amazon Frontlines together with the Federation of Communes Union of Natives of the Ecuadorian Amazon (FCUNAE), conducted tours of the affected communities to record the oil damages:

- The [photographs and videos](#) reflecting the immediate impact of the spill were widely disseminated on social networks by the Amazon Frontlines team and allied organizations, and other national and international media intentionally involved in the dissemination action. Public statements have been made as members of and together with the Human Rights Alliance of Ecuador to make visible the impact of the new spill and the serious consequences for the affected communities.



► Photo taken by the Amazon Frontlines team showing the contamination of the Coca River near the affected communities.

• Implementation of the Shuar Arutam People's Monitoring Plan with advice from the specialized partner Ecociencia.

- A workshop was held in May to review the progress of the project, and the quality of the data generated by the monitors. A roadmap was drawn up for the final activities of the implementation of the Monitoring Plan until September. This workshop identified the completion of 61 reports between February 18 and May 17, 2022. Six associations worked on monitoring activities, identifying the following threats: large and small-scale mining, artisanal mining, illegal logging, deforestation, pollution, hunting and fishing, and hydroelectric plants.



► Photographs of the reports made by the PSHA monitors.

• In Peru, Digital Democracy (DD) worked with ECA Amarakaeri to update the Mapeo application and provided technical assistance to local technicians.

- DD together with ECA Amarakaeri, at the request of the latter, developed new Mapping functionalities and enhanced existing ones: a new PDF report export button, a directional arrow within Mapping Mobile, display of color-coded observations for Mapping Mobile and Desktop, a new custom basemap and configuration for ECA Amarakaeri, P2P upgrade, enhancement of the existing synchronization feature, and the option to delete images taken. Two other features, long requested and still under development, are the addition of tracks in Mapeo Mobile and improved offline map management workflow.

• **Eca Amarakaeri organized four special patrol activities, monitoring the territory with the MAPEO app developed with Digital Democracy.**

- The ECA Amarakaeri organized 4 special patrols in 4 different sectors within the Amarakaeri Communal Reserve as well as in its buffer zone. These special patrols had the presence of technicians from the ECA, Park Rangers from the National Service of Natural Protected Areas by the State (SERNANP), National Police (MININTER) and the Specialized Environmental Prosecutor's Office (FEMA), in order to verify the activities that affect their territories such as illegal mining, illegal logging, illicit crops, invasions, environmental liabilities, land use change, etc. In this sense, through visual inspections, photographic records and drone overflights, information was collected to be transferred to the competent institutions.

• **In Brazil, FASE conducted an overflight for data validation and documentation (audiovisual) of the Karipuna, Uru-Eu, Wau-Wau, Zoró and Sete de Setembro indigenous lands.**

- The confirmation overflight of geo-referenced points served for validation of the research data to confirm recent deforestation activities, tracks, and open roads within the boundaries of the indigenous lands, as well as other illegal activities such as airstrips, mining and logging, consolidated farms, and squatter houses within the territory.

• **Several partners worked on the construction of maps in coordination with Hivos to highlight socio-environmental conflicts in the Amazon Basin.**

- Hivos developed interactive maps and applications that sought to contribute to the analysis and dissemination of socio-environmental conflicts caused by extractive activities in the Amazon region, particularly in indigenous territories. The interactive application [Amazonia Viva](#) was developed in collaboration with the digital media La Barra Espaciadora and a series of interactive maps were part of the [ManchadosXelPetróleo](#) series that shows the overlapping of oil fields in indigenous territories and protected areas. Other applications were timelapse showing the impact of [illegal mining in the upper Nangaritza, Napo](#)

[province](#) and the progress of the [large-scale mining project "Mirador"](#).



Full Responsibility

We use data in the territory and on a large scale to promote campaigns and to promote law enforcement at the local, national, and international levels.

• **Interamerican Association for Environmental Defense (AIDA) - supported the organizations' communications strategy for strategic litigation.**

- In Peru, AIDA organized a webinar for allies and affected communities on international strategies and State obligations in the face of oil spills in the Amazon. AIDA also organized a press conference, issued a media advisory, and disseminated news about the case on social media. In Brazil, the strategy focuses on defenders of communities affected by the Belo Sun mine project with a news story that circulated internationally about the case and raised indigenous voices at ATL's annual meeting and a strategy on the risks to Amazonian defenders from mining projects in this region. In Ecuador, AIDA discussed different ways of reporting and narratives to engage undecided audiences: inspiring audiences about a shared future vs. denouncing injustices we reject and problems we care about. We practiced how we respond and talk about Amazon in an interview round. And we closed with a newscast activity where participants debated Decree 151 from the various perspectives: state, corporate, and community.

• **AIDA assessed the needs and opportunities for strategic litigation in the Amazon**

- The purpose of the [assessment](#) was to evaluate the capacities, needs, challenges and opportunities for developing strategic litigation in the Amazon and thus identify the most strategic scenarios for accelerating litigation and promoting capacity building of AEA partners in strategic litigation. This activity included 20 semi-structured interviews with organizations and experts



► Image: Participatory monitoring. | ph: USFQ

regarding their vision and experience with legal solutions for the protection of the Amazon, an online survey conducted by four organizations, and research on legal work in the Amazon and its impacts.

• **Evaluation of the experience of the environmental monitors of the Amazonian Indigenous Peoples United in Defense of their Territories (PUINAMUDT)**

• A series of [5 podcasts produced](#) by PUINAMUDT and AEA on the work of the monitors of the platform's federations has just been published. Thanks to the conversations held with the environmental monitors, the representatives of the federations of the PUINAMUDT (FEDIQUEP, OPIKAFPE, FECONACOR and ACODECOSPAT), the representatives of the allies that work jointly with the federations, the efforts of Hivos and PUINAMUDT, 5 very enriching chapters of information and important inputs to visualize the hard work involved in defending the ancestral territory were achieved.

Research, litigation, and visibility

• **In Ecuador, the specialized partner PODER conducted a corporate investigation (chain of command analysis, investors and beneficiaries, and supply chain analysis) of public and private projects that deforest the Ecuadorian Amazon to plant oil palm.**

• [Corporate research](#) was conducted (analysis of the chain of command, investors and beneficiaries and analysis of the supply chain) of public and private projects that deforest the Ecuadorian Amazon to plant oil palm. After identifying the contact details of the main stakeholders and actors who could potentially have information or

who might be interested in receiving information on the impacts of oil palm cultivation in the Amazon, a database of these individuals, institutions, companies, and organizations was created and uploaded to the ZOHO information submission platform.

• **Universidad San Francisco con FDA - UDAPT conducts a policy brief to highlight the contamination in the northern Ecuadorian Amazon.**

• To demonstrate the results of community monitoring carried out through the USFQ- Amazon Defense Front (FDA) and the Union of Chevron-Texaco Victims (UDAPT) partnership that has been working in the study area for more than 10 years. It is intended to make this report go viral through the monitoring web page. <https://monitoreoparticipativo.org/>

• **Articulation of the Indigenous Peoples of Brazil (APIB)´ Criminal Justice and Indigenous Peoples Observatory continued its work on the Indigenous Peoples and Criminal Justice Project**

• In March 2022, the observatory produced a document to map, register and systematize information about indigenous people who are suffering from criminalization in the criminalization processes in the Brazilian Amazon. It includes: mapping of criminalized indigenous people in the Brazilian Amazon, Case studies of criminalization of indigenous leaders, Database of normative projects, Analysis of the application of Resolution 287 of the National Council of Justice (CNJ).



Durable Solutions

We develop and apply tools and mechanisms to guarantee the rights of local populations, defend environmental defenders, and recognize the land rights of Indigenous peoples in the Amazon.

- **Alianza Ceibo together with the Federation of Communes Union of Natives of the Ecuadorian Amazon (FCUNAE) made public statements to make visible the impact of the new spill (April 2022)**

- In Ecuador, Alianza Ceibo worked together with the Federation of Communes Union of Natives of the Ecuadorian Amazon (FCUNAE), toured the affected communities to record the effects, taking samples, photographs, and interviews, among others. With this information, public statements have been made as members of and together with the Human Rights Alliance of Ecuador to make visible the impact of the new spill and the serious consequences for the affected communities.

- **Amicus Curiae made from Hivos in the Action of Non-compliance filed by Sarayaku to the Constitutional Court.**

- The objective was to demonstrate, through the analysis of official information submitted by entities of the Ecuadorian State, the violations of the Right to Prior, Free and Informed Consultation in the process of awarding the oil blocks of the Southeast Round number 74 and 75, which affect the territory of the Kichwa People of Sarayaku, which implies the failure of the Ecuadorian State to comply with the judgment of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights in the case of Sarayaku v. Ecuador.

- **In Brazil, 26 women met in the Regional Women and Mining Meeting to discuss the threat that the lower Tapajós-Amazon region is facing with the advance of mining.**

- A meeting was held to update information about the land issue of the Agroextractivist Extractivist Project (PAE) Lago Grande through the facilitation

of Educator Juliana Malerba and the team from the Human Rights Clinic of the Federal University of Pará (UFPA) for the Union of Rural Workers of Santarem (STTR/STM) and the Federation of Residents' Associations and Communities of the Agroextractivist Settlement of Gleba Lago Grande (FEAGLE), organizations that operate in the territory.

- **Extraordinary General Assembly of the Federation of Lago Grande Area Communities (FEAGLE) in preparation for the Public Hearing.**

- FASE supported the mobilization of the population of the most remote rural communities, facilitating a broad representation of people who, due to a lack of resources, have limited access to the resources available to them. The [Public Hearing held in the Murui Community](#), PAE Lago Grande, was requested by the Public Prosecutor's Office, due to the claims made by representative organizations of the territory, such as STTR and FEAGLE, to listen to the inhabitants of the region about the maintenance of collective possession, the absence of public policies, threats of human rights violations, the entry of companies, mega-projects and land grabbing.



Linking and Learning

We co-create conditions to promote collective learning, exchange and the creation of alliances and networks through the promotion of social innovation, awareness and the formation of community and organizational skills.

- **Update and strengthening of AEA Learning Platform**



► Image: X FOSPA. | ph: Nora Sánchez - Hivos

- Since its launch in August 2021, the AEA Learning Platform and its Academy section have been increasingly consolidated from several initiatives promoted by and with AEA partners, including the production of content (videos; podcasts; academic, news and journalism articles), the inclusion of digital tools, events and their results, virtual courses and more. The Platform was also presented in most of the in-presence and virtual events promoted by Hivos and, from the implementation of a strong communications campaign, it receives on average over 1.800 visits, being visitors mostly from Ecuador; Peru; Brazil; the USA; the UK; China, and the Netherlands, in that order.

• Conclusion of the AEA Learning Community

- Following two years of implementation, the AEA Learning Community concluded in July 2022. The space of virtual meeting and exchange between AEA partners and further allies covered during the period over 30 real cases faced and lived by Amazonian organizations, communities and peoples on subjects related to rights; health-care; land defense and monitoring with the use of technology; campaigns, among others. The results, lessons learned and products resulted from all sessions may be consulted [here](#).

• Scholarships with GK School for journalistic stories

- During the first months of 2022, GK awarded 11 story production grants to 11 communicators, including indigenous communicators, from Ecuador, Brazil, and Peru to produce investigative articles on the Amazon in GK and other media outlets in the region. The stories will be published in the next reporting period.

• Participation and support to the Free Land Camp (Acampamento Terra Livre - ATL) - Brasília, April 4th to 14th

- Hivos, Greenpeace, COIAB, UMIAB and other AEA partners and allies have participated in the 18th edition of ATL, the largest Indigenous mobilization in Brazil. This year's edition, with the theme "Retaking Brazil: Demarcate the Territories and Indigenize the Politics", focused on a strong incidence against the Marco Temporal, a legal thesis defended by Bolsonaro administration that seeks to hinder the State's recognition of Indigenous lands in Brazil.

• II Regional Meeting on Mining in the Lower Amazon

- To [promote debates in preparation for the FOSPA](#), the regional mining meeting aimed at giving continuity to the actions of the "Articulação Regional do Baixo Amazonas Frente à Mineração (ARBA)". The preparation period for the X FOSPA was fundamental for the understanding of the forum and the massive participation of the partners in this event. All the preparation workshops organized by FASE and the understanding of the AEA Governance Working Group to dedicate resources to this period proved to be right.

• Conclusion of the Solutions for the Amazon video series

- In early 2022, Hivos continued with the production and dissemination of "Solutions for the Amazon", a series of vlogs with the goal of sharing experiences on the implementation of innovative and creative solutions and initiatives executed in the Amazon. The vlogs were developed by civil

society organizations, indigenous organizations, and/or other actors and collectives, to support the fight against large-scale deforestation, degradation of the Amazon ecosystem, and to contribute to the defense of the rights of indigenous peoples and local communities, in order to strengthen Climate Justice in the Amazon Basin. Its 8 episodes are available on the AEA Learning Platform, [here](#).

• **Course and Podcast Series "We are the Voices of the Amazon".**

- The Documentary Podcast series "We are the Voices of the Amazon" is the result of a collaborative process of training and production, under the methodology of "learning by doing" that involved 15 communicators from six Amazonian countries: Bolivia, Brazil, Ecuador, Peru, Suriname, and Venezuela, nominated by national indigenous organizations, members of the Coordinating Committee of Indigenous Organizations of the Amazon Basin (COICA). The series will be officially launched to the public on October 11, 2022. More information is available [here](#).

• **GK school and HIVOS launched a virtual course on in-depth journalism in the Amazon with a Human Rights approach:**

- The in-depth journalism course was produced in collaboration with the independent Ecuadorian outlet GK, AEA partner, and provides theoretical and practical tools for the promotion of investigative journalism covering subjects as human rights, indigenous peoples, and nature, focused on Amazonian communities of Ecuador, Peru, and Brazil. The course is available in English, Spanish and Portuguese on this [link](#). Up to date, 112 people have completed the course through the AEA Academy.

• **AEA Academy - New courses "Indigenous Health Promotion in the Peruvian Amazon" and "Indigenous Health Promotion in the Ecuadorian Amazon"**

- On June 14, 2022 Hivos launched the digital course [Indigenous health promotion in the Peruvian Amazon](#) and "Indigenous Health Promotion in the Ecuadorian Amazon", deriving from the capacity building experiences implemented under the Amazon Indigenous Health Route,

which was developed by the National Amazonian University of Madre de Dios (UNAMAD) to provide the participant with an introduction to the basic concepts of health and its management, as well as a vision of the Amazonian indigenous traditional knowledge around health.

• **Mongabay investigative Article Series**

- Between May and June 2022, Mongabay produced 11 original stories in Spanish covering two serious threats facing indigenous leaders and villagers in the region: the criminalization of the defense of their territories and the impunity behind the numerous murders of their peers. As part of the coverage, 5 videos were produced in the format of "Stories in 1 Minute", 5 graphic stories and an explanatory video addressing the problem of impunity in the murders of Amazonian indigenous leaders in Peru, Ecuador, and Brazil.

• **The Regional Meeting of Popular Communicators was held in Brazil organized by AEA partner, FASE**

- FASE in collaboration with the Dema Fund, Terra de Direitos and Tapajós de Fato, brought together several youth movements and youth groups to exchange experiences on popular communication in the struggle for the defense of their territories. The event was held as a preparatory meeting for the 10th Pan-Amazonian Social Forum (FOSPA). During the discussions, participants recounted their experiences of popular communication through community radios, independent communication portals and social networks.

6. Communication Results

The first half of 2022 was a period of great media exposure for the program, with the aim of deepening the AEA's achievements and amplifying them to external audiences. In February, journalists from the British media outlet Daily Mirror visited the Ecuadorian Amazon to learn about the impact of All Eyes on the Amazon Program in indigenous territories.

Through a guided tour of the Maikuants community in Shuar territory, the journalists were able to see the work of territorial monitors, the contribution of technology to their activities and the strengthening of capacities and community governance. The visit resulted in a [journalistic note published physically and virtually in the Daily Mirror](#) in May 2022, in addition to [two digital notes](#) on the work of young indigenous activists fighting for the defense of their territories, reaching an audience of more than 300,000 readers.



► Daily Mirror journalistic note.

In addition, the program contributed to the media coverage of important regional events such as the [Acampamento Terra \(ATL\)](#), held in April in Brazil and the [PanAmazonic Social Forum \(FOSPA\)](#), held in July in Brazil, and continued with the communication involvement in groups and initiatives of inter-institutional organizations such as OLAC and the Grupo Impulsor Escazú Ahora (Ecuador) and the Platform of Escazú (Peru), with the objective of ensuring the

presence of voices of the program's partner organizations in the conversation on climate, environmental rights, gender equity, among others.

In the context of the Regional Territorial and Environmental Monitoring Meeting of Todos los Ojos en la Amazonía, held May 25-27, 2022 in Puyo, Ecuador, ["Conversas sobre Monitoreo Territorial y Ambiental"](#), a podcast series that amplifies the work of indigenous and local community monitors and watchers from the main partners and allies where the AEA program is implemented, was produced and disseminated.

The program's visual identity continued to be strengthened through an update of the program's Web page and support was given to the growth of the [AEA Learning Platform](#) through a constant communication campaign on the learning resources available in the virtual space.

During this semester, AEA has posted 90 publications related to its implementation, reaching an audience of approximately +1 million people.

Here is a look at the communications products produced during this semester:



1 serie of vlogs:

Solutions for the Amazon



1 ebook:

Without Indigenous women there's no future



3 campaigns:

AEA Learning Platform
AEA Academy courses
Escazu Agreement in Peru



+270 posts on social networks

HIVOS channels and
partner organizations



3 live coverage:

Acampamento Terra Livre (ATL), Brasil
Regional Encounter of Territorial and
Environmental Monitors, Ecuador
PanAmazonic Social Forum (FOSPA), Brasil



+1 million people reached

7. Next Steps for the second semester of 2022



Ecuador

- We will continue with the implementation of territorial monitoring in PSHA. The monitoring data analysis and monitoring plan implementation evaluation workshop will be held to 1) analyze and generate geospatial information/maps and reports from the monitoring data and 2) evaluate the implementation of the Monitoring Plan by the monitors and the accompaniment of the territory executive of the Shuar Arutam People.
- With PODER, the pilot shipment of information is prepared on the ZOHO platform. Once the training with AEA members is completed, the campaign will be launched in October 2022.



Peru

- We will promote a communications campaign regarding the Escazú agreement.
- A manual will be prepared between Hivos with the Ministry of Environment (MINAM) to defend the rights of indigenous peoples in Peru.
- An analysis of access to justice for indigenous peoples in Peru will be developed by Hivos.
- Digital Democracy will refine and discuss the first draft of protocols on security, Mapping roles and data flow.



Brazil

- A post-FOSPA seminar will be held by Hivos and partners in August to share lessons learned and next steps.
- Greenpeace will disclose the results of the investigation of mercury contamination in amazonian fish.
- Greenpeace will disclose the report on the 10 most deforested indigenous lands, as part of its project to highlight the impact of illegal activities such as air-trips, mining and logging, consolidated farms and homes of invaders within the territory.

Regional

- The partners will finish their implementation with the delivery of final reports for their period. With these inputs, Hivos will work on a final evaluation of the Program, until December 2022.
- Pursuing the sustainability of the AEA Platform will be a priority for the next period.
- All public contents produced by AEA partners since the beginning of the program's implementation will be uploaded at the AEA Learning Platform to be accessible by the general audience until December 2022.
- The second edition of the AEA GK Fellowship will be worked on through an editorial lab to support the Fellowship finalists in empowering their stories and acquiring basic journalistic tools.
- The Documentary Podcast series "We are the Voices of the Amazon", produced in coordination between Hivos, COICA, indigenous communicators of the Amazon Basin and Sacha Manchi, will be officially launched to the public in October, 2022.
- Hivos will launch two virtual courses in the AEA Academy to the general audience: Production of Documentary Podcast and Climate Change and Sustainability.
- Hivos will launch the Podcast series "Conversations of Territorial and Environmental monitoring", based on conversations held amongst partners during the Regional Encounter of Environmental and Territorial monitoring"
- A systematization of the AEA Learning Community experience with highlights and recommendations for the creation of virtual and regional communities of practice will be published in the second semester.
- Hivos will implement a closing communication' strategy focused on amplifying AEA highlights of implementations as well as partner's perspectives and experiences during the implementation of the program.
- In September 2022, the closing event of the AEA Program will be held in Quito, Ecuador.

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