

ACTIVITY REPORT 2023



**VAGA
LUME**



WHAT BROUGHT US HERE



The number of new libraries implemented during the period.

2001

Implementation of the pilot project of the Expedition Program.  Two community libraries were created, one in Alter do Chão, Santarém (PA), and one in Vila do Pesqueiro, Soure (PA).

2 Reading Mediation courses, training the first 52 reading mediators.

2002

Start of the Letter Paper Project (pilot of the Network Program)

 First Expedition - Implementation of 21 community libraries and training of 400 reading mediators

 • Claudia Award
• Marketing Association Award (PA)

2003



• Jabuti Award, Friend of the Book category, Brazilian Book Chamber (CBL)

2004

Implementation of 20 libraries 

2005



"Amazon in Focus" Seminar, SESC Pinheiros, São Paulo (SP)

Start of the Network Program

 • Millennium Development Goals Award, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)

Friends of the Planet in Reading Project - expansion to Breves (PA) and Uarini (AM)

4th Vaga Lume Congress in Santarém (PA)

Social Technology Certificate. Banco do Brasil Foundation



Publication of the book "Cartas, Pontes, Novos Horizontes" (Letters, Bridges, New Horizons) - about the cultural exchange between children and adolescents from the municipality of Portel (PA) and the Vera Cruz School in São Paulo (SP)

2009



• Chico Mendes Prize on Environment, NGO Category, Ministry of the Environment
• Vivaleitura Award in the Society category, Ministry of Education and Ministry of Culture

1st Vaga Lume Camp

3rd Vaga Lume Congress in Atibaia (SP)

International Seminar "Literature and Cultural Action". SESC Pinheiros, São Paulo (SP)



2nd Meeting of Representatives in Manaus (AM)

Reading Points Contest, Ministry of Culture - 10 winning Vaga Lume libraries

2008

2nd Vaga Lume Congress in São Paulo (SP)

1st Meeting of Representatives in Itu (SP)



2007



• Chico Mendes Prize on Environment, NGO category, Ministry of the Environment
• Medal of Honor for the Book, National Library Foundation (FBN)

2006

1st Congress - Meeting of Reading Mediators in Manaus (AM)



• Juscelino Kubitschek Award of Merit for Regional Development in Latin America and the Caribbean, Inter-American Development Bank (IDB)
• Vivaleitura Award, MinC, MEC and OEI: Ciro José Sahairo, Campinópolis-MT

2010



Meeting of the Marajó and Solimões Reading Poles - São Paulo (SP)

Meeting of Vaga Lume Libraries in Indigenous Communities in Sobradinho, a satellite city of Brasília (DF)

Mais Cultura Microprojects - Funarte and Ministry of Culture for the São José do Couto community - Campinópolis (MT)

3rd Meeting of Representatives in Atibaia (SP)

Launch of the Publication "Nós e Nosso Meio Ambiente" (Our Environment and Us) by the Network Program

 • Brazil Social Award, Innovation category, Casa da Criança Project

2011



2nd Vaga Lume Camp in Pirenópolis (GO)

5th Vaga Lume Congress in Brasília (DF)



• Intercultural Innovation Award, United Nations Alliance of Civilizations (UNAOC) and BMW Group

2012



3rd Vaga Lume Camp in Bragança Paulista (SP)

6th Vaga Lume Congress (Amazon in Focus) in Bertioga (SP)

Participation in Rio +20 - United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development

 • Young Leadership Award, Third Sector category, O Estado de S. Paulo and XYZ Live

2013

4th Vaga Lume Camp in Cabreúva (SP)

Launch of the book "Um Brasil Gigante" (A Giant Brazil), from the Network Program

4th Vaga Lume Representatives Meeting in São Paulo (SP)



- XII Annual Selection, Culture category, Brazil Foundation
- Finalist of the Social Entrepreneur Award, Folha de São Paulo and Schwab Foundation

2014

5th Vaga Lume Camp in Sobradinho, a satellite city of Brasília (DF)

7th Vaga Lume Congress (and Meeting with Education Secretaries) in Bertioga (SP)



- Reading for All Award, Ministry of Culture

2015

6th Vaga Lume Camp in Sobradinho, a satellite city of Brasília (DF)

Creation of the Youth Council

Vaga Lume 15 Years Expedition to the 23 municipalities of the Brazilian Legal Amazon with community libraries of the network



- Innovation and Creativity in Basic Education Program Award, Ministry of Education

2016

7th Vaga Lume Camp in São Lourenço da Serra (SP)

Launch of the pilot project of the International Network (Santarém and Tel Aviv)

Vaga Lume Libraries Meeting of Quilombola Communities in Mirinzal (MA)

Regional Vaga Lume Meeting in Tefé (AM)

Regional Vaga Lume Meeting in Macapá (AP)

Launch of the game "Muito mais que uma história" (Much More Than a Story)



- IPL Award - Reading Portraits
- Vivaleitura Award, MinC, MEC and OEI: Dijaik Nery, Tefé - AM (finalist)

2017



- Top 100 Best NGOs in Brazil Award, Instituto Doar

Inauguration of the community library's own headquarters in Graça de Deus, Mirinzal (MA)

SOS Amazon Fund for humanitarian aid

2020

- Cultura Viva Award of the Municipality

9th Vaga Lume Congress in São Paulo

9th Vaga Lume Camp

Launch of the Mini Documentary "Bibliotecas Amazônicas" (Amazonian Libraries)



2019



- Top 100 Best NGOs and Best Education NGO in Brazil Award, by Instituto Doar
- European Union Human Rights Award
- Semifinalist of the Itaú-Unicef Award - Campina de São Benedito Community
- Municipal Human Rights and Diversity Seal
- Culture Points Award of the State of São Paulo

Representatives and Partners Meeting in São Paulo (SP)

8th Vaga Lume Camp in Brasília (DF)

Participation in Amazon Week in Washington (USA)

Regional Vaga Lume Meeting in Barreirinhas (MA)

Regional Vaga Lume Meeting in Soure (PA)

2018



- Itaú-Unicef Award
- Veja-se Award, Culture category
- Top 100 Best NGOs in Brazil Award - Época Magazine and Instituto Doar

Recognition from Criança Esperança and Report on Fantástico

8th Vaga Lume Congress in São Paulo (SP)

2021



- Top 100 Best NGOs in Brazil Award, Instituto Doar
- Finalist in the "Promotion of Reading" category, Jabuti Award
- Honorable Mention in the Transformative Education Experiences in the Amazon Award

Start of the pilot project for the online Reading Mediation course

Monthly online meetings with the Regional Team

Implementation of the Library Journey

Online Network Program with exchanges also between Amazonian libraries

Implementation of the Vaga Lume Digital pilot project

Implementation of the Early Childhood project in partnership with Criança Esperança

Inauguration of the community library's own headquarters in Santa Rosa, Cruzeiro do Sul (AC)

1st Vaga Lume Virtual Meeting of partners and local teams

Start of the online Handcrafted Books Course with the production of 9 books remotely

1st Virtual Camp of the Network Program

2022

Implementation of 3 new libraries, two in the municipality of Portei and one in Oriximiná (PA)

Inauguration of the library's new headquarters in São Sebastião, Portei (PA)



- Best Education NGO in Brazil Award, by Instituto Doar
- Winner of the Jabuti Award in the Reading Promotion category

2023



- Best Education NGO in Brazil Award, Instituto Doar
- Top 100 Best NGOs in Brazil Award, Instituto Doar
- United Earth Amazonia Award, United Earth
- Human Rights and Diversity Seal, São Paulo City Hall

Implementation of 6 new libraries in Pará: 3 in Castanhal and 3 in Santarém, Construction of the library's headquarters in Menino Deus, in Portei (PA)

Among the 50 most influential NGOs in Brazil by The Good Dot ranking



EMBARK ON THIS STORY...

Image:
Alicia Peres



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Kleber José Jr.



MANI FEST

Once upon a time, there was a little firefly who met a giant named Amazon. He told her a many stories about the sky, the solar system, other peoples, languages, and much more. She showed him all her splendor, her richness, and welcomed him with open arms. Together, they shared knowledge and gradually brought about a remarkable transformation. They built houses, which they called libraries. They planted book trees that bear fruits, people who shine. People who fall in love with reading, who learn and grow. People who are inspired by stories that change the world. People who make more people shine.

**VAGA LUME.
KNOWLEDGE
MAKES US FLY.**



1. WHAT AND
WHERE WE
DO IT

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Driven by the desire for a brighter future, Vaga Lume fluttered its wings and expanded in 2023. The two offices in Belém and São Paulo became three, with the opening of the long-dreamed Vaga Lume Manaus. Our network of 89 libraries became 95, and our team welcomed new collaborators.

Growth requires alignment and unity, especially after a pandemic that deepened educational challenges in Brazil and worldwide. Perhaps that is why so numerous meetings marked the year.

The Vaga Lume council met with volunteers in the Carvoeiro community, Barcelos, AM. Representatives from the 22 Brazil's Legal Amazon municipalities participating in Vaga Lume gathered in São Paulo. Partners met with the Vaga Lume youth in the Boa Vista community in Castanhal, PA. Announcing the beginning of a new cycle, the Education team engaged in methodology immersion in Alter do Chão, the site of the first Vaga Lume course, held in 2001. Meetings of mediators, Network educators, youth, and our team reinforced our mission.

In each conversation circle, we explored the essence of Vaga Lume and redefined our approach, always grounded in our unwavering commitment to children. The dissemination of the Vaga Lume Protection Guide reinforced their protection, as well as that of everyone involved in our network.

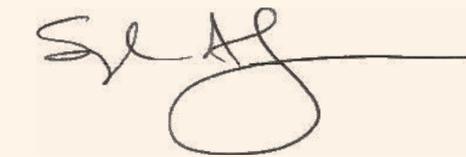
With the pains of growth came new strengths. Collectively, we rewrote the values that guide us as an organization:

Respect as a Premise
Care that Nurtures
Excellence that Guides
Connections that Strengthen

We ended the year with two wonderful pieces of news: an international donation to establish the Vaga Lume Sustainability Fund and the recognition of being the Best Education NGO in Brazil once again.

Embracing new narratives, we continue to write our exciting adventure: that of the little firefly who fell in love with the giant Amazon! Enjoy the reading!

Sylvia Guimarães
 Co-founder and President of Vaga Lume



“Life is the art of encounter, although there is so much mismatch in life.”

Vinicius de Moraes

“The process of reading enables this wonderful operation that is the encounter of what is inside a book with what is stored in our heads.”

Ruth Rocha



Click here to see our 2023 Retrospective



Image: Alicia Peres

“We only dream about what we know exists. Reading is a great beginning because it shows you other possibilities and things to be discovered.”

Danna Dantas, writer from São Gabriel da Cachoeira (AM)

WHO IS VAGA LUME?

We are a social organization that implements libraries in rural communities in the Brazilian Legal Amazon (Amazônia Legal). We promote access to reading, a right for every child and adolescent.

OUR PURPOSE

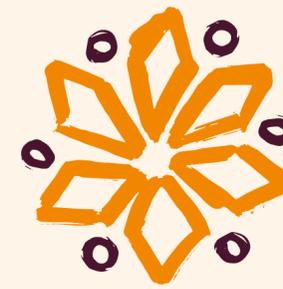
To empower children and young people in rural communities of the Brazilian Legal Amazon by promoting reading and managing community libraries as spaces for sharing knowledge.

OUR VALUES



Respect as a premise

A non-negotiable commitment to respect and ethics in relationships with people, territories, and resources.



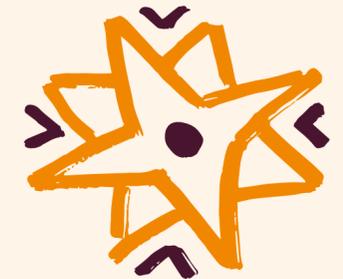
Connections that strengthen

To promote collaboration and a sense of collectivity, sharing knowledge and learning to strengthen us.



Care that nurtures

To genuinely care for people to nurture our network of care. To support each other's development through listening and dialogue.



Excellence that guides

To do better every day, in constant pursuit of excellence, without letting it paralyze us. It is about investing in quality in service of our purpose.

COMMUNITIES OVERVIEW

Where are the libraries?

53%
in riverside areas

21%
alongside roads

26%
in other locations

Of these, **19%**
are in protected environmental areas

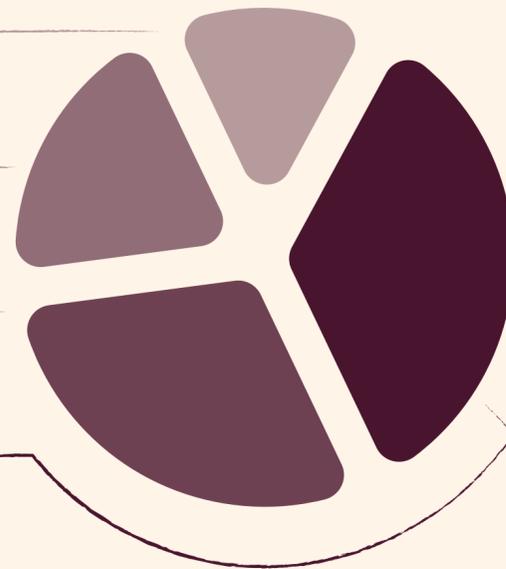
Communities profile

15%
Quilombolas

19%
Indigenous

28%
Extractivist

38%
Other/
unidentified



Infrastructure

13%
do not have permanent electricity and

23%
do not have piped water

This means that...

9 out of 10 communities have frequent access to electricity, the primary source being the power line. Regarding access to water, the primary source is artesian wells.

Primary forms of access to communication

Access to mobile phone networks is still difficult for most communities, but internet access is already quite frequent, mainly residential internet.

69%
do not have access to mobile phone networks

51%
Residential internet

27%
School internet

10%
Internet paid by the hour

6%
3G or 4G mobile network

5%
Other / no access

OUR PURPOSE

Empower **children and youth** in rural communities in the **Brazilian Legal Amazon** region by **promoting reading and the management of community libraries** as a space for sharing knowledge.



Image: Leonardo Leão

ACTIONS AND CONTEXTS

Every child and adolescent has the right to live in a healthy, creative, and affectionate environment, in contact with nature.

At Vaga Lume, we believe that one of the most powerful ways to unite these rights and stimulate the development of children and young people is access to books. Thus, we aim to provide a path to empowerment by encouraging reading and managing libraries in rural communities of the Brazilian Legal Amazon, promoting cultural exchanges through reading, writing, and orality.

The Legal Amazon region has only 13% of Brazil's public libraries and an illiteracy rate of 7.6% among the population aged 15 and over, while in Brazil, the rate is 7%, according to the 2022 Demographic Census, Literacy—Results of the Universe, by IBGE and the website “Amazônia Legal em Dados.” The population also faces a lack of policies to value local culture and forest peoples.

We are talking about a region composed of nine states (Amazonas, Acre, Rondônia, Roraima, Pará, Amapá, Tocantins, Mato Grosso, and part of Maranhão), which occupies 59% of the Brazilian territory and has 29.5 million inhabitants. Data from 2017 from Radar IDH-M, an initiative of the Institute of Applied Economic Research (IPEA), shows that the states of the Brazilian Legal Amazon have a Municipal Human Development Index (MHDI) below 0.750. To better understand, the index measures the quality of life in a place based on education, income, and people's longevity, and the average in the rest of Brazil is 0.778.

We believe that libraries are spaces where exchange is possible and where knowledge can be shared. These spaces are powerful tools for achieving significant changes and sowing bright futures for the children and young people of the Amazon.

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Kleber José Jr.

HOW WE OPERATE

Learn about our strategy, based on an inside-out movement in five dimensions:

Structure

For a library to function well, it needs a quality and diverse collection of literature. It also requires a physical space to house the books and a welcoming environment that can accommodate children, youth, adults, and mediators.

Training

Reading mediators bring the library to life and give it meaning. They need to be active and trained in the Vaga Lume methodology to do this.

Local Culture

The library belongs to the community and values local stories, traditions, and culture. Each community is unique, and each library should also reflect this uniqueness.

Management Cultural Exchange

The library is a community space. Therefore, community residents and volunteers must be committed to its operation and be responsible for its management.

Cultural exchange among young people broadens the possibilities of reading the world, valuing local cultures, and understanding other realities. It also raises their awareness of social and community engagement.



Structure
Training
Management
Local Culture
Cultural Exchange

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RECOGNITIONS



Best Education NGO in Brazil

For the third time, we have been elected the **Best Education NGO in Brazil** by the Best NGOs Award from Instituto Doar. The initiative rewards organizations for excellence in management, governance, financial sustainability, and transparency. For the sixth time, Instituto Doar has recognized us as **one of the 100 Best NGOs in Brazil**.



Human Rights and Diversity Seal

We have received the **Human Rights and Diversity Seal from the São Paulo City Hall for the second time**. The initiative recognizes best practices in diversity management and the promotion of human rights in companies, public agencies, and third-sector organizations.



Green Nobel Prize

We were one of the winning organizations in the ESG category of the first edition of the **United Earth Amazon Award**, which follows the same **selection and evaluation criteria as the Nobel Prize**.

United Earth is an international organization that recognizes and promotes global environmental leadership and humanitarian excellence. Marcus Nobel, a descendant of Alfred Nobel, chairs it. It focuses global efforts, resources, and programs on an unprecedented challenge: uniting Earth's peoples and nations to build a collective and sustainable future.



The Dot Good

We were listed **among the 50 most influential NGOs in Brazil** by **The Dot Good** ranking.

The list is based on governance, innovation, and positive impact criteria.

The award tracks the work of various non-governmental organizations, and the selection for the ranking combines quantitative analyses with qualitative research on the organizations' performance.

“It is an immense joy for Vaga Lume to win this award. We know the individual and collective efforts to build quality education through access to reading.”

Lorena Nery, an Amazonas volunteer, represented all Vaga Lume volunteers at the ceremony.

HIGHLIGHTS IN THE MEDIA

In 2023, we participated in the public debate in over 660 reports that shared our work, presented children's books focused on Black, Indigenous, and Amazonian representations, emphasized the importance of intercultural dialogue, and highlighted the work of our volunteers.

In 2023, there were a total of

665
SPONTANEOUS
MEDIA APPEARANCES,

which represents an investment of

R\$ 9.104.755,61



The TV news **Jornal da Globo** covered Vaga Lume's activities throughout the Amazon, highlighting the municipality of Castanhal (PA).



The newspaper **A Crítica de Manaus** highlighted the dinner held to celebrate the opening of our office in the Amazonian capital.



In the TV news **Jornal Hoje**, we showcased the work developed in Pará.



In the TV news **Repórter ECO**, we shared a bit of our history and work.



The news portal **G1 Pará** reported on the new libraries in Castanhal.



Image: Alicia Peres

2. NETWORK AND CONNECTIONS



VOLUNTEERS: OUR NETWORK OF CONNECTIONS AND MEETINGS

“Education does not change the world; Education changes people. People change the world.”

Paulo Freire

VOLUNTEERING

Currently, we have

808
VOLUNTEERS

distributed across 9 states, 22 municipalities, and 95 communities.

76%
identify as female

24%
identify as male

The average age is

37
years

We can say that, from the founders to the volunteer team, we are a predominantly female institution!

In 2023, our network recorded **3,476 work hours in our libraries**, an average of **4.3 weekly hours per person**.

More than **180,000 hours** were dedicated to Vaga Lume.



New volunteers in the libraries established in Castanhal (PA).

Image: Kleber José Jr.



Now, let us understand the profile of Vaga Lume volunteers:

29%
are teachers

9%
are students



8%
work in other school-related roles

39% of Vaga Lume volunteers are part of the school community!

12%
are farmers

2%
are public employees/officials

1%
are health agents/advisors

39% work in other areas (boat operators, freelancers, guards, administrative assistants, homemakers, retirees)

How does volunteering work?

“Being a Vaga Lume volunteer is a combination of actions that bring you well-being. It is sharing something you accept and, because it did you so much good, you want others to accept it too.”

Elma Reis, a volunteer from the Manoelzinho Community in Barreirinhas (MA)



LOCAL TEAMS AND REPRESENTATIVES

They act as multipliers of the Vaga Lume methodology in communities near their municipalities. They support the articulation of partnerships and the delivery of collections and materials.



COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS

They work within the libraries, conducting reading mediation, supporting space and event management, and working on the five dimensions and the Library Journey.



EDUCATIONAL VOLUNTEERS

They are young people up to 17 years old who participate in the library's activities.



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LOCAL TEAM VOLUNTEERS 2023

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Carlos Alberto Lopes Silva

TERRA NOVA

Gessica Karoline Souza Salgado

CARAUARI

URBAN ZONE

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Antonia Iacerda da Silva
Ausilene Braga da Silva
Melque Paulino da Costa

SÃO GABRIEL DA CACHOEIRA

URBAN ZONE

Daurinéia Pereira da Gama
Genaro Batista Luciano
Maicon Samoni Melo
Ane Keila Firmo Alves
Maria Suely de Andrade Ambrósio

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URBAN ZONE

Dijaik Nery de Souza
Larissa Oleriano Pedroza

UARINI

URBAN ZONE

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Alciene Fragoso Remédio
Maria Dinária Lopes Sevalho
Evandenilson Ribeiro Vasque
Elkey Trindade Martins
Dionizio Gomes Anaquiri Filho
Moisés dos Santos Cordeiro
Robson Praia Frazão
Josiane Frazão Fernandes
Cleomilton Ferreira Guedes
Alessandra Martins Barbosa
Elen Cristina Lino Marinho
Denilson de Souza Tavares
Sandro Motta dos Santos

AMAPÁ

MACAPÁ

URBAN ZONE

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Marcio Roberso Sousa Pereira

MARANHÃO

BARREIRINHAS

URBAN ZONE

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Cledes Correia Silva
Raquel Rodrigues de Sousa

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MACAJUBAL

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Josenilson Brito de Carvalho
Josana da Silva Martins

DAMASIO

Alessandra Martins
Claudia Isabel Avelar
Verônica Azevedo

MIRINZAL

QUILOMBO GRAÇA DE DEUS

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QUILOMBO FRECHAL

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Luiza Benedita Sampaio Bezerra
Ivana Moreira da Silva
Aline Paula Barlati

PARÁ

BREVES

MANANCIAL CESLESTE
Hesron da Costa Vale

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Lidiane Cristina Silva da Poça

ORIXIMINÁ

URBAN ZONE
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Klicia Oliveira Lopes
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Emerson Da Silva Vieira
Dilsomar Pereira

SOURE

PESQUEIRO
Ana Cristina Penante Vasconcelos
Roberto Silva Vasconcelos Junior



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URBAN ZONE
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Jefferson Júnior de Oliveira Souza
Clariomar Souza da Silva
Daniely Nascimento das Chagas
Giselle Emanuela de Castro Fonseca Vidal
José Janderson Gomes de Almeida
Monique Melo Marinho da Paixão

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TOCANTINS

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Barcelos - AM	Prefeitura Municipal
Carauari - AM	SEMED
Tefé - AM	SEMED
Uarini - AM	SEMED
Macapá - AP	SEMED
Barreirinhas - MA	SEMED
Chapada dos Guimarães - MT	SEMED
Castanhal - PA	SEMED
Oriximiná - PA	Secretaria de Administração e Prefeitura Municipal
Portel - PA	SEMED
Santarém - PA	SEMED
Ouro Preto do Oeste - RO	SEMED
Pacaraima - RR	SEMED e Prefeitura Municipal
Caracaraí - RR	SEMED
Ponte Alta do Tocantins - TO	SEMED

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Bianca Fernandes Fasano

Claudomiro Carvalho Neto

Cristiana Mello Leão

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Débora Lotufo Manzano

Denise Crescentino

Felipe Cincinato

Fernanda Vianna Prado

Gabriele da Silva Faustino

Itaciara Souza Dias

Jean Antônio Vieira da Silva

Joyce de Paula Correia

Lohana Sobania Gomes

Lucas Brito do Nascimento

Márcia Silva Licá

Maria Luiza Monteiro da Costa

Michelle Soares Botelho Carvalho

Nathalia Regina Flores Barbosa

Pâmella Pierna Lupiano

Priscila da Silva Fonseca

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Part of the
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gathered at the
Vaga Lume Dinner
2023, in São Paulo.



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Contribute to transforming the future of thousands of children and young people from communities in the Legal Amazon.

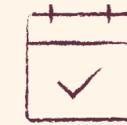


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One-time Donations

Make a single donation via credit card, PIX, or bank slip.



Monthly Donations

Donations of any amount can be recurring or one-time.



São Paulo Tax Receipt

For residents of the state of São Paulo, register Vaga Lume as the organization to receive part of your credits each time your CPF is inserted on the receipt.



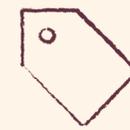
Solidarity Gift

Are you getting married, having a birthday, or celebrating an achievement? Encourage your guests to donate to Vaga Lume instead of giving gifts.



Social Businesses

We operate guided by the partner's strategy within Vaga Lume's areas of expertise: curation of collections, reading mediation, management of community libraries, and volunteering.



Cause-Related Marketing

Your company can sell products with the Vaga Lume brand and donate part of the profit to our cause.



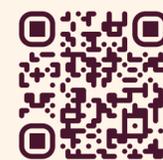
Tax Incentive Laws

Through the Federal Law of Cultural Incentives (Rouanet Law) and the State Council for the Rights of Children and Adolescents (CONDECA SP), resources were allocated for implementing the permanent project in the Amazon.



Direct Social Investment

Institutional support or direct assistance to our specific projects.



Visit
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and contribute.



Imagem: Kleber José Jr.

In the Carvoeiro community, in Barcelos, Amazonas, different generations come together around books. The young people who visit the library follow the volunteers' example and become reading mediators for the elderly, mothers, and babies.

THIS IS IMPACT.



3. IMPACT

DATA MANAGEMENT AND STRENGTHENING OF LIBRARIES

Data collection and systematization

We annually conduct a monitoring evaluation of community libraries' results. We collect information on structure, number of attendees, book borrowing records, reading mediations, profile and engagement of volunteers, cultural and literary activities, and participation in the Network Program.

These data are collected directly by the volunteers and stored in the Pomar platform, launched in 2022 to systematize all data related to our work at Amazon. Therefore, Pomar is a management

and monitoring tool that strengthens library activities.

Within Pomar, data is also watered and managed to assist Vaga Lume in investment and engagement analyses according to the needs of each location. This way, we ensure more transparency in the progress of our work, mapping strengths and challenges, and allowing us to understand how, when, and where to act to improve our work in the Amazon.

Monitoring and development of libraries

Since each library has its particularities and needs, we created the Library Journey to accompany reading spaces from the moment of their implementation (Seed) to the stage of autonomy (Sumaúma).

With the Journey, we seek to improve our management plan, developing a possible field to invest in, promoting activities, and providing subsidies so that the community itself can develop action plans for its library within the spectrum of strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats, according to their realities and maturity time.



OUR NUMBERS SINCE 2001

Now that we have presented the path traced for data collection, storage, management, and analysis, we bring a quantitative balance of our performance in the Brazilian Legal Amazon.



95

Active libraries



177.858

Books distributed



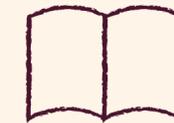
5.074

Adolescents participating in the Network Program



110.592

Children and young people impacted



5.000

Trained Reading Mediators



258

Handcrafted books produced



606

Participants in handcrafted book workshops

Source: Plataforma Pomar

VAGA LUME IN 2023



LIBRARIES

89

Active Libraries

+6

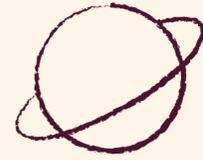
Seed Libraries in 2023

64.371

book exchanges

4,7

Average days of library operation



IMPACT

14.107

Children and young people impacted

808

active volunteers

397

trained reading mediators

50

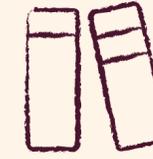
people trained in the Handcrafted Books course in 2 communities

163

School community professionals in the municipalities where we operate trained in reading mediation methodology

42

participants in the in-person Representatives Meeting



STRUCTURE

14.652

books distributed

32

pieces of furniture

173

mats



ACTION

89

Remote monitoring

31

On-site monitoring, totaling over 100 days in the field

MAIN ACTIONS OF THE YEAR

Our operating strategy is based on five dimensions: Structure, Training, Management, Local Culture, and Cultural Exchange. Our actions throughout 2023 are tagged with the dimensions they relate to.

Beautification of São Sebastião Library

#STRUCTURE

The residents of the São Sebastião community in Portel (PA) nurtured a dream: to have their own space for the community library, a colorful and spacious place to welcome children and all the people who reside there. In 2022, the headquarters was built, and in 2023, the dream became even more beautiful with the painting of this space. Artist Mama Quilla led a painting workshop and, together with the community, created strokes that represent this territory's local culture and identity, now displayed on the library's walls. The FAR Institute helped both in the construction and the beautification phase of this headquarters, being a great partner in this journey.



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Construction of the new headquarters in Menino Deus

#STRUCTURE

Like the São Sebastião community, the volunteers and visitors of the Menino Deus library in Portel (PA) also dreamed of a space dedicated to reading. The community gained its headquarters in partnership with the Institute for Climate and Society (ICS). The first construction phase has already been completed, and now children, young people, and all residents have a more welcoming space for cultural activities and reading meditation.



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Collection and furniture

#STRUCTURE

14.652

books distributed in 2023

In addition, we sent 32 bookshelves and 189 mats to the libraries.

We are a reference in curating children's book collections. Quality and diversity are the essential criteria of our selection; our collection consists of literary books (primarily for children and babies) in various formats and themes (children and youth, adult, poetry, comics, graphic novels, novels, short stories, fractured tales, picture books, etc.), featuring representation and authorship from Black, Indigenous, and Northern perspectives, with themes from the region. The books are sent annually to the library network via air, river, and/or land transportation, a logistics process constantly challenging us.



Image: Kleber José Jr



Records of the people involved in the beautification and the headquarters of São Sebastião in Portel, Pará.

6 new libraries

#STRUCTURE

#TRAINING

Our expansion efforts resulted in the past year's highlight: implementing new libraries!

In a logistical and production effort, with the mobilization of many people, we conducted on-site visits, baseline assessments, and the formation of Seeds (libraries in the initial stage). The new libraries benefitted the communities in Castanhal and Santarém, in Pará.

Accessibility

#STRUCTURE

#TRAINING

In 2023, we renovated five libraries to make them accessible to Persons with Disabilities.

In Castanhal (PA), three communities were included:

-  Cupiúba
-  Assentamento João Batista II
-  Quilombo São Pedro

In Barreirinhas (MA), two communities were included:

-  Sobradinho
-  Manoelzinho

In addition to the physical space renovation, we sent to each of these communities a table suitable for wheelchair users that can also be used by other audiences.

Click on the names of the cities and see how the opening of the new libraries went.

Santarém

- + Macapazinho
- + Graças a Deus
- + Nazaré

Castanhal

- + Murumurutuba
- + Aminã
- + Vila Brasil



Image: Kleber José Jr.

In each community that receives a library, we planted an açai palm tree.



Image: Alicia Peres

Library Monitoring

#MANAGEMENT

We constantly monitor the libraries, whether in person or remotely. Thus, we can support the community management of the spaces, understand the needs of each territory, and support the development of the libraries until they reach autonomy.

31
on-site visits and monitoring

31 trips, over 100 days in the field, and 63 communities visited.

89
remote monitoring

Application of an annual assessment to monitor the work developed in the community libraries.

Volunteers, children, and youth gathered during the Boca do Mamirauá community visit in Uarini (AM). During the visit, our team witnessed the historic drought of the Amazon River.

3rd Vaga Lume Virtual Meeting

#TRAINING

#MANAGEMENT

The third edition of the Virtual Meeting brought together volunteers from all states of the Legal Amazon for a day of training. The event involved 48 people via Zoom and recorded 137 accesses on YouTube.

Check out the best moments of the event.



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Representatives Meeting 2023

#TRAINING

#MANAGEMENT

We counted on local volunteers who work in the cities and support the articulation with the communities. To strengthen this network in the 22 municipalities where we operate throughout the Brazilian Legal Amazon, we held the 2023 Representatives Meeting in São Paulo. About 40 volunteers plus the Education team – also based in Belém (PA) and Manaus (AM) – gathered for three days of training in Vaga Lume’s methodology and discussions about books and reading for children.

Image: Alicia Peres



Leticia Santos Canavieira, 43 years old, from Barreirinhas (MA), participated in the 2023 Representatives Meeting and shared her experience:

“Participating in such a moment is a great responsibility and, at the same time, an excellent opportunity to expand our knowledge and exchange experiences with other participants. Upon returning to our cities, the commitment to pass on and multiply what was experienced at the meeting begins.”

Volunteers gathered in São Paulo during the 2023 Representatives Meeting.

Children from the Sítio Fortaleza community in Uarini (AM) during the visit to conduct the Handcrafted Books course.



Image: Alicia Peres

Handcrafted Books course in Soure (PA) and Uarini (AM)

#LOCAL CULTURE

We mediated two handcrafted book courses with a total of 50 participants. Two handcrafted books were produced: O sopra da Baleia (The Breath of the Whale) and Oiara.



Click here to see how it went.

Local Culture Incentive Project

#LOCAL CULTURE

The Institute for Climate and Society (ICS) and us, with resources from the 2023 community fund, promoted 23 actions in 6 states to support and strengthen rural communities in the Brazilian Legal Amazon in their various cultural expressions, encouraging the resumption of activities promoting books and reading. With these activities, we also fostered debate on the environment, conservation of the Amazon Rainforest, and the role of youth in communities, reflecting on the importance of books and reading to form of more conscious citizens.

2.100 people impacted



Imagem: Alicia Peres

Young people from the Network Program gather to listen to their elders in Quilombo Murumuru in Santarém (PA).

Network Program 2023

#CULTURAL EXCHANGE

The Network Program is an initiative of intercultural dialogue that seeks to broaden the possibilities of world reading among young people from community libraries supported by Vaga Lume in the Brazilian Legal Amazon and young people from the city of São Paulo (SP). It is an experience to share knowledge about their identities and territories. The project's methodology aims to reduce distances, break stereotypes, present new world perspectives, and place young people as protagonists in transforming their realities.

In 2023, five cycles of cultural exchanges were carried out between a school/organization in the southeast and a Vaga Lume community/library in the Amazon. Educators from São Paulo visited their exchange partners in the Amazon for days of immersion in the communities. The educators from the Amazon, in turn, went to São Paulo to complete the exchange cycle. With these trips, educators bring young people from multiple realities even closer together. They also participated in training sessions on the environment and climate change, which were later addressed in the weekly workshops of the Network Program in schools, social organizations, and communities.



3 in-person meetings between São Paulo participants and 2 online meetings with all participants.

INSTITUTIONAL

Opening of the office in Manaus (AM)

The new headquarters in the capital city of Manaus is part of our expansion plan. The office is strategic as it brings us even closer to the territory, facilitates the monitoring of libraries, and fosters partnerships in the region.

“Having a team at this significant pole of Amazon is a major step in our growth recovery. Not only does it facilitate the logistics of training and monitoring, but also because of the strength that the city and the state represent in the Amazon context. Furthermore, the possibility of having local female collaborators and volunteers is the fulfillment of an old dream of ours, which is to be diverse in all instances, including the institutional one”

Lia Jamra Tsukumo, Executive Director of Vaga Lume.

Vaga Lume Manaus Dinner

To celebrate the opening of the new headquarters in Manaus, we gathered partners and people who believe in the power of reading for the first edition of the Vaga Lume Manaus Dinner. Led by **ambassadors** Iêda Carvalho and Ilana Minev Benchmol, the charity dinner took place at the Banzeiro restaurant. It featured a special menu prepared by chef Felipe Schaedler and a wine list from “The Vino.” We also counted on Solar Brasil’s partnership and Rede Amazônica’s presence to cover the event.



Did you know?

Our Ambassador Group is formed by volunteers who organize actions and events focused on fundraising to amplify our work in the Amazon.

International Donation

In 2023, we received a USD 2 million donation from writer and philanthropist Mackenzie Scott through the Giving Pledge, which will be directed to the Vaga Lume Sustainability Fund. To receive this contribution, Vaga Lume underwent a rigorous audit process that confirmed the seriousness of our work and the impact generated in the Legal Amazon.

Training for teachers from the municipal education network

In an effort to educate the school community and promote reading in public schools, we trained teachers in the Vaga Lume reading mediation methodology. This action expands the repertoire and provides educators with tools to connect books to children and foster a reading habit, just like it happens in our libraries.

Training in **7 MUNICIPALITIES**

163 teachers and members of the school community trained in Reading Mediation

Field Trip with Council Members

The group of councilors visited the Carvoeiro community in Barcelos (AM) to examine our work closely. The trip included immersion in the community, cultural presentations, and a reopening party for the library after renovating the reading space.

Community and councilors at the reopening of the Children's Cottage Library.

Did you know?

Bringing their baggage and professional experiences, the councilors volunteer and support Vaga Lume's management.



“I met Ananias in the Carvoeiro library, whose eyes sparkled when he heard stories. Even though he did not know how to read, he visited the library assiduously. I was enchanted to realize that Ananias knew all the pages of a book by heart. He asked me to read those pages out loud, and as I did, I could witness the joy and admiration on his face.”

Ilana Minev Benchimol, Vaga Lume Councilor.



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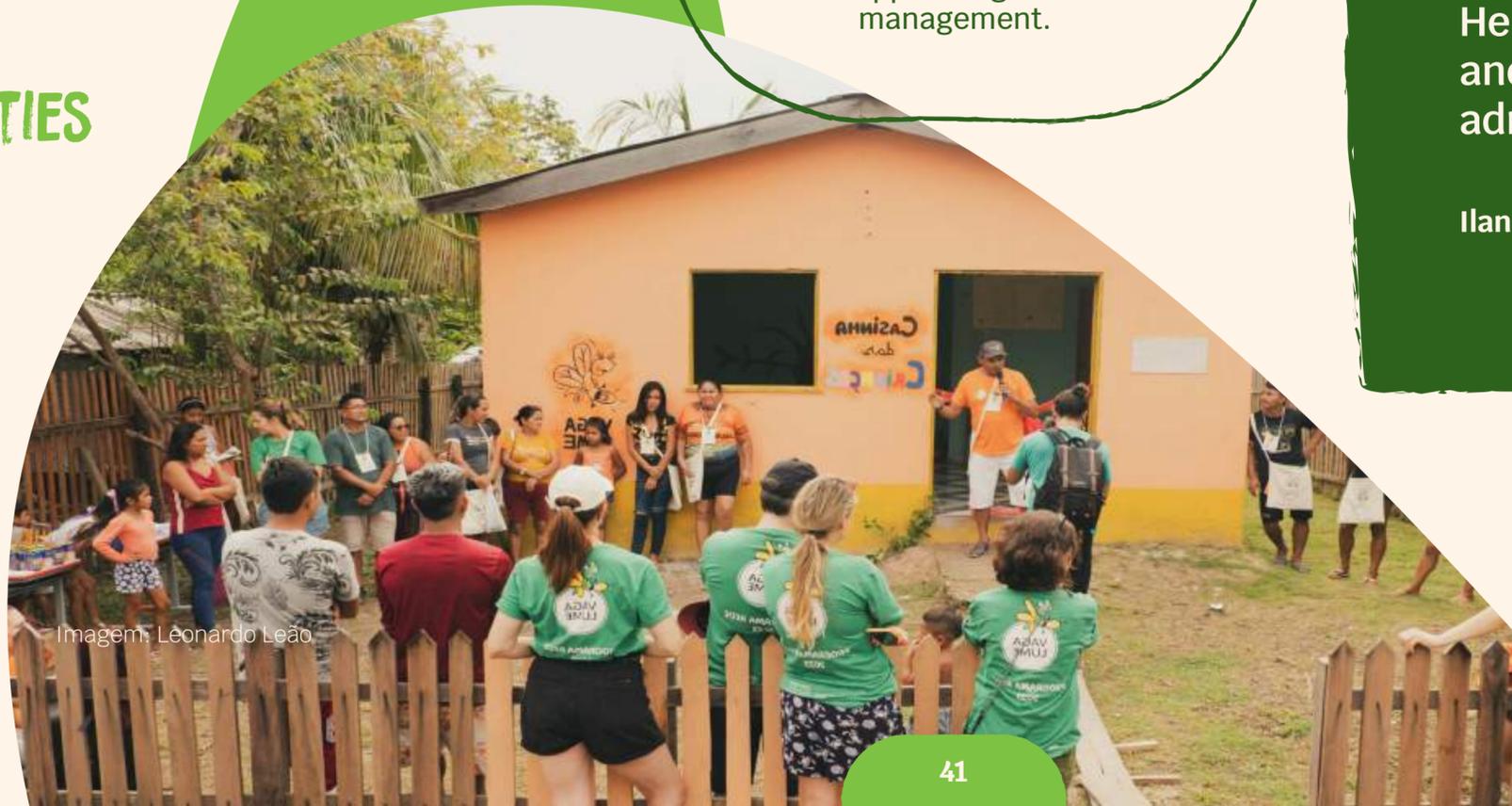


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Partners’ Trip

The **Vaga Lume Partners’ Trip 2023** took project partners to learn about our work in the Boa Vista community in Castanhal (PA). Representatives from the companies Alupar, Transmissoras Brasileiras de Energia (TBE), Brasileg, BB Seguros, Stuttgart Porsche, and Nexo participated in the program with cultural presentations together with children, adolescents, and local volunteers.

Our partners also participated in storytelling circles and even learned how to conduct reading mediations. It was a magical trip, and the testimonials are beautiful:

“As a company, we have a social obligation to Brazil. Being here in practice, witnessing this engagement, and the entire network formed with the project is amazing.”

Marina Giannotti, Alupar

“Being here today and experiencing some of the actions proposed by Vaga Lume is very important. Bringing this to the Legal Amazon is essential so that these children develop a love for reading.”

Luciana Esteves, BB Seguros

“It took me back to when I was a child when someone would tell a story. Being able to do this in this place is an emotion I will cherish for the rest of my life.”

Julia Cristiane Patricio Rufino, Stuttgart Porsche

See other testimonials like these



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Vaga Lume Dinner 2023

Our Ambassador Group held the Vaga Lume Dinner 2023. The dinner’s goal was to raise funds for the construction of the Vaga Lume library headquarters in rural communities in the Legal Amazon. These headquarters strengthen access to books and the bond between reading mediators and children, further enhancing the territory’s culture and knowledge.

The Book Fair

For the second consecutive year, we participated in The Book Fair, promoted by the Associação Quatro Cinco Um, in Pacaembu, São Paulo (SP). We participated in two days of the fair, bringing library furniture and our collection to the event.

Children, moms, and dads at the Vaga Lume booth at The Book Fair.



Image: Sabrina Almeida



Image:
Alicia Peres

PARTNERSHIPS

The knowledge accumulated over more than two decades must be shared and replicated, so we always seek partnerships and projects to share our expertise in reading mediation methodology, community library management, and volunteering. With projects designed to meet the demands of each partner, we expand the impact of reading and finance our activities at Amazon.

Next, check out these developments in 2023.

Exhibition Welcome to the Amazon

Those who passed through the São Paulo Metro's Paulista Station during January 2023 could see the "Welcome to the Amazon" exhibition on the platform access walkway. With ten screens, the initiative presented data about the Legal Amazon, such as education indexes, water resources, biodiversity, and culture. The exhibition remained at the station until January 31 and was held in partnership with ViaQuatro, the manager of Line 4 Amarela. From February to March, the exhibition was at the João Dias and Autódromo stations of Line 9 Esmeralda of CPTM.



**By plane, boat,
car... Our logistics
spare no effort.**

The image shows a record of the operation of implementing new libraries in Santarém (PA).

4. PRESENT AND FUTURE

FINANCIAL DATA:

How do you read it, and why does it matter?

Our financial data refers to the annual economic and accounting statements collected and systematized. It is essential to view the numbers as outcomes of the work of different stakeholders. These indicators demonstrate our transparency and financial health and guide decision-making by the Board, Council, and Finance Committee in approving and managing the annual budget.

Our financial sustainability

Considering the primary sources of funding mentioned on the side, we maintain our financial sustainability through ongoing partnerships with companies and individuals who invest in our organization's purpose and align with our way of being and doing things. Part of this process involves overseeing the Advisory Council and Fiscal Committee, ensuring the organization meets its objectives while respecting its financial health.

Our primary sources of funding

Donations from companies

These can be made via incentive laws like the Rouanet Law or Condeca. Companies can also contribute to specific projects, such as establishing libraries or acquiring collections. Another option is unrestricted donations, allowing for investment in the overall development of our activities.

Donations from individuals

Contributions of any amount, whether monthly or one-time, can be made through our website or via the PIX key financeiro@vagalume.org.br.

Financial basics:

Our most important indicators and what they mean:

Balance sheet

It presents our organization's accounting, financial, and economic position at a specific date—in this case, for the years 2022 and 2023.

Assets

Our tangible and intangible resources can be converted into cash, generating economic backing.

Net equity

It represents our wealth, the result of an equation that considers our assets, rights, and obligations.

Liabilities

Our financial obligations, what goes out.

BALANCE SHEETS

prepared on December 31, 2023, and 2022 (in Brazilian reais)

Assets

	EXPLANATORY NOTE*	2023	2022
Current Assets			
Own Resources			
Cash and cash equivalents	4a	15.361.004	4.707.218
Accounts Receivable	5	21.737	283.493
Inventories		11.988	20.856
Taxes Recoverable		374	374
Advances		60.253	67.315
		15.455.356	5.079.256
Restricted Resources			
Cash and cash equivalents		6.713.470	7.763.197
		6.713.470	7.763.197
Non-current Assets			
Financial Investments	7	838.857	.
Fixed Assets	6	94.893	65.424
		933.750	65.424
Total Assets		23.102.576	12.907.877

Liabilities and Net Equity

	EXPLANATORY NOTE*	2023	2022
Current Assets			
Own Resources			
Labor Liabilities	8	314.900	268.792
Tax Obligations	9	52.266	10.885
Other Accounts Payable	10	25.970	4.083
		393.136	283.760
Restricted Resources			
Projects to be Incurred	11	6.709.440	7.763.197
		6.709.440	7.763.197
Differentiated Revenues		.	33.333
		.	33.333
Net Equity			
Social Equity	12	4.827.587	4.283.890
Accumulated Surplus		11.172.414	543.667
		16.000.001	4.827.587
Total Liabilities and Net Equity		23.102.576	12.907.877

INCOME STATEMENT

Fiscal years ended on December 31, 2023, and 2022 (in Brazilian Reais)



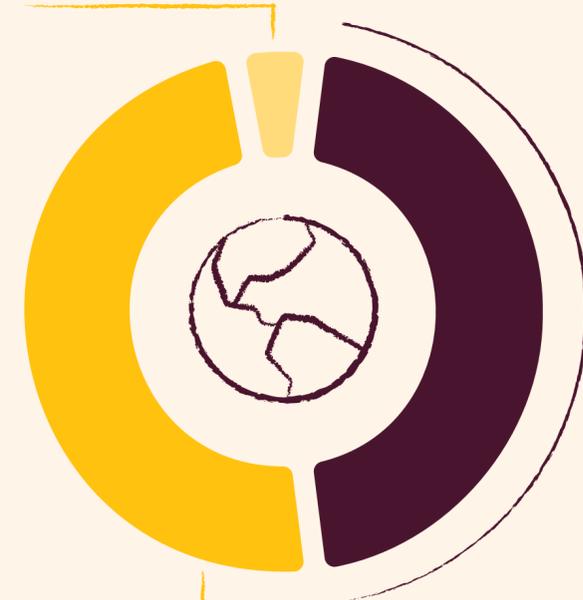
*The explanatory notes are an integral part of the financial statements and are **available in the Transparency section on the website.**

	EXPLANATORY NOTE*	2023	2022
Net operating revenue			
With restrictions			
Funds from the Cultural Incentive Law – Rouanet		4.428.567	2.549.928
CONDECA		-	133.757
Criança Esperança		178.253	191.188
	16	4.606.820	2.874.873
No restrictions			
Sponsors	13	567.202	784.820
Voluntary donations	14	950.468	1.224.161
Project donations	15	11.058.947	153.798
Awards		-	5.000
Services provided		172.548	426.361
Sale of products		410	1.895
(-) Levied taxes		(93.195)	(92.829)
		12.656.380	2.503.206
Free Revenues			
Volunteers	19	2.441.082	1.812.233
Free sponsorships	19	665.134	497.953
		3.106.216	2.310.186
Total net operating revenues		20.369.416	7.688.265
(-) Project costs			
Restricted operations	16	(4.606.820)	(2.874.873)
Unrestricted operations	17	(2.190.903)	(2.370.339)
Volunteers	19	(2.441.082)	(1.812.233)
Free sponsorships	19	(665.134)	(497.953)
		(9.903.939)	(7.555.398)
(=) Gross Result		10.465.477	132.867
Net operating revenue (and expenses)			
General and administrative expenses	18	(127.086)	(138.973)
Other revenue	18	129.249	71.502
(=) Income before financial operations		2.163	(67.471)
Financial revenue		898.452	530.232
Financial expenses		(193.678)	(51.931)
(=) Net Result		704.774	478.301
(=) Net surplus for the fiscal year		11.172.414	543.697

OUR SUSTAINABILITY

R\$ 20.074.474

R\$ 1.132.593
5% Reserve Fund



R\$ 10.786.381
49% Sustainability Fund

Project Sustainability

R\$ 10.155.501
46%



R\$ 715.542
3% Specific Projects

R\$ 6.713.470
30% Incentivized Projects

R\$ 1.918.014
9% Free Resources

R\$ 808.475
4% New Business

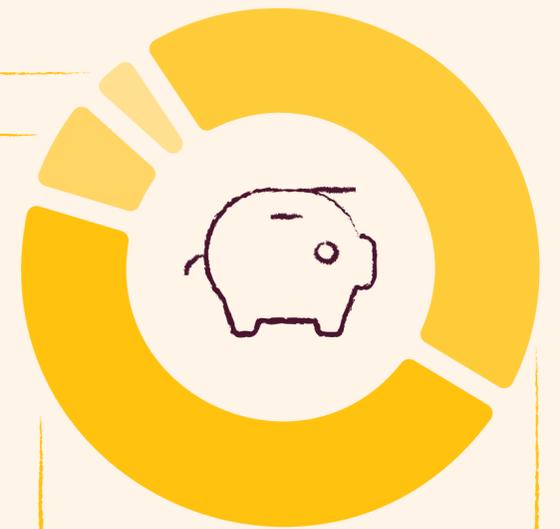
OUR ACHIEVEMENTS

R\$ 7.549.564

R\$ 260.096
3% Communication

R\$ 538.579
7% Administrative

R\$ 3.221.592
43% Teams and Charges



R\$ 3.529.297
47% Education Projects

DREAMS, TRANSPARENCY AND EXPANSION

Vaga Lume has a non-negotiable commitment to the dream that every child and young person has their right to books and reading guaranteed in every corner of the Legal Amazon. We are tireless regarding when it comes to children, adolescents, books, and the Amazon.

The year 2023 demanded deep reflections from us, along with agile responses, always guided by the pursuit of excellence and innovation, but also heavily marked by adaptation and constant learning. We achieved significant milestones by establishing six new libraries in the Castanhal and Santarém municipalities in Pará. We won the Best Education NGO Award in Brazil for the third time. Over 14 thousand books were distributed, and over 100 days were spent in the field accompanying, monitoring, and providing training in the communities and municipalities where we operate. It was a year of new encounters that strengthened our commitment to the children and young people of the Amazon.

Our efforts to expand and deepen all the relationships that permeate our daily lives. Connections with communities are the essence of Vaga Lume's lasting impact, and respect is the premise of our work, whether in relations with people, territories, or the resources raised daily and with much effort. Each library is a door that opens to unlimited opportunities, enhanced by beautiful children's literature books.

Our dream of a reading Amazon is built through a vast network of people: volunteers, technical team, counselors and associates, partner organizations, and donors who understand the transformative power of books. And this entire network is permeated by a transparency that irrevocably involves the organization.

The challenge now is to enhance the innovative synergy of our ecosystem: balancing sustainable growth, goals, and processes with the still-existing difficulties in the third sector and the region where we operate; nurturing work with the young people who are the future generations that will keep the Amazon standing; applying

management tools developed by us to grow without compromising quality; and never losing our essence based on respect and care.

Our eyes shine, our hearts are committed, our minds are focused, and our energy is directed to always go further. We know and recognize the power of each person who ensures that this human network has the necessary support to move forward. Let us go together!

Lia Jamra Tsukumo
Executive Director



Image: Alicia Peres



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SUPPORT OUR WORK AND TELL THIS STORY WITH US!

“Vaga Lume arrives bringing such a light and strength that only those who know our communities (before and after) can speak about. The library, with its rich collection, and the volunteers, with their mastery of the methodology, can build a new story.”

Leticia Santos Canavieira, 43 years old, a volunteer in Barreirinhas (MA)



“My eyes light up when I visit the communities, and the children facilitate the reading mediation for us. When they are asked to read books, they show the desire to be heard. These gestures prove the important role of Vaga Lume in these children’s lives and remind me that I am on the right path as a citizen who believes in the power of education.”

Larissa Oleriano Pedroza, 24 years old, a volunteer in Tefé (AM)



What might you have in common with Larissa and Leticia?

The support and passion for our way of positively impacting lives and changing stories.



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