

**Comunalía**  
**2011-2021**



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EN COMUNIDAD

10 YEAR REPORT

# Letter from the Board Chair

We are Comunalia, the Alliance of Community Foundations of Mexico, focused on local development and strategic social investment, promoting the collective work of the country's community foundations to achieve greater impact. We seek to strengthen the power of citizenship, advocate for an open civic space, develop leadership, replicate and strengthen the Mexican model of community foundations.



Since the creation of Comunalia, we firmly believe that a successful sustainable development initiative requires alliances between different levels of government, the private sector, and all types of organizations within civil society, which is why our work is aligned with SDG 17. These inclusive partnerships built on principles and values, with a shared vision and goals, and which place people and the planet at the center, are vital today at a global, regional, national and local level.

The story of Comunalia began in 2009, with rounds of discussion supported by the Kellogg Foundation, the Mott Foundation, and the Inter-American Foundation to envision the future of community foundations in the north, center, and south of Mexico. After 2 years of work, in August 2011, the Alliance was consolidated as a collective effort of unity and representation. However, there is individual and important work of several decades that precede this effort, from each community foundation in their region.

This was the beginning of many battles we have fought together, strengthening the community foundation sector through common efforts in key areas of institutional development. Collaborations included leadership training, matching funds to support grassroots organizations, research and creation of information about the community foundation movement in Mexico, promotion of the Mexican community foundation model in national and international forums, a grant to help rebuild communities after the earthquake in 2017, and support to consolidate Comunalia as a solid alliance.

Comunalia has given us the opportunity to connect with a large number of relevant stakeholders in the national and international social impact ecosystem, adding value, experiences and important innovations to the network.

Our planet today faces great challenges due to the pandemic, the climate crisis, the accentuation of inequalities and migration trends. At the same time, we are facing a limited civic space, governments that promote policies which restrict our rights and contribute to the construction of societies covered by racism, discrimination and violence. In the case of Mexico, the government also imposes fiscal and supervision conditions; the surveillance and control of civil society organizations which distort our role as key stakeholders in the development of our communities.

Currently, civil society organizations play an important role in local, national and international cooperation for development, precisely by opening space to collaboration and joint responsibility, where citizens can join in finding solutions to the challenges our communities face.

**Luis Agustín Landa García Tellez**  
Board Chair, Comunalia



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# Timeline

## Constitution and development of Comunalia

Under a project coordinated by Cemefi and Synergos, financed by the Mott Foundation, the IAF and USAID, the Group of Mexican Community Foundations was established. At the beginning, 13 community foundations received technical assistance and matching funds to start a patrimony. For more than 6 years, new foundations were created, they exchanged experiences, and started joint projects with the support of national and international donors.

At the beginning of 2001, CEMEFI in alliance with Synergos Institute formed the group of community foundations in Mexico to strengthen its work and social impact.



## Birth of the community foundations of the alliance

## Constitution and development of Comunalía



**Comunalía**

This Alliance began in November 2009 as a collective effort for unity and representation of 18 community foundations that signed the Unity Commitment.

Comunalía is established as the Alliance of Community Foundations of Mexico, with a strategic and organized proposal.

Comunalía is a membership organization of 16 community foundations, in 15 states of the country.

**2009**

**2011**

**2021**

**2007**

FUNDACIÓN  
DEL EMPRESARIADO  
YUCATECO  
(FEYAC)



FUNDACIÓN  
PUNTA  
DE MITA



Fundación  
Comunitaria  
Malinalco

FUNDACIÓN  
PUNTA  
DE MITA

FUNDACIÓN  
COMUNITARIA  
MALINALCO

**2012**

FUNDACIÓN  
COMUNIDAR



COMUNIDAR

Birth of the community foundations of the alliance

# The birth of Comunalia

Recognizing the role of Community Foundations in Mexico, the Mexican Center for Philanthropy (CEMEFI) began promoting their growth in 1993. This initiative led to the creation of 21 foundations with a focus on community philanthropy.

At the beginning of 2001, CEMEFI, in alliance with Synergos Institute, worked to facilitate the establishment of the Group of Community Foundations, with the objective of supporting the existing ones and increasing their number. This triggered trainings and funding from international foundations to strengthen their capacities and create endowment funds.

The role of CEMEFI was fundamental in the consolidation of the concept of community foundations, achieving an important advance: in 2005 several community foundations considered that, due to the maturity of the movement, it was time to transform from an affinity group into the Mexican Council of Community Foundations.

In 2007, the first meetings began; the network to strengthen community foundations in Mexico would consolidate years later.

Despite differences in size, income, scale, activities, and approaches, Mexican community foundations committed to establishing a national network. This commitment was announced at the Vision Process Workshop in the fall of 2009,

supported by the Kellogg Foundation, Mott Foundation and Inter-American Foundation. In this workshop 18 community foundations signed the Unity Commitment, sowing the seed for Comunalia.

The Unity Commitment was signed within a national climate of economic crisis, increasing poverty and inequality, violence and insecurity, immigration, poor education, lack of employment, and a generalized citizen indifference and discouragement.

After two years of establishing the groundwork, fundamental definitions, and common objectives, Comunalia was formally constituted as the Alliance of Community Foundations of Mexico in August 2011 at Malinalco, in the State of Mexico; promoting a unique model focused on the sustainable development and strategic philanthropy in favor of people and communities in the country.





Comunalia's first operating plan defined strategic lines in order to make the Alliance visible and position it before the different audiences. In September 2011, four commissions were installed with members and collaborators of the partner community foundations: Communication and Visibility; Procurement of Resources; Organizational Development; and Alliances.

Thus, Comunalia's formal constitution process laid the first bases to position the Mexican model of community foundations, and strengthened the capacities and shared learning experiences of the partner community foundations, enhancing their results. From the beginning, this network has proved to be resilient and innovative in the face of its challenges, with a vision of a sustainable future.



**FROM LEFT TO RIGHT:**

Diana Chávarri, FECHAC; Laura Trejo, executive director of Comunalia; Miroslava de la Garza, FC Matamoros; Carmen Genis, FC Oaxaca; Karen Yarza, FC Frontera Norte; Kathy Seib, FC Querétaro; Beatriz Pineda, Fundación de la Comunidad; Antonieta Beguerisse, Fundación Internacional de la Comunidad; Laura Sarvide, FC Malinalco; Miguel de la Vega, FC Punta de Mita; Adriana Cortés, FC Bajío; y Alma Cota, FESAC.

The First Board of Directors, who participated in the formalization of the by-laws, was made up of:

**Laura Sarvide** • Board Chair

**Beatriz Pineda Bours** • Secretary

**David Pérez Rulfo** • Treasurer

**Agustín Landa García Téllez** • Commissar

**Adriana Cortés** • Member 2

**Diana Chávarri** • Member 3

**Octavio Rivero** • Member 4

And **Laura Trejo** as Executive Director.



### Laura Sarvide

Founder and author of the fictionalized chronicle "Intermittent citizenship: Until when?"

"A very important and joyful challenge was the construction of the identity that was reflected in the name Comunalia. The first part of this composition is: Common, in reference to the common path and desire, a common language as community foundations. And the second part: Alia, representing our alliance, the group. The logo was also a relevant task, its shape resembles a honeycomb, in reference to our teams, with hexagons in different colors, marking the diversity of the regions of Mexico. In short, this was the result: a name and logo that gives us a lot of identity. And I say 'gives us' because part of my heart is in Comunalia".



### Miguel de la Vega

Founder and executive secretary of UnidOSC.



"At the beginning, there was a clear vision of articulation of civil society, specifically of community foundations. There were processes of mutual learning and coordination between the foundations, also the spirit of strengthening them. I remember a course for the leaders of the foundations was developed and there was even an exchange program where different professionals participated. At that time, there was already a very clear spirit since the birth of Comunalia in relation to articulation and strengthening as crucial aspects of the professionalization of community foundations and civil society in Mexico".





# **TRAINING PROGRAMS**

# Leadership Training Program for Community Foundations



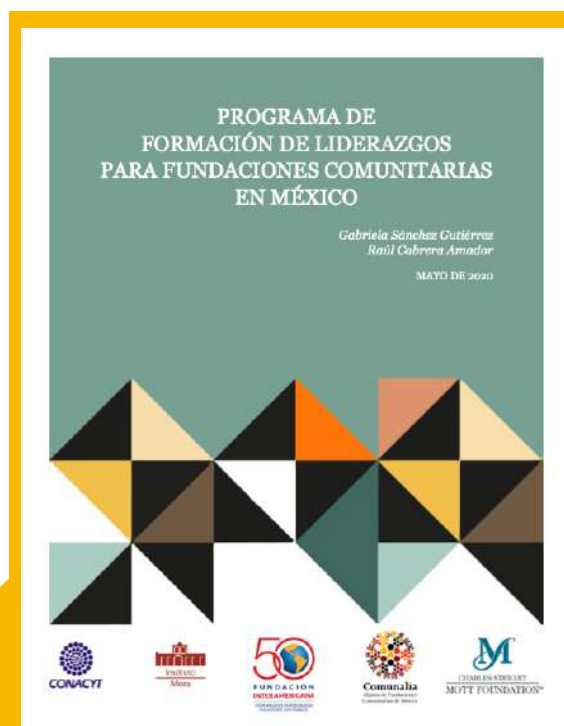
Under Comunalía's initiative, the Leadership Development Program for Community Foundations in Mexico was implemented as a joint effort between the Mora Institute, the Inter-American Foundation, the Mott Foundation, and the Kellogg Foundation, with a focus on local development and strategic social investment.

During the initial, formal establishment as the Alliance of Community Foundations of Mexico, its members identified the need to consolidate youth leadership among community foundations to provide strategic continuity, promote collective work, and reinforce the identity of the movement through its members, with presence in more than 10 entities of the country.

In this way, Comunalía contributed to strengthening the capacities of the community foundations' leaders to become agents of change in the development of their community, and promoted the professionalization of their local and grassroots development projects.

The Leadership Training Program for Community Foundations in Mexico consisted of 3 basic components:





PERIOD  
2013-2014  
2014-2015

**40**  
LEADERS  
PARTICIPATING

**15**  
COMMUNITY  
FOUNDATIONS

## Participants:

- ▶ FUNDACIÓN INTERNACIONAL DE LA COMUNIDAD A.C. , TIJUANA BC
- ▶ FUNDACIÓN MALINALCO, ESTADO DE MÉXICO
- ▶ FUNDACIÓN COMUNITARIA PUEBLA, PUEBLA
- ▶ FUNDACIÓN DEL EMPRESARIADO CHIHUAHUENSE, A.C., CHIHUAHUA
- ▶ FUNDACIÓN COMUNIDAD A.C, MORELOS
- ▶ FUNDACIÓN COMUNITARIA DEL BAJÍO, GUANAJUATO
- ▶ CORPORATIVA DE FUNDACIONES, A.C., JALISCO
- ▶ FUNDACIÓN COMUNITARIA OAXACA, OAXACA
- ▶ FUNDACIÓN COMUNITARIA COZUMEL I.A.P., COZUMEL
- ▶ FUNDACIÓN COMUNITARIA DE MATAMOROS, A.C., TAMAULIPAS
- ▶ FUNDACIÓN DEL EMPRESARIADO YUCATECO A.C., YUCATÁN
- ▶ FUNDACIÓN MERCED, A.C., CIUDAD DE MÉXICO
- ▶ FUNDACIÓN MERCED COAHUILA, A.C., COAHUILA
- ▶ FUNDACIÓN PARA UNIR Y DAR A.C., NUEVO LEÓN
- ▶ FUNDACIÓN PUNTA DE MITA, A. C.



# International internships

The Alliance of Community Foundations of Mexico participated in the planning meeting of the Haitian Community Foundation, held on January 31 and 1 February 2012 in Port-au-Prince, Haiti. Fundación Comunitaria de la Frontera Norte and Corporativa de Fundaciones presented their work and intervention model.

In 2014, in order to strengthen community foundation managers' capacities as leaders in the development of their community and learn about international experiences to create new links, the Alliance was part of the Conference organized by the Council on Foundations in Cleveland, Ohio, United States.

A year later, in 2015, Comunalia, the Inter-American Foundation, the Monteverde Community Fund in Costa Rica, and the Grande Florianópolis Community Institute in Brazil, as hosts, carried out an International Internship program with the participation of 9 partner community foundations:

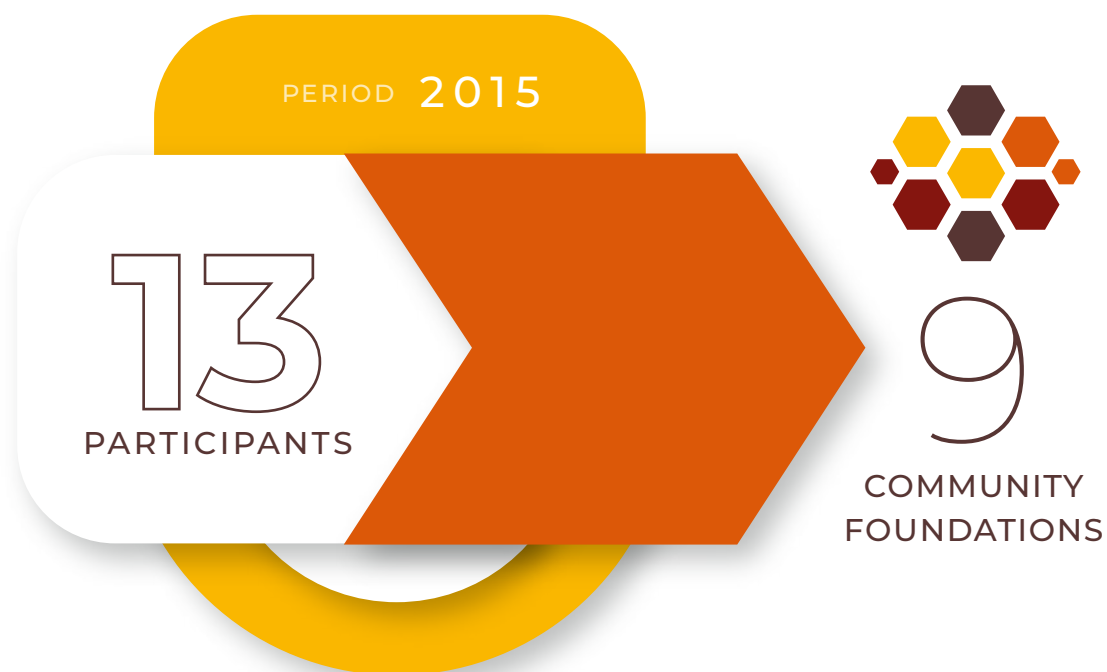
- ▶ FUNDACIÓN DEL EMPRESARIADO SONORENSE
- ▶ FUNDACIÓN COMUNITARIA MALINALCO
- ▶ FUNDACIÓN COMUNITARIA DE LA FRONTERA NORTE
- ▶ FUNDACIÓN DEL EMPRESARIADO CHIHUAHUENSE
- ▶ FUNDACIÓN DEL EMPRESARIADO YUCATECO
- ▶ FUNDACIÓN COMUNIDAR
- ▶ FUNDACIÓN COMUNITARIA COZUMEL
- ▶ FUNDACIÓN COMUNITARIA PUEBLA
- ▶ FUNDACIÓN PUNTA DE MITA



Through this experience, the Alliance added value to the members of the network, it promoted the recognition of diverse environments with similar challenges, and learned from the other foundations' models. We also promoted learning among Mexican peers and that of receiving international foundations.

Afterwards, Comunalía developed and hosted a workshop to share experiences, learnings, and good practices between the members of Comunalía and the Ibero-American Network of Civic and Community Foundations, meanwhile also documenting the findings of the two internships.

In 2016, the Alliance of Community Foundations of Mexico participated in the first Global Summit on community philanthropy, an important moment for the consolidation of the movement in the world.





# Comunalia HUB

As part of the Strategic Plan, in 2019 Comunalia 2.0 was implemented in order to promote strengthening and sharing of opportunities among community foundations, offering services that fortify the members' activities.

As part of this, Comunalia HUB has embarked on various initiatives to increase community foundations' capacities to mobilize resources, promote collaborative learning and develop leadership.

Through spaces and means of dialogue, Comunalia HUB opens channels to share new methodologies, models, and ways of doing things, both in community foundations' operations and in their communities. Likewise, the systematization of information and procedures allow the generation of documentation and digital collections of the data produced by the foundations, subsequently published on the Comunalia website for consultation.



**IN 2019, THE FOLLOWING  
COLLABORATIVE LEARNING SPACES  
WERE PROMOTED:**

**19**

**webinars**

hours of training in general topics, institutional strengthening and mentoring, communication, and administration.

**43 participants**

**AND 3 IN-PERSON MEETINGS:**

Social Innovation Workshop with Comunidar;  
Good administrative practices with FEYAC;  
The Value of Money Workshop Lynne Twist - Community

# Training and webinars

“ In 2020, in the face of the new reality brought about by the health crisis, Comunalía’s training spaces were consolidated into a virtual format; and a virtual mentoring program between different professionals from our community foundations was implemented.



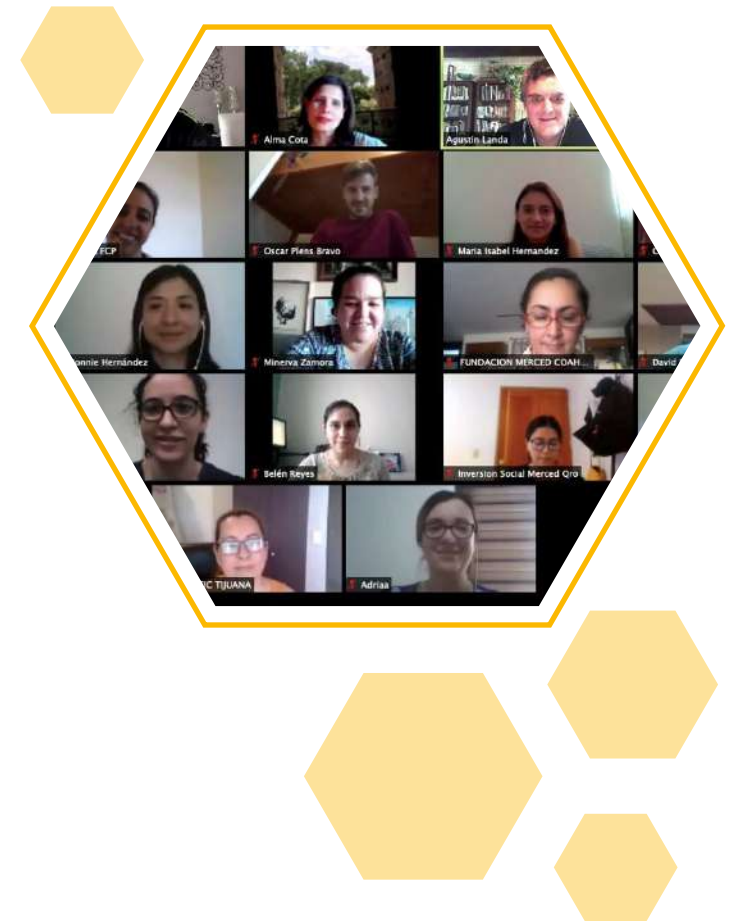
“ Comunalía strengthened its actions to foster the professionalization of CFs, and empower community foundations through innovation. It promoted the connection with new financing opportunities and creative processes in the operation of funds and investments.

- 1 Self-diagnosis of institutional capacities within the framework of the Active Communities Fund project.
- 1 Calendar of events on the Web where we promoted 355 events in Spanish and English.
- 2 Event scholarships offered.

## We do it for Mexico

The emotional health of those who collaborate in the 16 partner community foundations around the country is very important; they are the ones who have worked directly with the communities most affected by this crisis, with vulnerable groups and at risk, in addition to their own struggles.

In light of this, and with particular concern about the health and well-being of foundations' staff members during the Covid19 crisis, Comunalía promoted the initiative We do it for Mexico along with the Social Value Institute, Deriva, Ecoagency, Valores para el Tercer Milenio, and Fundación Gentera. The program provided mental health services to the collaborators of community foundations in the alliance through the first months of the pandemic.



# Vital Signs

The most recent events have prompted Community Foundations to innovate and strengthen the movement as a source of social knowledge, highlighting how essential it is to have projects which promote the sustainable development of their territories.

In 2021 Comunalía began the implementation of Vital Signs, an initiative born out of the Toronto Community Foundation and Community Foundations of Canada, with the participation of Fundación Internacional de la Comunidad, in Tijuana; Fundación Punta de Mita, in Nayarit; and Fundación Comunidad in the state of Morelos.

Vital Signs, facilitated by the Alliance of Community Foundations of Mexico, seeks to identify the areas of opportunity and strengths of the communities of its partner foundations in order to promote actions which improve the quality of collective life and promote sustainable development. The current foundations are working on the issues of health, education, community development, food sovereignty, child development, climate justice, women and immigrant children.

TIJUANA, B.C.N. ◀ **Fundación Internacional de la Comunidad**

NAYARIT  
◀ **Fundación Punta Mita**

**Fundación Comunidad**  
ESTADO DE MORELOS



COMMUNITY  
FOUNDATIONS  
OF CANADA

Signos**Vitales**

**David Pérez Rulfo**

Founder and director of  
Corporativa de Fundaciones.

“We started in 2008 as a disagreement, which was rather a success story for CEMEFI; in 2009 we held many meetings to reach an agreement, in November we had a declaration; and during 2010 and part of 2011 we worked on the bylaws. And finally, in August 2011 we registered as Comunalía and our first president was Laura Sarvide Álvarez Icaza, she represented the Malinalco Community Foundation, for that reason we met there ”.

“We were born with the mission of promoting the movement of community foundations, influencing an enabling environment to the emergence of civil society organizations, and especially community foundations. And to strengthen our capacities using our own resources, I mean talents: this is how the Alliance of Community Foundations of Mexico was born”.

**Adriana Cortés Jiménez**

Founder and director of  
Fundación Comunitaria del  
Bajío.



“Comunalía was born, with a great positive energy, we wanted to create something new in the country, and I want to say that I was part of this with all my conviction and love. Institutional and personal conviction that it was an ideal model for the country. It was a moment that I will never forget in my life, I will never forget the birth of Comunalía, the truth is that I carry it in my life as something special, the great energy with which it was born. However, I kept seeing that in the end, Comunalía was on a different road from the one that Adriana Cortés and the Bajío Community Foundation were dreaming about, and we decided to separate ”.







**MATCHING GRANTS  
AND FUNDS**

# Investing in Community Foundations in Mexico, Desafío Fund

With the Fundación Merced's leadership, Comunalía's allied foundations implemented the Investing in Community Foundations in Mexico program with the aim of strengthening the capacity of community foundations in Mexico as promoters of the development of their communities through donations.

The initiative achieved the mobilization of national and international resources, including those from Fundación ADO, Fundación Soriana, Monex and Citibanamex, and the participating community foundations; and the collaboration of the Kellogg Foundation, Mott Foundation and the Inter-American Foundation as part of the Desafío Fund.

The participating Community Foundations fundraised to provide matching funds, to the fund which also included training and technical assistance to promote an effective granting process in their own communities.

The program not only provided funds to the community foundations; but also generated spaces where Fundación Merced, Comunalía, the network's community foundations and other local philanthropy initiatives could learn from each other, including their achievements and challenges in supporting projects of grassroots organizations.

JUNE 2013 - SEPTEMBER 2017  
PERIOD



25 THOUSAND 124 PEOPLE  
POSITIVELY IMPACTED



## Investing in Community Foundations in Mexico achieved sustainable changes in 14 states of the country:





## The following Community Foundations participated in Investing in Community Foundations in Mexico matching fund:

- › CORPORATIVA DE FUNDACIONES
- › FUNDACIÓN COMUNIDAD
- › FUNDACIÓN COMUNITARIA DEL BAJÍO
- › FUNDACIÓN COMUNITARIA COZUMEL
- › FUNDACIÓN COMUNITARIA DE LA FRONTERA NORTE
- › FUNDACIÓN COMUNITARIA MALINALCO
- › FUNDACIÓN COMUNITARIA MATAMOROS
- › FUNDACIÓN MERCED COAHUILA
- › FUNDACIÓN PUNTA MITA
- › FUNDACIÓN COMUNITARIA OAXACA
- › FUNDACIÓN COMUNITARIA PUEBLA
- › FUNDACIÓN DEL EMPRESARIADO CHIHUAHUENSE
- › FUNDACIÓN DEL EMPRESARIADO YUCATECO
- › FUNDACIÓN DEL EMPRESARIADO SONORENSE.



# Active Communities Fund

## Phase 1

The alliance between Comunalía, the Coca-Cola Foundation, the Inter-American Foundation and the Mott Foundation contributed to the economic and social recovery of communities in 14 states during the pandemic. This was achieved through the Active Communities Fund, where 15 community foundations, together with organizations and grassroots groups, developed 42 initiatives, impacting 35 thousand people, in the areas of Humanitarian Aid, Access to water, Support for small businesses and Empowerment of youth and women.

The first phase of the Active Communities Fund was implemented between July 2020 and April 2021 with more than 100 million pesos of direct investment in the communities: \$ 12 million invested by the Coca-Cola Foundation, \$ 83 million pesos of local resources mobilized by community foundations, and \$ 11 million pesos contributed by civil society organizations and grassroots groups.

The project was made possible thanks to the collaboration of Fundación Comunidad; Fundación Comunitaria de la Frontera Norte; Fundación del Empresariado Yucateco (FEYAC); Fundación Merced Coahuila; Corporativa de Fundaciones; Fundación Cozumel; Fundación Merced Querétaro; Fundación del Empresariado Chihuahuense (FECHAC); Fundación Comunitaria Malinalco; Fundación Punta de Mita; Fundación Comunitaria Oaxaca; Fundación Comunitaria Puebla; Fundación Comunitaria; Fundación del Empresariado Sonorense (FESAC); and Fundación Internacional de la Comunidad.



**DEVELOPED 123 ALLIANCES  
IN THE SOCIAL ECOSYSTEM**



**+\$100 MILLION PESOS  
INVESTED**

**CONTRIBUTED TO THE FOLLOWING  
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS:**



# Active Communities Fund Phase 2

With the aim of continuing to promote the economic and social recovery of the communities, and a specific focus on grassroots development, Comunalía, in collaboration with the Inter-American Foundation and the Mott Foundation, launched the second phase of the Active Communities Fund in nine states of the country.

The Active Communities Fund focuses on local development and the role that the community plays in the planning and execution of projects; that is, in grassroots development, while meeting the objective of economic and social recovery of the communities affected by the health emergency.

The focus areas of the projects were: children, youth, adults and older adults affected by the economic and social crisis derived from Covid-19 in the country.

**\$255,000**  
USD ESTIMATED INVESTMENT



2021-2022  
PERIOD



## The participating foundations in the second phase of the Active Communities Fund were:

- ▶ CORPORATIVA DE FUNDACIONES
- ▶ AMIGOS DE SAN CRISTÓBAL
- ▶ FUNDACIÓN MERCED QUERÉTARO
- ▶ FUNDACIÓN MERCED COAHUILA
- ▶ FUNDACIÓN COMUNIDAD EN MORELOS
- ▶ FUNDACIÓN DEL EMPRESARIADO SONORENSE (FESAC)
- ▶ FUNDACIÓN DEL EMPRESARIADO CHIHUAHUENSE (FECHAC).
- ▶ FUNDACIÓN COMUNITARIA DE LA FRONTERA NORTE
- ▶ FUNDACIÓN PUNTA DE MITA
- ▶ FUNDACIÓN COMUNITARIA OAXACA
- ▶ FUNDACIÓN COMUNITARIA COZUMEL





### Alma Cota

Founder and director of Fundación del Empresariado Sonorense - FESAC

“Given all the ups and downs we have had, we must take seriously the rewriting, looking to the future, reinventing the third stage of Comunalía. What is new? Well, let's listen to each other, see what Tijuana is doing, what are we doing, in Yucatan too. Some are tourist areas, others have immigration issues. I think that the issue of migration should be our DNA, as well as gender gaps, these are issues that are on the agenda as of 2019-20. Nothing is forever, what we established in 2011 was good for the time, but if these 10 years have taught us something, it is that we have to be flexible”.



### Lourdes Saenz

Former collaborator of CEMEFI and leader of the Community Foundations Affinity Group



“When the Community Foundations project was closed at CEMEFI, they began to operate as an independent group, we continued to be close, we always maintained a close relationship with everyone. [...] I know they have played an extraordinary role. [...] They are a sort of child to me because I had to work from the beginning and I am very happy to see that Comunalía is so solid.”

“The truth is that I am very happy to see them. I think they have grown a lot, I don't have much information, but from what I have been able to see, and what they have shared with me, I think they have made the model grow, with a unique Mexican identity”.



**ADVOCACY AND  
REPRESENTATION**

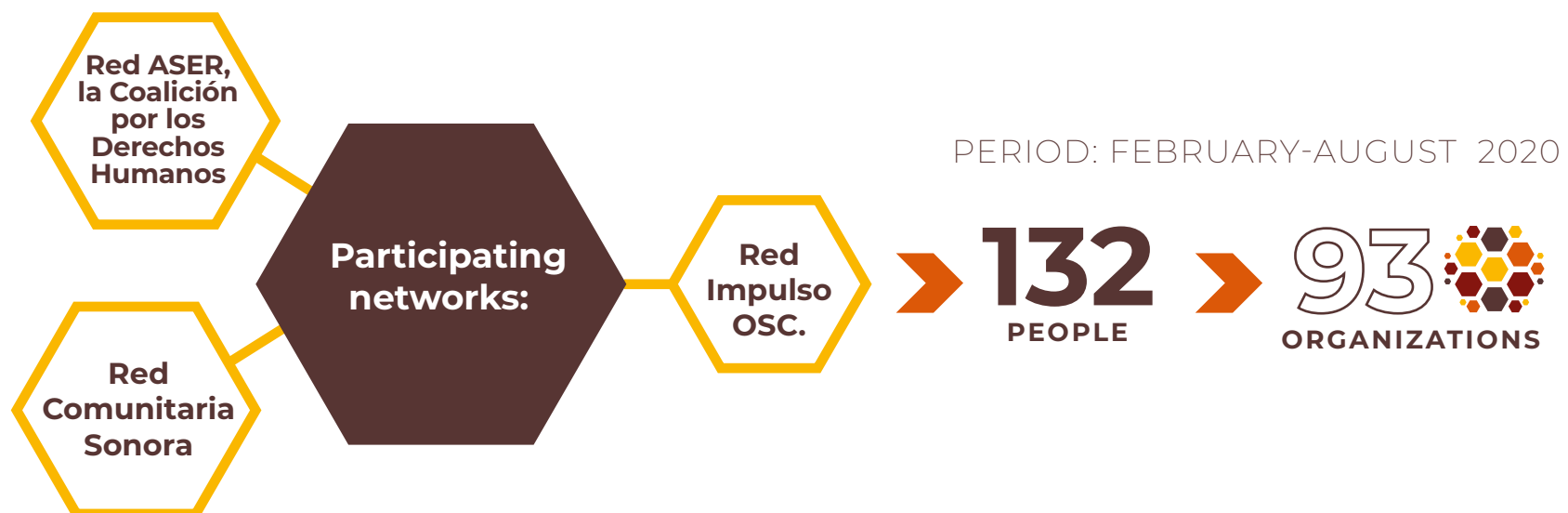
# Strengthening networks in northern Mexico

In 2020 Comunalía implemented the Network Strengthening Project in which collectives and civil organizations from northern Mexico participated to strengthen their actions and develop a greater capacity for citizen advocacy-

Thus, through this project, Comunalía contributed to the promotion of a sustainable articulation under a human rights approach, in collaboration with the United States Agency for International Development, USAID and UnidOSC.

In the first generation of this initiative, the participating networks were: Red Impulso OSC de Chihuahua, Red Comunitaria Sonora de Sonora; the Red ASER and the Coalición por los Derechos Humanos, both from Baja California.

The implementation of this project was possible thanks to the collaboration of the Fundación Internacional de la Comunidad, in Tijuana; the Fundación del Empresariado Sonorense (FESAC); and the Fundación del Empresariado Chihuahuense (FECHAC), all community foundations members of Comunalía.



# First North American Community Foundations Summit

Comunalia, Community Foundations of Canada and the Council on Foundations organized the First North American Community Foundations Summit, which was held in Mexico. It brought together nearly 100 community foundations and civil society organizations.

At the two-day meeting held in Mexico City, sessions focused on the 2030 Agenda, and how community foundations can work locally and daily to achieve the 17 Sustainable Development Goals.

Under the premise: "Leaving no one behind", participants and organizers reflected on the work of community foundations, and the common global challenges in education, economic development and migration.

The summit participants signed an agreement in which they committed to work to achieve the SDGs, create bridges between communities and contribute to a better quality of life in their localities.



**100**  
COMMUNITY  
FOUNDATIONS  
AND CSOs

**MEXICO  
UNITED  
STATE  
CANADA**

**CREATED A WRITTEN COMMITMENT  
TO CONTINUE WORKING TO  
ACHIEVE THE SDGS.**

PERIOD FEBRUARY 5TH AND 6TH, 2018





# Connecting Communities in the Americas

Connecting Communities in America (CCA) is an initiative led by CF Leads, in alliance with the Inter-American Foundation and the Charles Stewart Mott Foundation, through which collective spaces are created for reflection and collaboration in order to better understand transnational communities and how to promote prosperity in an equitable way.

This transnational network was initiated after initial conversations in Cleveland, Ohio between Mexican community foundations of the Alliance, the ICCOM Foundation in Florianópolis Brazil, and the ESPWA Foundation in Haiti, having as a background the joint work developed between 2015 and 2016.

As of 2017, 11 Transnational Community Mapping Projects have been fostered, where community foundations deepened their knowledge of transnational communities in their regions through mapping research and group learning.

Connecting Communities in America seeks to share experiences and knowledge to build strong, intelligent and resilient communities in the Americas, improving the effectiveness of community foundations's response capacity to local issues.

**+80**  
ORGANIZATIONS

have participated in the meetings in El Paso, CDMX, Chicago, Phoenix, Los Angeles, Cuernavaca and Malinalco, including 45 community foundations from 7 countries.

**11**  
MAPPINGS



**OF TRANSNATIONAL  
COMMUNITIES**



**7 OF WHICH HAVE HAD  
PARTICIPATION FROM MEXICAN  
COMMUNITY FOUNDATIONS IN THE  
ALLIANCE:**

- 1- Fundación Internacional de la Comunidad
- 2- Fundación Comunidad.
- 3- Fundación Comunidar.
- 4- Fundación Comunitaria Malinalco.
- 5- Corporativa de Fundaciones
- 6- Fundación Comunitaria de la Frontera Norte.
- 7- Fundación del Empresariado Sonorense



# PULSOosc

In 2020 Comunalía joined PULSOosc in a collaborative effort between donor organizations and foundations to learn about the reality of what organized civil society is going through in the face of the Covid-19 crisis in Mexico.

While CSOs in Mexico continue to support and address the social inequality of their communities, PULSOosc aims to understand the impact and reality faced by civil society organizations during the emergency in the country.

The information generated contributes to making data-based decisions that can impact the effectiveness of the social projects implemented by organizations in Mexico.



**PULSO**osc

**+1,500 OSCs**

HAVE PARTICIPATED IN THE SURVEY

**PARTNERS:**



- ▶ Comunalía yCo Centro de Fortalecimiento
- ▶ Fundación FEMSA
- ▶ Dibujando un Mañana México IAP
- ▶ Fondo Unido México
- ▶ Fundación Coppel
- ▶ Fundación MERCED
- ▶ Fundación Merced Querétaro
- ▶ International Community Foundation
- ▶ Nacional Monte de Piedad
- ▶ Promotora Social México
- ▶ Fundación QUIERA





### Beatriz Pineda

Founder of Comunalía and board member of Fundación Comunidad.

“Our common goal was that community foundations would be better, that we could strengthen the movement on the one hand and on the other hand that each foundation had more resources, not only financial, to be solid. We wanted the foundations to be visible in their territories, because they brought significant improvements in the region, and that is difficult because there are such different contexts. But seeing that a foundation could help to foster participation, collaboration and alliances was enough”.

“At least from the closest contact I have with the Alliance from Fundación Comunidad, from Morelos, I do see a very beautiful and important evolution and I think that in part we can attribute it to all this reflection, learning, the resources that are they have collectively achieved thanks to Comunalía. Everything has been very valuable”.



### Octavio Rivero Guel

Founder of Comunalía and director of Fundación Comunitaria Cozumel

“Being part of a group like Comunalía has encouraged us in the work we do and in the alliances we have built over the years. We have had good experiences with the collective work of the Alliance of Community Foundations of Mexico, but I also believe that the most important thing is that each of the community foundations members have appropriated it. We participated in the formalization of the work and the bylaws, in planning, setting the objectives, in the implementation and even in its management of collective activities that are fundamental to the Alliance”.





## ALLIANCES



# Alliances

Alliances are part of Comunalía's DNA; Thanks to its allies in Mexico, the region and the world, it has strengthened its actions, projects and programs to achieve a greater social impact in the communities where its 16 community foundations work.

Comunalía firmly believes that the solutions to the social challenges faced today are found in the collaboration and participation of our communities. It recognizes all the institutions that have made community development and strategic social investment through our Alliance of Community Foundations of Mexico possible.



# Our organization today

Comunalia has 16 community foundation members, located in 15 states of the country, each one with a specific work that enriches our Alliance and fosters community cohesion and collaboration in Mexico.





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