



REPORT

# ERM Brazil Philanthropic Fund to Support Rio Grande do Sul – RS

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# Context

The state of Rio Grande do Sul was heavily impacted by the torrential rains in April and May 2024, and was officially declared a **public calamity**, due to the magnitude of the impacts. This included disruptions to water and electricity supplies, supermarket supplies, and obstruction of roads and the state's main airport.

ERM Brasil has established a **crisis committee** to support its more than 40 employees connected to the Porto Alegre office. We closed the Porto Alegre office for a few weeks and most of our colleagues had to leave their homes.



# About ERM Brazil Philanthropic Fund in support of Rio Grande do Sul

The **ERM Brazil Philanthropic Fund in support of Rio Grande do Sul** (ERM Brasil Fund) is an initiative of ERM Brasil, the largest global consulting company dedicated exclusively to sustainability, in partnership with **Sitawi Finanças do Bem**, a non-profit organization that develops financial infrastructure for the Impact Economy.

The **ERM Brazil Fund** aimed **to leverage resources to support families, projects and the community impacted by the floods** that occurred in Rio Grande do Sul through the raising of financial donations.

The fundraising was carried out through **matchfunding** (counterpart financing), that is, for every R\$ 1.00 raised in donations, ERM Brasil would contribute another R\$ 1.00.

The structuring of the operation was meticulous to ensure:



High level of compliance



Transparency and accountability



Collaboration and engagement with stakeholders



# Allocation of resources

Regarding the destination of donations, the following groups were contemplated through the ERM Brazil Fund:

**Group 1** – Collection for employees in the CLT modality of ERM Brasil, who were affected by the floods that occurred in Rio Grande do Sul in April and May 2024, and had a total loss of their material assets. The Steering Committee provides for priority allocation to the group of people most impacted.

**Group 2** – NGOs located in Rio Grande do Sul, whose focus is to carry out actions aimed at groups affected by the floods that occurred in Rio Grande do Sul in April and May 2024.



# Institutions supported



## Padre Cacique Asylum

Shelter for the elderly in the city of Porto Alegre – RS.

[Website](#) | [Social Media](#)



## Santuário Voz Animal

Organization for the reception and protection of animals in the state of Rio Grande do Sul.

[Website](#) | [Social Media](#)



## Porto Alegre Island Communities via Tide Site

Initiative to monitor the level of rainfall in territories of social vulnerability in the region of Porto Alegre – RS.

[Website](#) | [Social Media](#)

# Padre Cacique Asylum

The Padre Cacique Asylum is a non-governmental, non-profit organization, located in the Menino Deus neighborhood, in Porto Alegre – RS. The entity welcomes and **maintains elderly people from the age of 60 in situations of social vulnerability**, performing services, programs, projects and social assistance, cultural and recreational benefits free of charge and on a prolonged continuous basis.

Through the fundraising of the Philanthropic Fund, it was possible to donate R\$ 20 thousand reais to the Padre Cacique Asylum. The amount will contribute to the purchase of supplies and maintenance of the services provided to the institution's residents.

The entity was founded on June 19, 1898 by the Bahian priest Joaquim Cacique de Barros, who already in that century carried out charitable works.

Currently, **the organization provides assistance to about 100 people**, 35 of whom have degree 3 of dependence, which includes medical and outpatient care.



Image credits: Padre Cacique Asylum



# Santuário Voz Animal

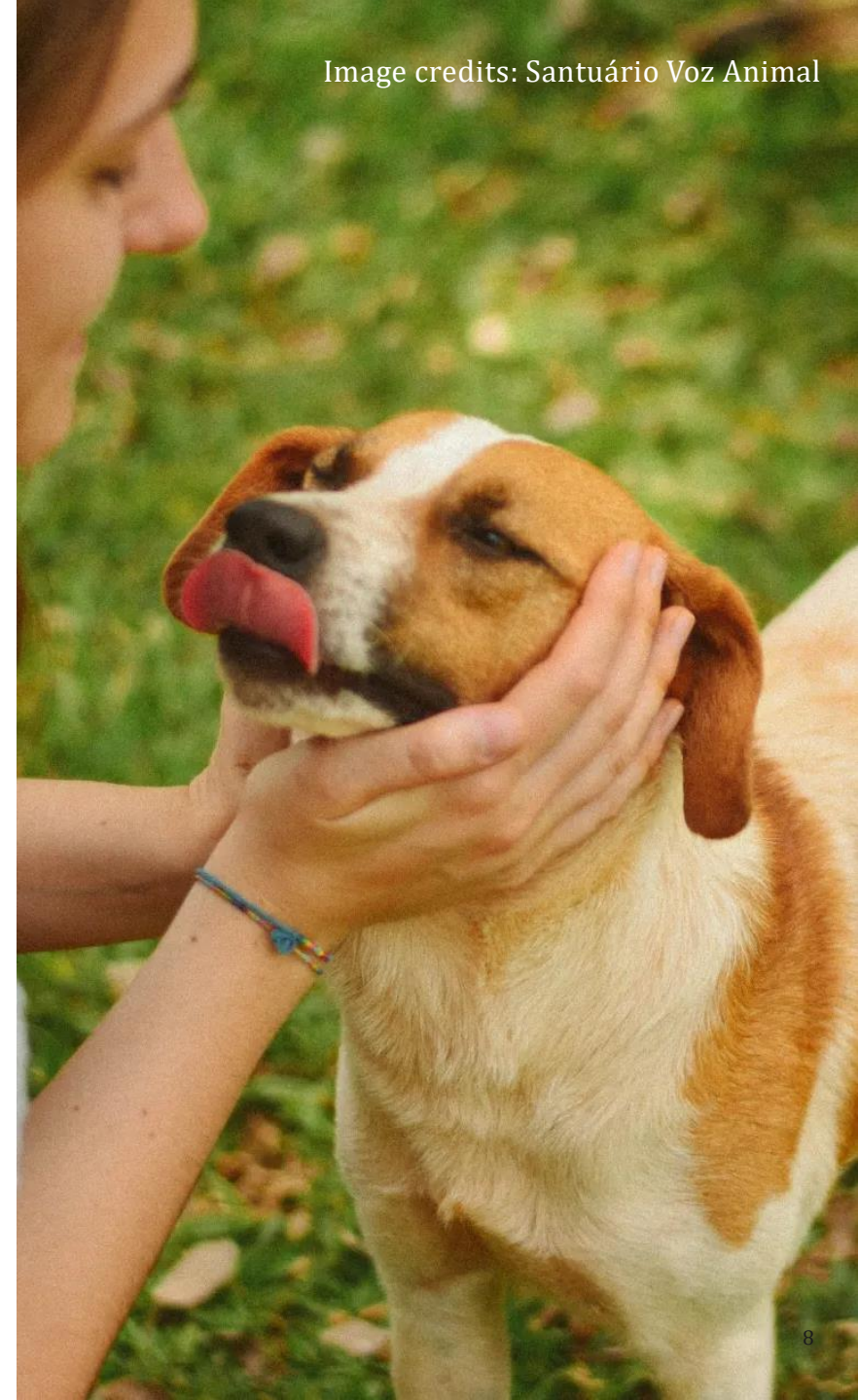
Image credits: Santuário Voz Animal

The “Santuário Voz Animal” is a non-profit institution, located in a privately owned rural area, in the municipality of Eldorado do Sul, 50 km from Porto Alegre. Conceived by the founder Fernanda Ellwanger de Lima, the Sanctuary came **about through the initiative of volunteers.**

Today **the institution houses about 300 animals** including dogs, cats, pigs, cows, horses, donkeys, sheep and birds of different species, which are victims of abandonment, mistreatment and/or rescued from the livestock industry. For this, it has an infrastructure and labor that seeks to offer animals quality of life within what would be the closest to their nature.

During the floods, **the project rescued more animals** that were impacted by the rains and developed a temporary shelter in the city of Porto Alegre to accommodate the significant growth in the number of abandoned animals.

Through the fundraising of the Philanthropic Fund, it was possible to donate R\$ 20 thousand reais to the Santuário Voz Animal. The amount will be used to purchase supplies for the sheltered animals, as well as the maintenance of services necessary for the continuity of the project.





# Porto Alegre Island Communities via Tide Site

Image credits: Tide Sat Global

TideSat is a startup that offers **a water level monitoring solution through the geodetic sensing methodology**, called GNSS Reflectometry (GNSS-R). The platform transfers the raw data to a cloud and makes the data available to end users.

The initiative aims to contribute to the safety of coastal and riverine communities exposed to the effects of climate change and extreme weather events. The company was developed at the Federal University of Rio Grande do Sul (UFRGS) with the purpose of democratizing access to real-time monitoring of the water level.

Through the fundraising of the Philanthropic Fund, it was possible to donate R\$ 18 thousand reais to the Tide Sat. The amount disbursed will finance **the monitoring of the island region (Ilha da Pintada) for a period of 3 years**, providing a legacy for the community in facing the effects of climate change.



# Thank you!

Thanks to the generosity of our donors, we mobilized a total of 2.119 dollars by **Global Giving** and around 34.000 dollars by direct donations, reaching and assisting **+1000 individuals and +100 animals**.

This emergency relief project was launched in response **to the severe climate catastrophe that devastated the region**, underscoring the critical need for rapid, compassionate action in the face of such crises.

**We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all who contributed and supported this campaign.** Together, we have helped to make a meaningful difference in the lives of those impacted, fostering hope and resilience in challenging times.



# Thank you

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