2020
ANNUAL REPORT
FROM HOME
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A time of coming together

No one will be surprised to read that 2020 has been extremely difficult. At the beginning of the year we were already in a very delicate situation in Latin America, experiencing the lowest economic growth in decades, a huge setback in acquired rights, the lowest levels of institutional legitimacy registered since the return to democracy, a scandalous increase in political violence and the activation of openly undemocratic political processes.

With the Asuntos del Sur team, we worked on developing this diagnosis and made the decision to focus our efforts on rebuilding the democratic social fabric, specifically in two areas: working at the intersection where governments and citizens meet, trying to (re) build collaborative work formats; and on the protection and inclusion of vulnerable communities and sectors.

As soon as the health, economic and social crisis unleashed by the COVID-19 pandemic became evident, we were made aware that existing challenges would deepen and disproportionately affect the weakest and most vulnerable. We quickly understood that this new context required redoubling efforts. This is how, in a matter of weeks, we were able to start offering a selection of initiatives which ranged from supporting governments with rapid response guides and best practices and recommendations; or generating training programs for digitization of the State, in crisis communication and collaborative governance; to the development of citizen laboratories to prototype innovative solutions; the reinforcement of territorial work to combat gender violence and support groups subject to violence and political persecution; to the creation and participation in dozens of spaces for reflection on the challenges that lie ahead.

What is clear to us is that none of this could have been possible without the enormous effort and commitment of our programmatic team; without our management team, which had been developing remote work protocols capable for action and inventiveness; without the support and guidance from our Board of Directors and the Strategic Council; and, furthermore, without the trust of the institutions, governments and groups that assemble and finance us. This is, perhaps, the main lesson of our times, in my personal opinion, for our organization and for our society: no one is saved alone and it is only in coming together that we will succeed. That is why I thank each one of you for giving us this horizon in Asuntos del Sur and I urge that this coming year we come closer. I propose that we make a special effort to dream collectively and build strategies for a post-pandemic scenario that is inclusive and guarantee rights for everyone.

Matías Federico Bianchi
Asuntos del Sur Director
Our Agenda

During 2020, our projects strengthened the following areas:

INEQUALITIES AND VIOLENCE

POLITICAL INTERMEDIATION AND DEMOCRATIC GOVERNANCE

RESILIENCE AND DEFENSE OF HUMAN RIGHTS

NEW LEADERSHIP SUPPORT
How has the pandemic impacted us?

During the pandemic, as a team, we sought to respond to immediate challenges and support governments and organizations in a variety of ways.

At first, we developed 4 Covid-19 crisis management guides for governments and civil society organizations, aimed at providing key information for decision-making:

We offered free virtual training for political and social leaders:

We promoted the accompaniment of women who are victims of sexist violence, promoting a community of feminist self-care:

In awareness of the need to monitor the actions of our governments and strengthen the public prosecutor's office, we published an Oversight Guide and followed up on citizen participation activities during quarantine:
**Our Projects**

**IP360**

**GOAL:** We generate public innovation through participation mechanisms and modernization of management tools.

19 governments supported  
17 diagnoses performed  
11 publications  
10 co-creation labs

**PRODUCTS:**

**PARTICIPES**

**GOAL:** We promote participation and accountability in the City of Buenos Aires.

2 bills pushed  
3 publications  
1 co-creation workshop with social organizations and the Government of the City of Buenos Aires within the framework of the Law of Commitments

**PRODUCTS:**

**SISA. Women in action.**

**GOAL:** We strengthen leaderships of the diversity of women and non-binary identities to elude the gender violence that hinders their political participation.

1000 women trained  
8 labs  
3 research projects

**PRODUCTS:**
WE DEVELOP KNOWLEDGE ABOUT POLITICAL PARTICIPATION AND STRATEGIES FOR OVERCOMING VIOLENCE IN (AND FROM) YOUTH.

- **17** publications
- **2** books
- **1** international event
- **1** documentary film

WE STRENGTHEN RESILIENCE CAPACITIES OF ORGANIZATIONS AND ACTIVISTS THROUGH DIGITAL SECURITY.

- **25** digital security workshops
- **15** security incidents attended
- **4** organizations supported

WE SEEK TO STRENGTHEN COLLABORATIVE GOVERNANCE MODELS POST-COVID-19.

- Consortium of **7** think-tanks and universities
- **6** research projects
- **1** launch workshop

PRODUCTS:

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RESILIENCE AND DIGITAL SECURITY

NEW COLABORA.LAT
What else did we accomplish?

**NATIONAL CONGRESS OF CHILE**
We strengthened the citizen participation mechanisms of the "Virtual Congress" tool of the National Congress of Chile.

**NICARAGUA LAB**
In conjunction with the organization Movimiento Puente, designed and developed the “Panapana” memory laboratory and human rights, which will be launched in 2021.

**URBAN INNOVATION LAB**
We designed the Urban Innovation Laboratory of Bolivia, which will be the mechanism to promote the city policies within the Vice Ministry of Housing and Urbanism.

**CAMPAIGN AGAINST ELECTORAL VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN**
With the aid of the Plurinational Electoral Body of Bolivia, International IDEA and InternetBolivia.org, we designed a manual and a campaign to stop digital violence against women in electoral campaigns.

**COLOMBIA LAB**
Open Laboratory for Cultural Management. Co-organization and facilitation of workshops with the Mayor's Office of Bogotá for the creation and strengthening of support and care networks based on cultural practices.
In 2020 the Covid-19 pandemic transcended the health emergency: it is an economic, humanitarian, security and human rights crisis that we are still undergoing. Not only has it generated an economic slowdown at a global level, but it has also highlighted the serious weaknesses and inequalities that affect countries, both among themselves and within (UN).

To break through this crisis, it is necessary to adopt an approach that includes the responsible and committed participation of all sectors and the diversity of actors from around the world. In light of this scenario, from the 14th to 18th of September, Asuntos del Sur coordinated the Living Democracy meeting with the conviction that we can lay the foundations for a New Democratic Agreement that will put Latin America on the path to more inclusive, equal and participatory societies. Democracia Viva was co-created together with 50 organizations, governments, universities and leaders of the region. We launched 21 activities, including conferences with social and political leaders, panel discussions, talks, Twitterathons, innovation collective intelligence labs. We had 38 speakers and 770 registered attendees from 20 countries; we registered more than 1.1 million impressions on social networks and 5219 views of the event.

NEW DEMOCRATIC AGREEMENT

During Living Democracy week, we systematized and consolidated 21 concrete proposals, with the firm intention that they constitute a starting point to guide our efforts in a single document: the New Democratic Agreement (NDA).

You can check the NDA here:
Institutional Alliances

We signed alliances, agreements and contracts for collaborative work with:

- 12 civil society organizations and universities
- 9 government entities

We are part of the Frena La Curva citizen platform, which emerged in response to the emergency situation generated by Covid-19. It involved more than 60 people, non-governmental organizations, groups, networks and local and provincial governments, who work voluntarily donating time, resources and knowledge from various disciplines: programming, design, sociology, politics, health, civic innovation, communication, among others.

From Asuntos del Sur, we joined the #LiberaElFuturo initiative of @liberteofuturo to think about a world for the 99.99%. We worked in tandem with Contratá Trans - Impacto Digital and Bachillerato Mocha Celis, supporting training cycles on diversity and inclusion in the professional world.

We were one of the driving organizations of CabildoxLatinoamérica, a participatory, inclusive and digital space that, from September 8 to 11, brought together actors from civil society, governments, communities and inhabitants of Argentina, Chile, Colombia, Guatemala, Mexico, Peru and Puerto Rico.

Financial Sustainability USD

We sustained revenues from 2019 to 2020 and continued to diversify our funding sources. To our own income from the sale of services, we added those generated by an investment account that represented almost 10% of all freely available funds.
Who We Are

Asuntos del Sur is an organization that has been designing and implementing political innovation to develop equal, inclusive and participatory democracies for over 10 years. We work from a regional perspective, impacting 21 countries in Latin America.

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