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The year 2022 was a period of many changes, challenges and important achievements. During these twelve months, the post-Covid-19 recovery was framed by a context of great violence, femicides, inflation, and even large waves of exoduses of thousands and thousands of migrants, both from Central America and from other countries. Despite all this, we managed to strengthen processes, networks and alternatives.

LAND AND TERRITORY DEFENSE AREA

At our Alter Natos Ecological Center in San Cristobal de Las Casas, we held several network meetings. In **February**, a new Module of the [Energy Justice School](#) was held, with the participation of **35 delegates** from different organizations in Guatemala and Chiapas such as Zoques in Defense of Life and Territory (Zodevite), Movement in Defense of Life and Territory (Modevite), Las Abejas de Acteal Civil Society, the Popular Front in Defense of Soconusco (FPDS), The People's Voice, the Digna Ochoa Human Rights Center, from the Chiapas Coast, as well as communities from the municipalities of Oxchuc and Cancuc, both in Chiapas. The goal was to share the results of the visit to the Onergia cooperative, in the state of Puebla, to learn more about solar panels and energy alternatives. Technical knowledge of energy and different alternatives, its environmental, technical, economic, organizational and educational dimensions were deepened.



Likewise, we carried out **two Modules** (in **February** and **October**) of the **Ejidal and Communal Popular School for Women**. With the assistance of **50 peasant and indigenous women** (from Tseltal, Tsotsil and Zoque ethnic groups), all of them from **20 different municipalities** from the states of Chiapas, Oaxaca, Puebla, Hidalgo, Colima, San Luis Potosí, Zacatecas, Mexico City and Guanajuato, made an in-depth analysis of the rights as well as the difficulties, obstacles and inequalities that women face in the agrarian nuclei and the importance of their participation in the defense of common goods, of land and territory, in their role as women in the agrarian structure. Doubts about the Agrarian Law were also exposed.





In **May**, once again at the Alter Natos Center, we held the **National Assembly of the Mexican Network of People Affected by Mining (REMA)**. Around **35 delegates** from **15 organizations** gathered for this event, including Articulation for Life and Against Mining in the Ocotlán Valley, RIZOMA, Geocomunes, Bios Iguana, Collective Action, Popular Front for the Defense of Soconusco, Association for the Protection of the Land of Epazoyucan, Ixtepecan Committee for

Life and Territories, Ejido El Bajío, Committee for the Defense of Guadalcázar, Ejido Canoas, Cicacalco and Otros Mundos, all organizations from **11 states** of the country: Oaxaca, Guanajuato, Chiapas, Veracruz, Mexico City, Hidalgo, Sonora, San Luis Potosí, Colima, Puebla and Zacatecas. Progress was made in the collective agreements and strategies of the Network. We also supported the REMA affiliates in other states of the country to strengthen the processes of resistance, advice and solidarity of other members in the Ejido de Canoas (Colima), in Cicacalco (Cdmx) and in Guadalcázar (San Luis Potosí), among others.

In the month of **July**, the [REMA Chiapas Meeting](#) was held, at the Ejido Buenos Aires, Chapultenango municipality, with the presence of a delegation of REMA members from different states of the country. In this region threatened by three mining projects, we met with around 100 participants representing several communities of the Zoque region, to exchange experiences of struggle and resistance strategies.



En In **September** we traveled to the municipality of Acacoyagua, in the south of Chiapas, to commemorate another Anniversary of the **Popular Front in Defense of Soconusco June 20 (FPDS)**, an event in which a Forum was held, with the presence of other organizations and solidarity networks, in order to ratify the agreement with the local authorities of the [Declaration of Free of Mining Municipality](#).

In **October** we held the [II Mesoamerican Meeting against Oil Palm](#), with the assistance of delegates from Honduras, Guatemala and Mexico, from the states of Campeche, Tabasco and Chiapas. The following organizations participated in the event: Las Abejas de Acteal A.C. Civil Society; Women, Organization and Territories (MOOTS); Rural Women's Cooperative Society of the Southern Border; National Network of Rural Promoters and Advisers; Civic Council of Popular and Indigenous Organizations of Honduras (COPINH); Civil Resistance of Candelaria; Popular Indigenous Regional Council of Ixpujil; Community Front for Free Determination; CEFOCAM-Kinal Antzetik; El Triunfo Community; Other Worlds Chiapas; Defenders of Nasakobajk; The SC Bridge; Zoques in Defense of Life and Territory (ZODEVITE).



On the other hand, we participated in the Virtual Assembly of the **Network Against Tree Monocultures (RECOMA)**, of the International [International DESC Network](#) and of the [Stay Grounded](#) network, to carry out evaluations and planning for 2023. In the same way, we participated in the in person [Annual Assembly of Friends of the Earth Latin America and the Caribbean \(ATALC\)](#) in Tegucigalpa, Honduras, where different strategies were proposed. Within this framework, we also participated in the delivery of the Binding Agreement on Business and Human Rights to the new government of Honduras as well as in a meeting-workshop on resistance, action and political advocacy.



winning group were also carried out.

In **November**, along with our Communication Area, the IV Edition of the “**Mariano Abarca**” [Environmental Defense Award](#) in Chiapas 2022 was held, which is endorsed by 35 national and international organizations. This year and for the first time, it was given to an urban resistance group: #Somos La Maya, from the City of San Cristobal de Las Casas¹. The Abarca Family assisted the Award ceremony as well as other civil society organizations, institutions and the press. A [video](#) on the history of the Colonia Maya, a radio show and several interviews with members of the award-

¹ “We are the Maya”, refers to the Colonia Maya, a neighborhood located south of San Cristobal de Las Casas.

On the other hand, during 2022 we held several meetings among the Abarca Family, Mining Watch of Canada, the Institute for Policy Studies of the United States (IPS), the Structural Litigation Collective, Otros Mundos, and the UNACH Human Rights Center, in order to continue and follow up on the lawsuit filed in Canada against that government for the murder of **Mariano Abarca**, an open opponent of the Canadian mining company Blackfire, assassinated in 2009. In 2022, the Canadian legal instances have been exhausted and the process passed to the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights as of 2023.



Likewise, along with the Communication Area, we held a ceremony in memory of [Berta Caceres](#) at the La Paz Square in San Cristobal de las Casas, 6 years after her murder. We published [3 videos](#) on the subject concerning an intervention in public space on social networks. We have continued to share information about the trial against [David Castillo](#), in the search for #JusticiaParaBerta and the sentence derived from the case, on which we also pronounced. At the same time, we systematized the

chronology of the events surrounding the murder of **Berta Caceres**, according to the testimony of Witness Gustavo Castro, that means systematizing more than 2,000 pages of newspapers, letters, and files.

On the other hand, we began a process of reflection to build the **Strategic Litigation Collective** between the Law School of the Autonomous University of Chiapas, the Strategic Litigation Laboratory and Otros Mundos AC, in order to create a space that deals with strategic cases of violation of human rights, especially those related to environmental impacts that may affect the justice system. In this process, we have met to develop goalss and criteria, among other elements.

COMMUNITY ALTER NATOS AREA



Two years after the beginning of the community self-management of energy in the hands of the people and agricultural inputs with the **Network of Biodigesters Users**, the Assembly decided to baptize the organization as **BIO-RED** and define its logo. To date, we have installed **32 biodigesters nowadays operating at their maximum capacity**. This fact has strengthened the resistance of the communities in the XV Region of the Comiteca Tojolabal Plateau and the Tsotsil-Tseltal Highlands of the V Region in Chiapas. Each system produces **3 hours of biogas and 100L of biofertilizer** on a daily basis, which translates into a considerable reduction in pressure on forests to

obtain firewood. There is also a substantial improvement in the health of women, girls and boys by not inhaling smoke, as well as in the family economy, by stopping buying LP gas and chemical fertilizers.

Three BIO-RED assemblies were held in different regions, with the aim of sharing the experiences of two years of work. The three meetings were very enriching for the families. At the same time, recurring follow-up visits are made *in situ* to review and address the doubts that families have. It is important to mention that it is women who are taking charge of the maintenance and use of the biogas generated by the systems.



On this same topic, we had several participations in national and [local media](#), such as "Diario del Sur" and "[La Jornada Ecológica](#)", as well as on local radio stations, to spread the work carried out. We have also been able to complete our [Biodigesters Handbook](#) to strengthen the training of families and communities.



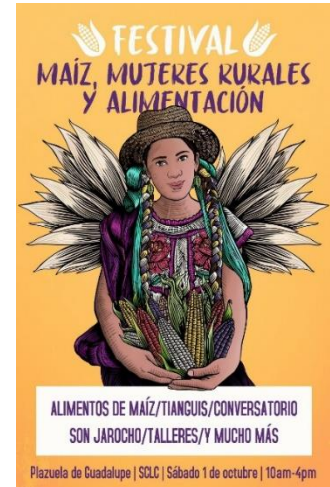
Based on the issue of biodigesters and the generation of biofertilizers, community organization has been generated in the different work areas, which has resulted in the performance of several activities. We provide training on the production of organic fertilizers for the production of corn, beans, squash and fruit trees, within the framework of training on agroecological food production. Biopreparations such as compost, super lean biol, mountain microorganisms and some biopesticides or natural repellents for diseases and fungi that attack crops were made.



In **July** we held the **National Assembly of the Solidarity Economy Network of Tumin Community Currency**, with the participation of 40 delegates from different regions and states of the country, to consolidate the organization, strengthen solidarity ties, approve the regulations and other organizational mechanisms.

In **September** we presented the topic of biodigesters at the **Ecotechnologies Fair in Yajalon** (northern Chiapas); and in the state of Puebla we participated in the in the Energy for the Peoples with a Feminist Look meeting, invited by the **Rosa Luxemburg Stiftung**.

In **October**, the [Corn Festival](#) was held in **San Cristobal de Las Casas**, in which several organizations participated. In this event we presented an exhibition of native corn as well as the video participation of the specialist Fernando Bejarano on glyphosate and transgenic corn.



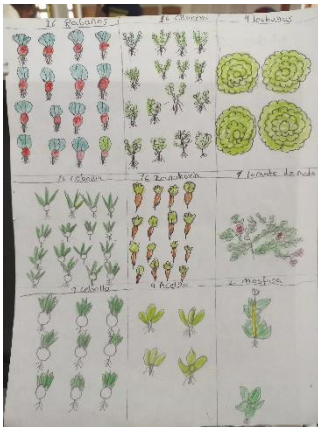
In the **Urban Alter Natos** program, we continued the process "**One Square Meter of Orchard**" in order to share processes for the self-supply of medicinal plants and fresh vegetables. **Five workshops** were held with the participation of around **60 people**, representatives of collective families, organizations, teachers, students, who started/renewed/expanded their family/collective garden initiatives.

The participating neighborhoods were: Colonia Nueva Esperanza, Santa Lucia and Los Pinos. A workshop was also held for the collective orchard with the women's area in the Teopisca Parish and the participation of female mates representing 8 communities of this municipality.



The covered topics were: analysis of the foods consumed on a daily basis, their origin and form of production, access to information about food, orchard design, preparation of fertilizers and substrates, seeds and seedbeds, cultural practices against pests and establishment of orchards in various containers. During the meetings, we talked about the relationship between food quality and health, as well as the importance of defending peasant agriculture against the model of industrial agricultural production. Alternatives were analyzed

and proposed for different challenges of urban production such as: limited spaces, cement floors that have replaced gardens, available water, containers and substrates, among other matters.



On the same topic, in the month of **July** we participated with a workshop in the **XXII Meeting of the Chiapas Network of Educational Gardens "Reuniting and Harvesting Experiences"** held at the 31 de Marzo School Community. In **October**, along with different groups and organizations, the **"Corn, Rural Women and Food Festival"** was convened, which took place in the Guadalupe Square, in the city of San Cristobal de Las Casas, in order to celebrate and vindicate the contributions of rural women as well as to report on the decree for the gradual elimination of glyphosate in Mexico.

We also participated in the "Nimble Feet" Inter-Institutional Specialty Program on Food Sovereignty and Strategic Local Advocacy Management, with the following meetings and workshops: workshop on soil health and reproduction of local microorganisms in an artisanal way, in the community of Las Manzanas, municipality of Tenejapa; the Agroecological Knowledge Meeting, in the community of Corralito, Tenejapa; mature manure management workshop; local microorganism reproduction workshop and biofertilizer preparation, in San Nicolas, municipality of Zinacantan; chromatography workshop, in San Cristobal de Las Casas, in collaboration with Caritas de San Cristobal de Las Casas; training in the management of tomato cultivation at the Universidad del Bienestar Benito Juarez (UBBJ), in the municipality of Chenalho; workshop and talk on the importance of producing our seeds and conservation methods, at the Fourth Meeting of Sharing Seeds and Knowledge, in San Cristobal de Las Casas; bio-charcoal production workshop, in San Fernando, municipality of Tuxtla Gutierrez; a talk about the importance of applying bio-charcoal to our soils, in the municipality of Santiago El Pinar; and the Meeting to Share Knowledge, Experiences and Seeds in the community of Nuevo Leon, municipality of Teopisca.



On the other hand, we strengthened the **Solidarity Economy Network** supporting the organization process of **11 Tumin Tianguis** (street markets) held each month in different neighborhoods of San Cristobal de Las Casas, as well as the participation in **6 Assemblies of Members of the Tumin Community Currency**, to advance coordination, agreements and organization.

ALTER NATOS CENTER AREA

In [Alter Natos](#) we are excited to continue working with ecotechnologies. In 2022 we receive social groups for workshops and guided tours and we organized the infrastructure for all the meetings that we share in this Report. We continue with the maintenance of the structures of our buildings, in addition to the technologies that have been installed within the center.

During this time we have received students from different universities, whether for a visit or to offer a social service. Such is the case of the **Universidad Iberoamericana** Mexico City *campus* (visit) and of the Faculties of Social Sciences (social service) and of Architecture (visit) of the **Autonomous University of Chiapas** (UNACH, by its acronym in Spanish). The students of these institutions have supported different activities; however, we have focused on the construction of rest areas in different spaces within the Alter Natos ecological center, always using recycled materials.

Progress has been made with the installation of a "**mist catcher**" to harvest water, made of a special mesh to trap the mist that condenses and is stored in the ponds, in order to increase the amount of water we collect in the ecological center. We continue with the maintenance of the dry toilets, biological filters, catchment ponds, the construction of walls and paths with recycled materials, this time tires. This year we continue to focus on cleaning and varnishing our bamboo-made structures, among other activities.



INFORMATION, COMMUNICATION AND POPULAR EDUCATION AREA

We managed to increase traffic on the Otros Mundos A.C. [website](#), with **134,627 visitors** and **789,720 visits** from January to December 2022. We expanded our audience on social networks, with **13,452 followers** and **12,909 "Likes"** on Facebook, while on Twitter we reached **4,063 followers** and **127 subscribers** on our new Telegram channel. Our monthly newsletter currently reaches **977 people**, with which we are recovering and increasing the number of subscribers. The invitations to our "**Permanent Seminar on Sustainability**" reach **423 people** at the moment.

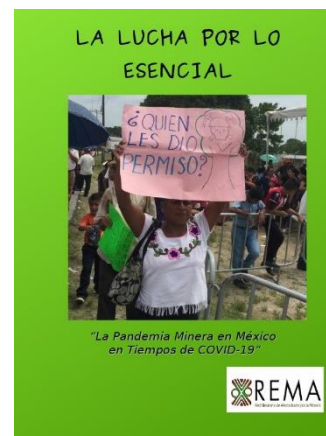
We continue with our rhythm of 1 or 2 publications per day on the website, and the promotion of each publication on our social networks. We always publish communications from our sister networks such as REMA, MAR, RCOMA, ATI and ATALC, as well as important reports on issues of defense of the territory, impacts of megaprojects and construction of alternatives. In the same way, we give support by publishing and sharing communications and pronouncements from movements and organizations whom we have accompanied. Such is the case of our sisters and brothers of the Civil Society Las Abejas de Acteal with the demand of [#JusticiaParaSimónPedro](#); the Popular Front in Defense of Soconusco and ZODEVITE, with a [hydrocarbon spill](#) in their region, as well as the [Community Front for Self-Determination in Oxchuc](#), among others. Similarly, we have joined international solidarity with different countries, such as Haiti, Honduras, Ecuador and Nicaragua, to name a few.



We attended numerous **interviews** on television, press, radio, collectives and alternative media, both from the United States and from Spain, France, Mexico, Honduras and Germany, among others, on environmental issues and defense of land and territories.



Otros Mundos AC was in charge of the design of the Report [The Struggle for the Essential](#) published by the REMA, which shows the progress of the Extractive Mining Model during the Covid-19 pandemic and which received a lot of attention from several both national and international media. In



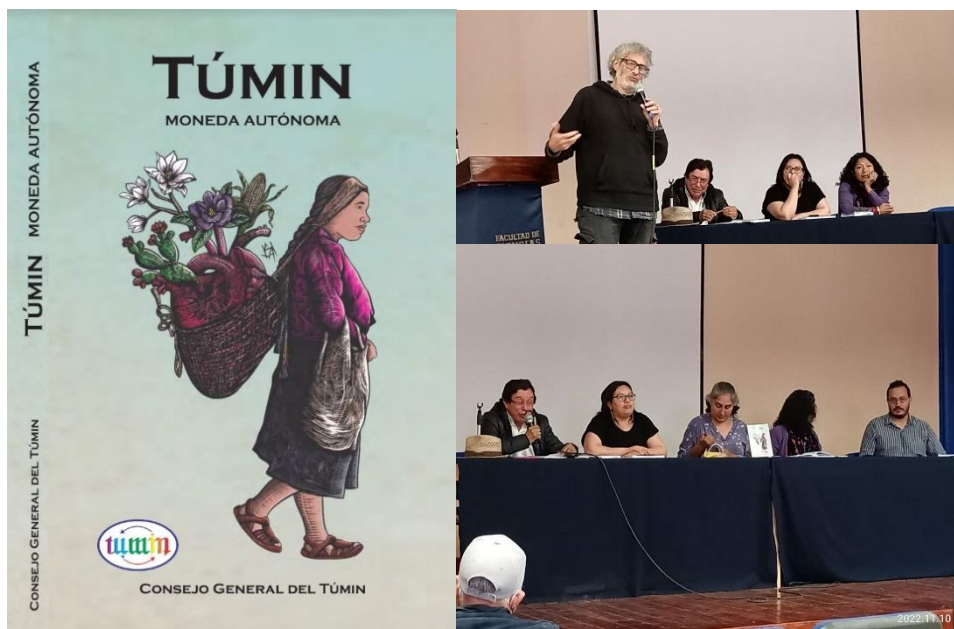
this regard, last **October** we held a [Forum](#) to present the Report in San Cristobal de Las Casas.



On the other hand, Otros Mundos AC prepared the Report ["Airports and Conflicts in Mexico"](#) for the Stay Grounded Network, to which we joined this year, in order to carry out a diagnosis of the country's airport infrastructure and the social and environment conflict it entails.

All of the street markets of the Tumin and recreational routes that took place during the year were spread as well.

Likewise, together with other institutions, we edited the book ["Tumin/The Autonomus Currency"](#) to commemorate the X Anniversary of the Solidarity Economy Network, which was presented last **November** at the Faculty of Social Sciences of UNACH.



Additionally, we facilitated more than **10 analysis workshops** for **500 representatives** of indigenous organizations from more than 30 municipalities, such as the Movement for the Determination of Peoples, Movement in Defense of Life and Territory (Modevite), Women of Corn-Yashalum, Guaquitepec School, the Human Rights Commission and the Social Pastoral teams of the Diocese of San Cristobal de Las Casas, as well as Guatemalan organizations from the El Peten region, among others.

We supported several long training processes with **talks** and accompaniment through three **webinars** on socio-environmental issues with the Popular University, with JASS Mesoamerica, and with the Association of Environmental Information Journalists of Spain. In the same way, we gave talks at the Itatik Samuel Museum, in the city of San Cristobal de Las Casas, and to students from the Universidad Iberoamericana.

Along with the Community Alter Natos Area, we made a [video](#) with the testimony of a family that fed their biodigester with human waste by connecting their toilet to the device. Likewise, we published a [story](#) on the first annual meeting of the Network of Users of Biodigesters in Chiapas, as well as the publication of the [Biodigesters Handbook](#). The official page of the [BIO-RED](#) network was also created on Facebook. We also participated in the 2022 Corn, Women and Rurality Festival and shared the [remote participation](#) of Phd. Fernando Bejarano talking about the glyphosate ban decree.



We also made two videos about experiences of the Energy Justice School: [Knowledge of the Biodigester](#) y [Photovoltaic Energy](#). And one more about the [First Meeting of the Mesoamerican Network against Oil Palm](#). We massively spread the [statement](#) of the Second Meeting held in **October** this year.

The processes were supplemented with documentation in photographs and videos, such as the cases of the School of Energy Justice and the Popular Ejidal and Communal School for Women, as well as the Assembly of the REMA Women, among other activities, workshops and meetings held in the Alter Natos Center.

We carried out **21 radio shows**. The [Online Radio Show El Escaramujo](#) has had **10 broadcastings**, one a month, broadcast from our Facebook live and in which different topics were addressed such as the water problem in San Cristobal, a series of 3 programs on the situation of the Municipal Sewerage and Drinking Water; the case of #JusticiaParaBerta, mining; migration, and energy



transition, among others. Likewise, the **Barrio Bicicletero** show had a total of **11 broadcastings**.

The [“Permanent Seminar on Sustainability”](#) is an important vector of information on the extractive model. For this activity we had the intervention of colleagues from different organizations and universities. This year there were a total of **9 editions** of the film-debate around the following topics: Importance and defense of urban wetlands; Resistance to mega mining projects; Relationship of mining and organized crime in the dispute and dispossession of land; The capitalist model, central element of the destruction of the environment and climate change; Affections of wind farms in Oaxaca; Forced displacement due to floods caused by dams; and The fight for the Gualcarque river in Honduras. We also had the participation of Lina Mar Campos who shared some [testimonies from women](#) in resistance against mining in the municipality of Chicomuselo, Chiapas, which we published on our website. Each seminar attracted between 10 and 25 participants of all ages, mainly students, researchers, members of civil organizations, and tourists.



From the Communication Area we also support the demand for justice of the Civic Council of Popular and Indigenous Organizations of Honduras (**COPINH**) for the murder of its coordinator Berta Caceres on March 2, 2016. We share 11 [information notes](#) and coverages on the subject and we published a statement in the global action undertaken in memory of [Berta Caceres](#) in the La Paz Square in San Cristobal de Las Casas. [Three videos](#) on an intervention in public space

for social networks were made.

Generally speaking, through our communications we seek to vindicate our feminist vision and contribute to the dismantling of the patriarchy, for which we participated and covered the feminist march on March 8 in San Cristobal de Las Casas. A [statement](#) in this regard was also published.

