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REGENERATIVE COSMONUCLEATION AND ENCHANTMENT IN THE MANAGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL TERRITORIES IN PERNAMBUCO

REDE DE COOPERAÇÃO DE AÇÃO COSMONUCLEADAS EM PERNAMBUCO

Pernambuco, BRAZIL

Context

Food, agriculture, and traditional medicine are the basis of the way of life in the communities and territories in Pernambuco. However, capitalist influences in the domain have reshaped dynamics and caused these practices to weaken.

Traditional agriculture integrates human beings, environmental beings, and their practices – all of which involve the spiritual and the biological. Therefore, traditional agriculture is significant for regenerating ways of life and territories historically degraded by colonisation through food and livestock industries.

The role of women in these practices is fundamental, as they are historically the great guardians of knowledge about caring for body, mind, and spirit.

The project worked in the three regions of Pernambuco: Zona da Mata Norte, Agreste Central, and Sertão do Araripe, where women shape these practices.

Objectives

The main objective of this project was to promote the exchange of traditional knowledge on food and traditional medicine in territories of the state of Pernambuco. This addresses gender and territorial inequalities that mainly affect Black and Indigenous populations in the territory of Pernambuco.

Courses of action

First, the aim was to promote spaces for community exchange and to record the knowledge of women and three different communities. Second, the project sought to respond to the community infrastructure needs by building common facilities using traditional architectural techniques. Third, the project aimed to influence the written preservation of traditions through the systematisation of the three experiences in documents published with collective authorship.

Photograph of an activity carried out in Sítio Malokambo as part of the Regenerative Cosmonucleation project

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Approach

The project carried out its activities within the Regenerative Cosmonucleation approach, which is recent and stems from the worldview of the Xukuru do Ororubá Indigenous People (located in the Central Agreste of Pernambuco), who also were part of the project.

The approach proposes a dialogue between the perspectives of good living, the epistemology of enchanted territories, and the science of the invisible. These perspectives understand that humankind is nature, and humankind's actions seek to return nature to nature itself.

Two instruments were used to systematise community knowledge from popular, feminist, and intersectional approaches: ethnographic immersions in the territories and virtual meetings between people from different territories.

Impacts

Infrastructures for community exchange and caring traditions and practices were developed in three locations in Pernambuco:

1) In the Xukuru do Ororubá People, Agreste Central village, a community ritual kitchen was set up to share foods and nature practices.

2) In the Serra dos Paus Dóias, a house was set up where women healers and folk healers could now share their knowledge related to traditional medicine with others.

3) In the Sítio Malokambo, a house was adapted for community care and the production of phytomade remedies.

The articulation of three organisations in three different territories in Pernambuco was made possible through the formation of a network in Pernambuco, "Chã: Coletiva da Terra," which enabled the exchange between the following organisations: Agrodóia - Association of Family Farmer (s) of Serra dos Paus Dóias; Caxo Xukuru - Coletivo Caxo da Boa Vista and Sítio Malokambo

Finally, the knowledge and practices of the three populations involved in the project were preserved through the systematisation and publication of three workbooks on collective authorship.

Published resources:

- The Science of the Forest Xukuru, First Notebook
- The Daughters of the Land of the Serra Dos Paus Dóias, Second Notebook
- Knowledge of the Hands of Midwives Plants Capoeiras, Third Notebook

Available: www.gripp.net/lacdigitalresources

Members of Agrodóia organisation in Serra dos Pau Dóias during an ethnographic immersion designed to systematise medical and communitarian practices.

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