

Associação Portal Catarinas



Narrative:

We are a non-profit association that works at the intersection of communication and human rights, through feminist and anti-racist journalism. All our content is published openly and free of charge on Portal Catarinas. Founded in 2016, entirely by women, based on demands from the feminist movement, we produce journalistic content aimed at defending human and fundamental rights, especially those of women. Our report on how a Brazilian judge and prosecutor tried to persuade an 11-year-old girl not to access the right to abortion received an honorable mention at the 2023 Roche Prize and was a finalist for the 2023 Gabo Prize. In addition, after the case was reported through our report, the 11-year-old girl was able to access the right to legal abortion.

Currently, Portal Catarinas has an average of 5 thousand visits per day. On social media, we are a community of 43 thousand people on Facebook and 71.1 thousand people on Instagram. Since 2016, we have also been part of a coalition made up of 13 organizations working for reproductive justice, which benefits around 1,000 people directly and 800,000 indirectly.

We adopt a broad conceptualization of human rights and sexual and reproductive rights and understand them through an intersectional perspective (meaning that black, indigenous, peripheral and LGBTQIA+ people have even less access to reproductive policies and are more affected by gender inequalities). We also understand that in times of crisis, such as political and climate crises, women and minority populations are the most affected and their rights are infringed. At Portal Catarinas we denounce and articulate actions against human rights violations, through journalistic coverage and feminist communication actions.

Over the next three years, we will focus on raising awareness about how the climate crisis affects reproductive rights, removing barriers to accessing legal abortion in Brazil (pregnancy resulting from rape, risk to the life of the pregnant woman and the anencephalic fetus), acting to break social stigmas around reproductive justice (in particular, abortion) and taking measures to protect women who defend their rights. To do so, during this period we will identify the barriers of the justice system and the health system to respond to cases of legal abortion and reproductive rights in general; we will build counternarratives against fundamentalism in the traditional and fundamentalist press; we will register good practices in cases of violation of access to reproductive rights and we will develop a guide with actions to be developed in terms of reproductive justice in climate catastrophes.

We will also work with political influence in municipalities, states and at the federal level, in addition to denouncing violations in state accountability mechanisms, such as the National Council of Justice of Brazil and the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights. In the first year, we will publish the brochure on reproductive justice during climate disasters, understanding that this is an urgent measure.

Throughout the period, we will produce content related to our objectives. In the end, we hope to have contributed to public policies that guarantee reproductive rights and the protection of activists, in addition to contributing to breaking social stigmas related to reproductive rights and ensuring preparedness in times of crisis.

Objectives:

- Development of a guide with a protocol on how to act in the event of climate disasters to guarantee access to reproductive rights, based on the experience of feminist organizations in the climate disaster in Rio Grande do Sul, a state in Brazil, in 2024;

- Production of at least three series of journalistic reports that denounce the denial of access to the right to legal abortion in Brazil and that provide positive examples related to the topic;
- Development of a protocol of actions and strategies to be adopted in emergency situations that involve barriers to access to legal, safe and free abortion in Brazil.