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The aim of this portfolio is to introduce the Federal Public Defenders' Office as a national Human Rights Institution in Brazil. For this purpose, a selection was made of the main areas, types of action, initiatives and documents that are part of the wide range of activities of the DPU. The Institution's constitutional mission, as an expression and instrument of the democratic regime, is to actively promote and protect human rights in Brazil. It is the only institution in the country that fully complies with the Paris Principles, and has the resources and powers necessary to perform this function.

Constitutional Mission

The constitutional establishment and recognition of the Federal Public Defenders' Office (DPU), as well as the constitutional attention given to this Institution, consolidate a giant leap towards substantially expanding the protection of human rights in Brazil

According to Article 134 of the Brazilian Federal Constitution, and considering Constitutional Amendments No. 74 of 2013 and No. 80 of 2014, the Federal Public Defenders' Office is "a permanent institution, which is essential to the jurisdictional function of the State, and is responsible primarily, as an expression and an instrument of the democratic regime, for the judicial guidance, the promotion of human rights, and the full and free defence, in all levels, both judicially and extrajudicially, of the individual and collective rights of the people in need".

Thus, by granting the DPU broad powers and complete autonomy from the State, the Brazilian Federal Constitution prescribes human rights protection mechanisms that go beyond the judicial level. The Institution is also given consultative, monitoring, investigative, promotional and representational functions before international and regional human rights systems. To perform these functions, the DPU has several instruments, resources and powers, such as those of issuing recommendations, opinions and reports; influencing legislative proceedings; convening public hearings; acting in abstract actions before the Federal Supreme Court as *amicus curiae*; or filing public civil actions (class actions) with all the judicial instances.

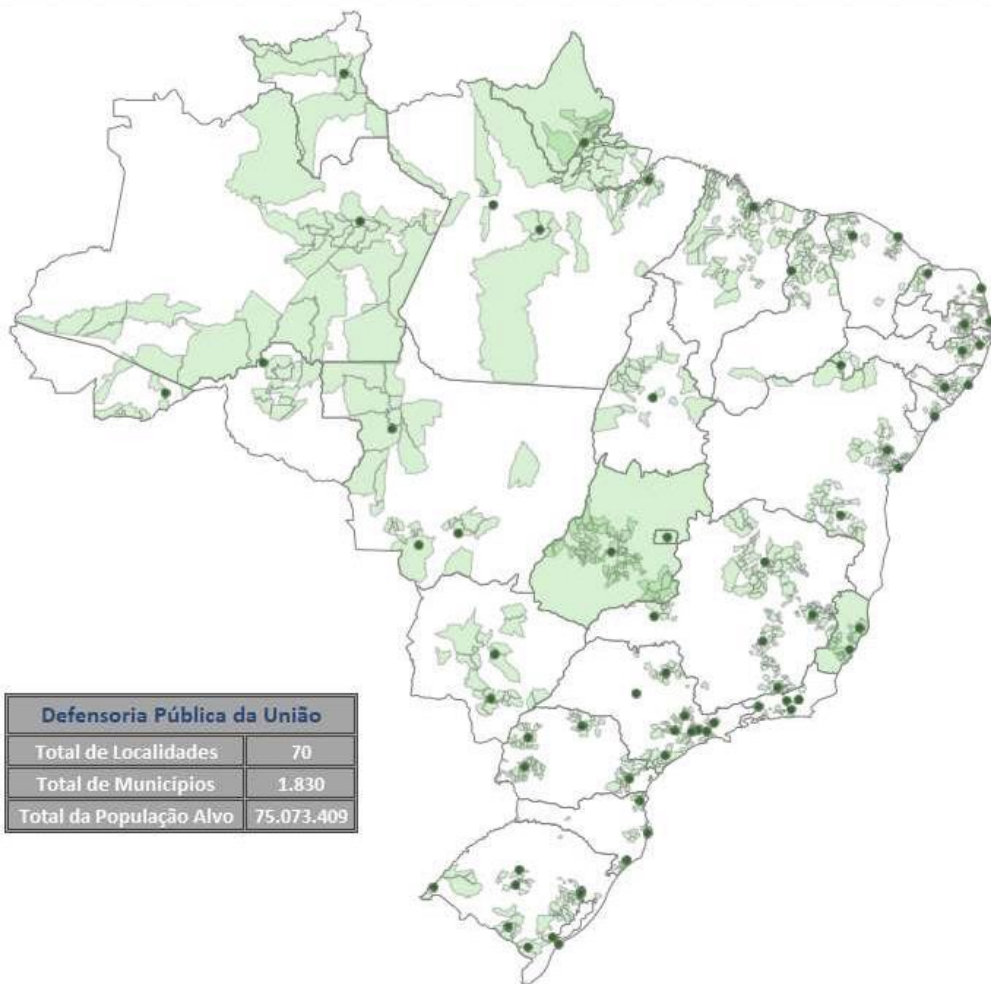
Six years after the enactment of the Brazilian Federal Constitution, the Supplementary Law No. 80 was enacted in 1994. It organizes

the Federal Public Defenders' Office, in the Federal District and in other territories, and prescribes general rules for its organization in the states. The publication of the above-mentioned Law also represents an important milestone, since it prescribed the objectives and institutional functions of the DPU; the rights of those assisted by the Institution; as well as the rules for admission to the career of Public Defender and democratic election of the Federal Public Defender-General and the Federal Public Subdefender-General. The Supplementary Law No. 80, which details the organization of the DPU within 149 articles, was later amended by Supplementary Law No. 132 of October 7, 2009. This change is perceived as a "true revolution" in the legal regime of the DPU. The Law incorporates institutional functions to the DPU, giving it a new more inclusive and democratic profile and openly aligning it with broad functions and powers to promote and protect human rights.¹

This scenario legitimizes the performance and recognition of the DPU as a true National Human Rights Institution. It is an institution that meets all the necessary requirements to be addressed as such, including administrative, functional and budgetary independence, a clearly defined jurisdiction, appropriate competencies, accessibility, cooperative abilities and a pluralistic structure. The following pages of this portfolio will provide an insight into the work of the DPU as a National Human Rights Institution (NHRI), in terms of its strong legal foundations, the description of its areas and functions and, above all, the abundant examples of its work in practice.

¹ Brasil, Lei Complementar Nº 80, de 12 de janeiro de 1994, http://www.planalto.gov.br/ccivil_03/leis/lcp/lcp80.htm (retrieved on 27 September 2021).

DPU units in Brazil



Defensoria Pública da União	
Total de Localidades	70
Total de Municípios	1.830
Total da População Alvo	75.073.409

Working Groups

It is understood that the concept of vulnerability is not limited to the economic perspective, but it also concerns people and social groups who are socially vulnerable from the informational and organizational point of view. Given this concept, the broad protection of the rights of such groups was prescribed by legislation among the institutional functions of the Public Defenders' Office, through ongoing actions and often with the participation of representatives of Civil Society Organizations, on behalf of such rights.

In this sense, starting in 2014, the creation of 15 Working Groups (WGs), linked to the Federal Public Defenders' General Office , meets the institution's constitutional mission of promoting human rights, in which the WGs: issue recommendations; opinions; (general, regional and annual) reports; etc., in addition to acting in campaigns and producing awareness-raising materials.

The role of the Working Groups is to carry out actions that require immediate intervention to put an end to human rights violations or to safeguard the fundamental rights of these socially, organizationally and informationally vulnerable populations. The composition of the WGs is based on pluralism in terms of gender and ethnicity, as they are composed of members of the Federal Public Defenders' Office from all regions of the country, with the aim of representing the entire nation, as well as representing the themes of each WG.

PICTURE OF THE 15 WORKING GROUPS (WGs) OF THE DPU



Photos and performance examples



Justiça determina acesso universal de mulheres a anticoncepcional implantado sob a pele



DPU e DPE/SP pedem cumprimento de lei para vacinação de grupos prioritários contra Covid-19



DPU presta orientação jurídica em evento do Dia da Mulher em Florianópolis



DPU assina pacto de combate à violência contra a mulher



DPU e ONU mulheres: Caminhos para a igualdade de gênero



DPU pede na Justiça que indígenas Warao não sejam deportados



DPU recomenda prioridade na vacinação de refugiados indígenas Warao



GT Identidade de Gênero e Cidadania firma termo de cooperação com coletivo LGBT+ no RJ



DPU e MPF cobram que União e Iphan cumpram obrigações com o Cais do Valongo



Cotas raciais no ensino superior são tema de reunião da DPU com representantes das Universidades públicas do Estado do Paraná



Nota técnica do GT de Políticas Etnorraciais sobre caso João Freitas



GT Políticas Etnorraciais da DPU lança livros da coleção 'Feminismos Plurais'



DPU promove de seminário em homenagem ao Dia Internacional do Orgulho



Com reunião e ofício a conselhos, DPU busca facilitar exercício profissional por migrantes no Brasil



Direitos dos migrantes e apátridas são discutidos pela DPU no Ministério das Relações Exteriores



System of the National Human Rights Defender and the Regional Human Rights Defenders

The DPU System of National and Regional Human Rights Defenders operates nationally and regionally in constant dialogue with society and the State. The system seeks to identify issues of major concern to vulnerable groups and to promote the protection of human rights and the collective defence of these segments. This means handling any complaints of human rights violations, thereby contributing to the goal of building a free, just and solidary society, as established in the Brazilian Federal Constitution.





Practices

The DPU's primary function, assigned by Article 134 of the Brazilian Federal Constitution, is to promote human rights as an expression and instrument of the democratic system. In order to do so, all forms of legal actions to pursue their proper and effective protection of human rights will be admitted' (LC 80, art. 4, X).

The following are instruments for this action, all of which are provided for in the Brazilian legal system: convening public hearings to raise awareness and disseminate human rights; issuing official letters to public or private authorities; requesting information, documents or inspections from public agencies; issuing recommendations to promote, protect or support human rights; producing opinions to influence legislative processes that expand and promote human rights; acting in abstract judicial review proceedings before the STF, as *amicus curiae*; filing public civil actions (class actions) in all instances; and operating before international human rights systems.

There are numerous examples of practice documents on the DPU Human Rights Portal, which can be accessed through the link: <https://promocaodedireitoshumanos.dpu.def.br/documentos-de-atuacao/>

...or through the hyperlinks (insert hyperlink in each one):



Notas Técnicas



Audiências Públicas



Recomendações



Guias e Manuais



**Publicações
Internacionais**



Informes Defensoriais

There are also numerous examples of the DPU acting as amicus curiae, as custos vulnerabilis and in class actions on the [DPU Human Rights Portal](#).

CRIAR ÍCONES COM LINKS

Secretary-General of Institutional Articulation

The Secretariat-General of Institutional Articulation (*SGAI*) is the division of the Federal Public Defenders' Office responsible for planning, promoting and coordinating actions aimed at human rights education and expanding access to justice and fundamental rights at large.

SGAI coordinates the DPU's relations with organised civil society and with policy-making and implementing bodies, such as the Brazilian National Congress and Executive Branch.

SGAI comprises the following divisions: the Office of the Secretary-General of Institutional Articulation, the Secretariat of Strategic Action (*SAE*), the Secretariat of Action in the Prison System (*SASP*) and the Secretariat of Access to Justice (*SAJ*).

One very important example of SGAI's action, through *SASP*, is a Public Civil Action filed on 22/04/2021 to defend the functioning of the National Committee for the Prevention and Fight against Torture (*CNPCT*). The action was due to an imminent risk of suppression of the mandate of the committee's board members, which violates Decree 9.831/2019, art. 8, § 5.

SASP also seeks to work closely with the Committee and the National Mechanism for the Prevention and Fight against Torture; in dealing with allegations of torture involving officers in the Federal Government's service; and in monitoring the formulation and implementation of public policies aimed at preventing and fighting torture.

There are several examples of the work of the three Secretariats that make up SGAI on the [DPU Human Rights Website](#).

Thematic Committees

The DPU has set up Specialised Thematic Committees to monitor and defend the rights of vulnerable people and groups in situations of extreme social vulnerability, such as migrants and refugees in the context of the Venezuelan migration flow in Pacaraima, Roraima, northern Brazil, or communities affected by environmental disasters.

The Committees foster a proactive role for the Defenders' Office in assisting these vulnerable groups, as well as in monitoring and referring cases of human rights violations. The work of the Committees ensures that the institution's function is fulfilled, which is to promote human rights and the defence, at all levels, judicial and extrajudicial, of individual and collective rights, fully and free of charge, to people in vulnerable situations, as established in the Brazilian Federal Constitution. The following are some of the DPU's Thematic Committees:

[Pacaraima Specialised Thematic Committee](#)

[Altamira Specialised Thematic Committee](#)

[Rio Doce/Brumadinho Specialised Thematic Committee](#)

[Citizen's Basic Income \(RBC\) Specialised Thematic Committee](#)

Observatories

The Human Rights Observatories are channels for receiving accusations, reports and testimonies on situations of human rights violations.

The aim here is to provide the DPU and other partner institutions with a mapping of human rights violations related to specific contexts; to identify whether there is a need for intervention; and to support the actions of the bodies involved in finding solutions to address these violations.

In this regard, the Observatories of Political and Ideological Intolerance (*OIPIs*) were created in October 2018 amid the context of the 2018 presidential elections, in which an increase in the criminalisation of social movements and discriminatory attacks against members of vulnerable social groups were witnessed.

The OIPIs, established in several Brazilian states by the DPU in partnership with other institutions, were intended to map these situations, with the aim of ensuring means and guarantees of rights; consolidating databases; and providing input to public policies to prevent and combat intolerance.

There are currently three Human Rights Observatories operating in the DPU: the *Enem* Observatory, the Racial Quotas Observatory and the National Observatory on Human Rights and Hansen's Disease.

OBSERVATÓRIO

DAS COTAS RACIAIS

Identificação

Seu e-mail

Sua Senha

→ ACESSAR

✉ RECUPERAR

← VOLTAR

OBSERVATÓRIO ENEM

A DPU está mapeando os principais problemas para a apresentação de possíveis ações coletivas



A IDENTIDADE DE QUEM DENUNCIA É PRESERVADA?

Sempre que solicitada pelo(a) denunciante, sua identidade será mantida em sigilo

QUAL A ABRANGÊNCIA DO OBSERVATÓRIO?

São recebidas denúncias de violações a direitos de pessoas com hanseníase de todo o território brasileiro.



Advisory Office of Activities in the Federal Supreme Court

The Advisory Office of Activities in the Brazilian Supreme Court (*AASTF* in Portuguese) is the division responsible for the work of the Federal Public Defenders' Office (*DPU*) with the Brazilian Supreme Court (*STF*), the highest court in the Brazilian justice system. In addition to the *STF*, this Advisory Office also operates before the Brazilian National Council of Justice (*CNJ*) and the National Council of the Public Prosecution Service (*CNMP*) in relevant cases for the DPU.

The *AASTF*'s duties include:

Filing actions and monitoring the ongoing proceedings brought by the DPU before the Brazilian Supreme Court;

Operating in all cases before the Brazilian Supreme Court represented by the DPU or which concern the interests of the assisted persons;

Operating in the National Council of Justice and in the National Council of the Public Prosecution Service;

Undertaking other activities of institutional interest assigned to it by the Federal Public Defender-General.

The *AASTF* plays an important role in the defence of human rights before the highest court in the country, which demonstrates the DPU's commitment to the vulnerable population at all levels of justice.

Advisory Office of International Relations

Based on the concept of the indivisibility, interdependence and interrelationship among fundamental rights, the DPU's actions comprise the promotion and protection of the human being in an all-encompassing manner, involving not only the defence and respect of liberty rights, but also the promotion of economic, social, cultural and environmental rights.

This is why the Federal Public Defenders' Office has intensified its relations with similar institutions in other countries, striving to establish international cooperation networks and introduce them to the successful Brazilian model of assistance for the vulnerable population.

This is done by the DPU's Advisory Office of International Relations (*A/VT*), which has four specialized division that not only guarantee full and free legal assistance to all Brazilians or international migrants in national territory, but also perform the institutional mission of protecting human rights and guaranteeing fundamental rights.

AINT is responsible for several human rights protection initiatives and projects and coordinates the DPU's institutional articulation in terms of international cooperation and relations with its counterparts and similar institutions abroad. One of AINT's main duties is to harmonize national legislation and best practices in the protection of human rights with international agreements and guidelines.

Among AINT’s actions towards human rights protection are recent initiatives undertaken in 2020, such as: an agreement with the Regional Office for South America of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), which includes a series of studies, meetings and workshops; a memorandum of understanding on human rights cooperation in Mercosur, between the Meeting of High Authorities on Human Rights (RAADH) and the Specialised Meeting of Mercosur Official Public Defenders (REDPO); an agreement on the protection of migrants through artificial intelligence with Mieux (institution that implements the Migration European Union Expertise programme (MIEUX+ Initiative of the European Commission); institutional policies and agreements with universities for linguistic protection of immigrants and Indigenous communities.

Table 1: Duties of the Advisory Office of International Relations Units

ADVISORY OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS - AINT AINT'S DEPARTMENTS AND TOPICS ADDRESSED Federal Public Subdefender-General and AINT coordinator: Jair Soares Júnior		
DEPARTMENT'S NAME	ABBREVIATION [in Portuguese]	TOPICS ADDRESSED
Department of Support for Activities in the Inter-American System of Human Rights Coordinator: Geovanna Ribeiro	CSDH	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Working with the Inter-American Human Rights System (Inter-American Commission on Human Rights – IACHR) and the Inter-American Court of Human Rights (I/A Court HR); Any matters concerning the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights; Any matters concerning the Inter-American Court of Human Rights; Inter-American Public Defenders - IPDs. Compliance Control – International human rights agreements and instruments.

<p>Department of Cooperation and International Relations</p> <p>Coordinator: Ilana Szabo</p>	<p>CCRI</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Multilateral Cooperation; 2. Bilateral cooperation: cooperation with defenders' offices in Bolivia, Colombia, Guatemala, among others countries; 3. International cooperation projects: EurosociAL, Mieux, United Nations (OHCHR, UNHCR, IOM etc.); 4. Brazilian Cooperation Agency – <i>ABC</i>, in Portuguese; 5. Supporting the work of the observing defender at the National Committee of Refugees - CONARE: researching and preparing reports on countries of origin; 6. Official and diplomatic passports. 7. Issuing opinions and recommendations on human rights. 8. Coordinating activities and events in partnership with the UN, its agencies, treaty bodies and specialized mechanisms. 9. Coordinating activities with other NHRIs and networks of NHRIs.
<p>Translation Unit</p> <p>Coordinator: Bernardina Leal</p>	<p>NUTRAD</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Translation of documents, manuals, guidebooks, reports; 2. Subtitles for institutional videos and translations of cultural assets; 3. Cooperation with higher education institutions (HEIs) among others; 4. Community Interpreting Courses; 5. Interpreter bank; 6. Language and institutional policies; 7. Research, events and publications on language rights as human rights.
<p>International Legal Assistance Department</p> <p>Coordinator: Tatyana Garcia</p>	<p>CAJI</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Extensive international assistance; 2. Transfer of sentenced persons, international family maintenance; 3. Recognition of Foreign Judgements; 4. Repatriation of Brazilians or foreigners; 5. Documentation of Brazilians abroad or foreigners in Brazil.

Education and Research in Human Rights

The National School of The Federal Public Defenders' Office – ENADPU, in Portuguese, was established in June 2005, through Administrative Rule DPGU No. 70, of June 10, 2005. Since then, ENADPU has been promoting education, research and awareness in human rights. The following are some of the courses and events the ENADPU has been promoting, in the recent past, with relevant human rights topics, since 2017.



20 ANOS DA DECLARAÇÃO DE DURBAN: DESAFIOS CONTEMPORÂNEOS

21 e 28 de setembro
5, 13, 19 e 26 de outubro

TRANSMISSÃO VIA CANAL ENADPU
YouTube

Ciclo de webinários sobre o histórico de Durban e o legado jurídico do enfrentamento ao racismo: significado, resgate histórico, resistência.

DECLARAÇÃO E PLANO DE AÇÃO DE DURBAN 20º ANIVERSÁRIO

DPU DEFENSORIA PÚBLICA DA UNIÃO

NAÇÕES UNIDAS BRASIL

It is important to note that the pandemic temporarily affected the ENADPU. However, as early as 2021, the School resumed its activities, and focused even more on issues related to national and international human rights systems. Moreover, it gave the courses and events more visibility and a wider coverage with the creation of a new technological platform and resources as well as distance learning.

We highlight the main themes addressed by the School in 2020:

Courses and Events
Lesbian women and transgender women: a dialogue for the construction of plural feminisms
Gender, race and intersectionality: where vulnerabilities intersect
Indigenous women and their leadership challenges in communities

Racism, sexism and criminal selectivity: women and the criminal system
Racism and the patriarchal heritage: racial prejudice in day-to-day justice and prospects for change
An Introduction to International Migration in Contemporary Brazil
Fighting modern slavery
Human Rights of Children and Adolescents
Human Rights Education
Human trafficking: concepts, types and lines of action
Citizenship and Human Rights
Councils for the Promotion of Racial Equality
The new Brazilian migratory law
Introduction to Libras [Brazilian Sign Language]
Nonviolent communication

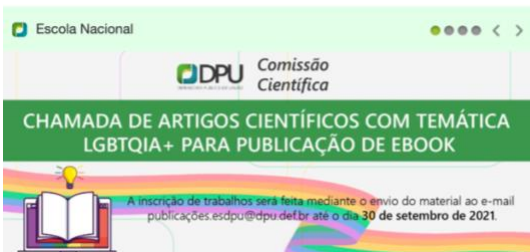
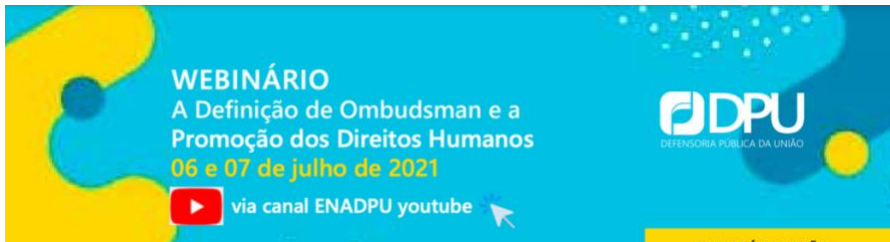
In 2021, several human rights-themed courses and events were promoted by the ENADPU, including:

Course Name
The new Brazilian migratory law
DPU's assistance in emergency aid claims
The Lack of Access to Justice in Brazil: Constitutional Amendment no. 80 and the Unconstitutional State of Affairs
An Introduction to International Migration in Contemporary Brazil
Granting and reviewing benefits: the DPU's main claims
The International Human Rights System
The International Human Rights System for Indigenous Peoples
The Witness Protection Programme and the DPU
Monitoreo de derechos humanos dirigido a defensores y defensoras
Sex and gender equity in research and
Human Rights, Mental Health and Drug Policy

Drug criminalisation vs. decriminalisation

Reflections on the possible legal implications of applying the concept of "Gender Identity " under "gender transition" therapy

Gender studies in law, its importance and perspectives in Ministerial practice



Multilateral and bilateral agreements and partnerships

As part of its role in promoting human rights, the DPU establishes partnerships with international organisations, government bodies and civil society institutions. The projects undertaken involve various types of activities and events, aimed at strengthening networks for the promotion of human rights. Furthermore, the Federal Public Defenders' Office has a long history of cooperation with international bodies and networks and similar institutions in other countries.

Examples of agreements and partnerships:



The DPU signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights on 24 November 2020, valid for two years. This agreement establishes a cooperation framework to provide training, joint actions, document exchange and other activities of common interest, such as studies, meetings, seminars, courses, workshops, etc., in order to promote the protection of human rights in Brazil.



The DPU and the UN Agency for Refugees (UNHCR) renewed a memorandum of understanding to strengthen cooperation with the aim of promoting training and joint action in order to contribute to the realisation of the rights of refugee applicants, refugees, stateless persons and others who require international protection.



The DPU and the International Organization for Migration (IOM) have signed an agreement to carry out joint projects on migration.



The DPU and the Defensoría del Pueblo of Bolivia signed a

cooperation agreement in April 2019 to engage in activities and create mechanisms to facilitate collaboration and share knowledge and good practices, and develop joint actions to protect human rights.



The DPU and the *Defensoría del Pueblo* of Colombia signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Defensoría del Pueblo of Colombia to implement a collaborative strategy to respect the human rights of all people living or in transit between both countries, based only on their status as human beings and on human dignity.



The DPU signed a memorandum of understanding with the International Centre for Migration Policy Development (ICMPD) establishing the terms and conditions under which MIEUX provides short-term technical assistance to the DPU in the area of migration-related capacity building.



In May 2019, the DPU signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN Women) with the aim of promoting joint actions on gender equality.



**Procuración
Penitenciaria de la Nación**

“En defensa de los DD.HH de las personas privadas de su libertad.”

In November 2020, the DPU signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Procuración Penitenciaria de la Nación Argentina, a human rights defence body for persons deprived of their liberty connected to the Argentine Legislative Branch, and which makes up the Mechanism for the Prevention of Torture in the country. This MOU aims to establish a framework for cooperation between both organisations in order to move forward with the development and implementation of action plans on the prevention and protection of the right of persons deprived of their liberty not to be tortured or subjected to cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment in the penitentiary systems of Brazil and Argentina.

Examples of projects developed within the DPU's scope

Brumadinho

The work developed by the Federal Public Defenders' Office in the regions affected by the collapse of mining tailings dams in the Córrego do Feijão Mine illustrates the importance of comprehensive human rights protection, by providing advice, monitoring, investigating, paying visits and producing reports on violations and damage resulting from major environmental disasters.

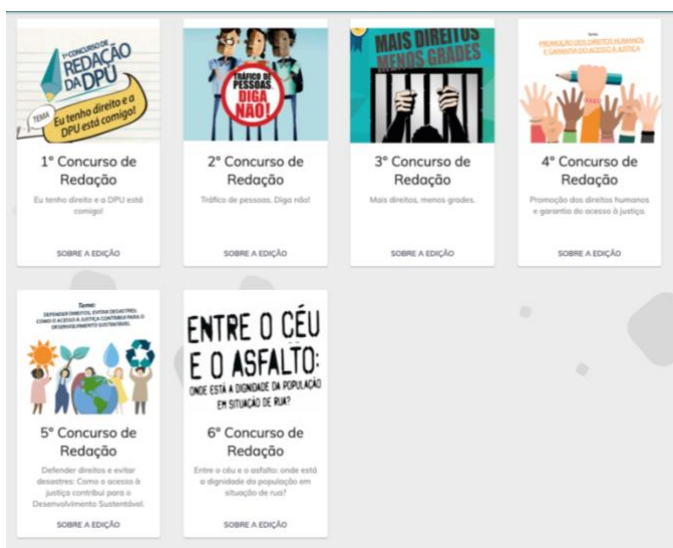
The DPU has been active in Brumadinho to assist the affected population since the day after the incident, on 25 January 2019. Federal Public Defenders engaged in providing direct assistance to the affected population, travelling to the communities, meeting with representatives of organised civil society and local partners.



Essay Contest Project

The DPU develops human rights education projects in public

elementary and high schools throughout Brazil. This is the case of the Essay Contest, which takes place annually across the entire network of public schools in Brazil and it has its own website. The Contest aims to encourage the discussion of relevant themes that exist in the social reality of Brazil and around the world. Public schools, agencies of the prison system and their social and educational facilities discuss issues related to fundamental rights and guarantees, as an effective way to exercise citizenship, present in the Brazilian Constitution.



Project "The Defenders' Office goes where the poor are"

Created in 2016, the project "The Defenders' Office goes where the poor are" is run by the Federal Public Defenders' Office in Volta Redonda (RJ) aiming at the active protection of vulnerable populations. It is an itinerant activity, in partnership with the DPU's Working Groups (WGs), and it is mainly focused on extrajudicial actions. The project takes place through human rights education and with the participation and social inclusion of many vulnerable

populations, such as: recyclable material collectors, traditional communities, Caiçaras, Quilombolas and people facing homelessness. When visiting the communities, the team has the opportunity to closely monitor the main difficulties faced by the population in order to identify local claims, whether individual or collective ones. The project also allows for the construction and strengthening of relations and dialogues between the communities themselves and also between them and the institutions of the Justice System and the local government.



Joining the "HeForShe" movement

Conceived and promoted by UN Women, the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women, the HeForShe movement is a global effort to engage men and boys in removing the social and cultural barriers that prevent women from reaching their potential, and to help men and women shape a new society together.

The DPU joined a project at the event DPU and UN Women: Ways

to Gender Equality, held on 11/03/2021, through videoconference. The event had the participation of Federal Public Defender-General, Daniel de Macedo, the representative of UN Women Brazil, Anastasia Divinskaya, and representatives of the DPU'S Women WG.



Language and Institutional Policies

Partnership with Mobilang

Research and education in language rights. In view of the disasters caused by the collapse of tailings dams in Brazil in 2019, the Essay Contest had the theme "Defending rights, avoiding disasters: how access to justice contributes to sustainable development".

On this occasion, the DPU was recognized as an institution at the service of the population to answer questions related to environmental legislation, to represent those assisted before the federal environmental protection bodies and also to promote access to justice

NuTrad's (Translation Unit) partnership with the University of Brasília is a result of the NuTrad's continued team training, promoted by its connection with the Mobilang research group, coordinated by professor Sabine Gorovitz, in addition to the Unit's participation in extension activities.

In order to create conditions so that linguistic mediation and community interpreting services could be implemented in the DPU's direct service sector, NuTrad, in partnership with Mobilang and forensic interpreter Jaqueline Nordin, carried out the Basic Training Course in Community Interpreting, which trained approximately 40 people, all volunteers.

Linguistic interpreters in different languages, in addition to interpreters in sign language (Brazilian sign language/*Libras* in Portuguese), were trained in weekly virtual meetings and complementary activities during an eight-month-long course in

2020.

Partnership for Indigenous languages interpreting

Between January 18 and February 5, 2021, the first Training Course for Indigenous Interpreters was held. It was promoted by the Federal University of Roraima, through the Program for the Valorization of Indigenous Languages and Cultures of Roraima, in partnership with the University of Brasília and with the support of the UNESCO Chair on Language Policies for Multilingualism.

The DPU attended the opening and closing ceremonies of the course, through the participation of NuTrad's coordinator, Bernardina Leal, and federal public defender Gustavo Zortéa, who is a member of the Migration, Statelessness and Asylum WG.

Such partnership expands the possibilities of linguistic mediation and accessibility by incorporating national Indigenous languages into Nutrad's work.

In addition, given the participation of Venezuelan migrants, the interpreter bank also includes interpreters from the Warao ethnic community.

These initiatives constitute the first steps towards the implementation of an institutional policy to value plurilingualism, expand linguistic accessibility and promote linguistic rights. This institutional linguistic policy, in turn, is essential for the DPU's internationalization.

Considering ever-increasing and constant migration flows heading to Brazil, the co-officialization of Indigenous languages and languages spoken by immigrants and the lack of qualified

interpreters and translators stress the urgency of language policies in Brazil and require special attention for training and management in the area.

NuTrad is aware of the international context and has been establishing contacts and partnerships with institutions that offer studies in so-called major languages, and with institutions that address Indigenous languages and train interpreters of different ethnic groups, with both national and border communities.



Partnerships with Universities, studies and publications

In early 2021, NuTrad increased its inter-institutional cooperation with the University of Brasília by creating graduate internship jobs. This action also strengthens the DPU's work as a research source for academic research.

Moreover, a compulsory course lectured in the University of Brasília called "Supervised Internship in Translation" offers a group

of students who also contribute to NuTrad's work by translating institutional content into English, French and Spanish. Students are supervised and evaluated by professors from the UnB's Department of Languages and Translation.

The partnership with the University of Brasilia also unfolds in the continued training of NuTrad's team, by means of its connection with the Mobilang research group, coordinated by professor Sabine Gorovitz, in addition to its participation in extension activities.

Itinerant Missions

The Defenders' Office has been carrying out projects aimed at holding itinerant events, through which the most vulnerable population is actively sought after. It is noteworthy that the number of itinerant actions has been increasing over the years. In 2014, 35 actions were carried out. In 2015, the number of actions increased to 72 and, in 2016, to 157. The increase in the number of itinerant actions has a real impact on the amount of people and communities served through these.



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National Campaigns for Human Rights

In order to fulfill its function of promoting the human rights dissemination and awareness, the DPU carries out, participates and supports various campaigns for this purpose.



Among the campaigns promoted by the DPU, the "Interfaces of Racism" [*Interfaces do Racismo*, in Portuguese] campaign stands out, as an initiative of the Ethnorracial Policy Working Group. The campaign seeks to reinforce the message that racism is not just a behavior, it is a historical and political process. The Interfaces of Racism campaign harmonizes with the International Decade for People of African descent and with several other international instruments to combat racial discrimination, such as the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action, the Plan of Action of the International Decade for People of African Descent.



In addition, the DPU participates in and supports several campaigns such as the “Zero Eviction” campaign, an action aimed at suspending evictions aimed at removing urban or rural families and communities;



Other important actions are the campaign against trafficking in persons for illegal adoption; ‘The Human Right to Food’; ‘Hiring Immigrants and Refugees’; ‘Religious Racism’ etc. It is possible to find videos and multimedia material related to the campaigns [here](#).

Work in Defense of Civic Space and the Democratic Rule of Law

The Federal Public Defenders' Office acts as a representative and an instrument of the democratic regime and seeks to guarantee the right to freedom of speech and the enshrined values of freedom of information.

Recently, the DPU published an [Opinion](#) on its work towards the areas of concern of United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, Ms. Michelle Bachelet. The High Commissioner expressed concern about two areas: (i) the alarming attacks against the Yanomami and Mundurucu Peoples in the Amazon; and (ii) 2. the bill to amend the 'Anti-Terrorism Law' (Brazilian Law 13,260/2016), which includes provisions that may lead to human rights violations, particularly, against social activists and human rights defenders.

In a similar circumstance, the DPU issued, on 09/06/2021, a [Public Opinion](#), through the National Human Rights Defenders' Office, in which it ratified the need for observance of democratic values by the Brazilian State: freedom of information as a right, not only individual, but a collective right; freedom of opinion and thought (article 5, IV, Brazilian Federal Constitution); freedom of expression of intellectual, artistic, scientific and communication activities (article 5, IX, Brazilian Federal Constitution); freedom of journalistic or press information (Article 220, Brazilian Federal Constitution); and the right to access and receive information and data from government-owned agencies (article 5, XIV, Brazilian Federal Constitution).

Participation of Civil Society

The DPU works in partnership with civil society organisations. Non-governmental organisations (NGOs), associations and entities represent the true voice of minority groups and vulnerable populations. In this sense, it is the DPU's role to encourage Civil Society's participation in the protection and promotion of human rights within the institution.

The DPU regularly interacts with civil society through a "general representative" based on Article 105-A of Supplementary Law 80. There is also a strong relationship between civil society organisations and the Working Groups; incidentally, the majority of these groups' actions and, also, the System of National Defenders' and the Regional Human Rights Defenders' actions, comprise participation of civil society.

Furthermore, article 4, XX of Supplementary Law 80 prescribes that defenders will participate in federal, state and municipal councils that are related to their institutional functions (such as promoting human rights). These are some examples of participation in councils that deserve mention: the presence of defenders in the state prison councils, in the slave labor eradication councils, in the state councils and in the National Council on Human Rights; regarding the latter, the Institution holds the Presidency.

There are also countless examples of Technical Cooperation Agreements or Partnership Terms, we emphasize:

Non-governmental organizations

Technical Cooperation Agreement with the Senegalese Association of the Northeast, the Brazilian Caritas Regional Northeast 2, the Group of Women Defenders of Human Rights, the Psychology Council of Pernambuco (*CRP/PE* in Portuguese), the Indigenist Missionary Council (*CIMI* in Portuguese) Regional Northeast, the Pernambuco School of Councils (*UFRPE* in Portuguese), the Office for Assistance to African Citizenship in Pernambuco (*EACAPE* in Portuguese), The Support Institute for Development and Social Inclusion (*IADIS* in Portuguese) (Specialized Training and Social Assistance Center for Immigrants Project), the José Ricardo Institute (for the sake of diversity and World Vision Brazil), which is based on the parties' interest in creating a Pernambuco Committee on the Rights of Persons in Situations of Refuge, Migration and Statelessness aimed at strengthening and supporting the networking of public and private entities for the promotion and defense of rights of that vulnerable social group. The Agreement also aims at reaffirming the identity of people and groups, as well as improving the flow of information about public policies, knowledge and research in the Area.

Term of Technical Cooperation with the Catholic Association *Samaritanos* aiming at establishing joint actions related to assistance for people facing homelessness in the city of Recife.

Technical Partnership Agreement with the Association of the People of Piauí Who Are Blind (*ACEP* in Portuguese), which aims at a correct disposal of recyclable documents in order to contribute to the social and environmental cause, sending waste for recycling and generating a source of income for associated collectors.

Technical Cooperation Agreement with the Brazilian Association

of Lawtechs and Legaltechs (*AB2L* in Portuguese) to create an IT system that makes it possible to receive requests from citizens in need automatically.

Technical Cooperation Agreement with the Brazilian Association for the Defense of Women, Children and Youth, which aims to strengthen efforts towards combating human trafficking, forced labor and child exploitation.

The work in partnership with the Land, Work and Citizenship Institute, which takes place since 2014, to promote the rights of migrant women, both in prison and released.

The work with Prios Institute of Public Policies and Human Rights, which is supported by a Technical Cooperation Agreement, for the acquisition of numerical and reliable data on incarceration and after prison experience of people in custody in the Brazilian Federal District.

Universities and research institutions

The DPU works in constant partnership with universities, teaching and research institutions. Here are some highlights.

A Technical Cooperation Agreement with the Federal University of Paraná, for cooperation through the Superintendence of Inclusion, Affirmative Actions and Diversity (*Superintendência de Inclusão, Políticas Afirmativas e Diversidade/SIPAD* in Portuguese), for the development of joint research and extension actions aimed at affirmative actions, improving citizenship and combating racial violence.

Technical Cooperation Agreement between the Federal Public

Defenders' Office in Santa Catarina/SC and the University of Vale do Itajaí, with the objective of developing mutual collaboration actions in the care of migrants, as well as in carrying out cooperation programs in technical matters, scientific, social, cultural and legal.

A signed Technical Cooperation Term with the Federal University of Rio Grande with the objective of developing activities and projects involving promotion of human rights and defense of individual and collective rights.

Agreement with the Brazilian Association of Black Researchers (*Associação Brasileira de Pesquisadores(as) Negros/ABPN* in Portuguese), for joint action in the fight against racism, prejudice and racial discrimination, with a view to formulating, implementing, monitoring and evaluating public policies according to three main Areas: i) academic dissemination; ii) social articulation; and iii) leadership training.



Guides and Instruments

The DPU publishes several guides and tools, which is within its role to promote human rights. Some more recent examples are the “Guide to dealing with lawsuits involving forced eviction during the covid-19 pandemic”; the booklet on “Defense of women’s sexual and reproductive rights”; the booklet “Between the sky and the ground: where is the dignity of the people facing homelessness?”; the booklet “Racial quotas policy”; the folder “Let’s talk about obstetric violence” and the “Manual for the Active Hearing of Children and Adolescents” prepared by the DPU in partnership with the Mieux Initiative. **AQUI É IMPORTANTE A ASCOM ORGANIZAR AS IMAGENS E MELHORAR A VISIBILIDADE**



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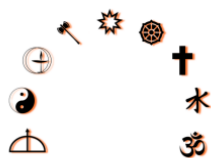
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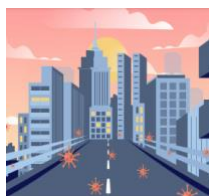
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Examples of Recent Actions

The pandemic brought instant effects to the entire population. Clearly, these effects were not universal, and hit the most vulnerable segments of the population hardest.

Among the various actions related to this serious scenario, specialised observatories were created to facilitate access and search for the affected population, including the Covid-19 Observatory. The DPU has also made recommendations, opinions, reports, on-site missions, etc. It also organised and/or supported civil society initiatives such as public hearings, webinars, events and technical meetings. The Institution has organised commissions and visits, specific projects and programmes, and published guides and campaign materials. Some recent examples are:

Recommendations: recommendation to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MRE) on the measures adopted for the humanitarian admission of Afghans; recommendation on the complete realization of fundamental rights by LGBTQIA+ people in the field of law enforcement; recommendation on the installation of a shelter for people experiencing homelessness; recommendation to the Ministry of Health on the immediate vaccination of inmates in the prison system who are over 60 years old, and on the inclusion of the prison population as a priority group; recommendation on the vaccination of Venezuelan Warao Indigenous refugees.

Public hearings on: the situation of Riverine [Ribeirinho], Quilombola and Indigenous communities; socio-environmental damage caused by the Suape port industrial complex to Quilombola communities; representation and social participation in the DPU; emergency aid; policies for Indigenous and Quilombola populations.

Opinions on: areas of concern of the UN High Commissioner; ratification, by the Federal Government, of the Escazú Agreement, an important Agreement on environmental issues in Latin America and the Caribbean; unconstitutionality and non-compliance of the bill that addresses the demarcation of Indigenous lands; right to vaccination for the population in a situation of vulnerability, regardless of documentation; project for a National Policy for People Affected by Dams; approval of Bill no. 407/2021, for greater effectiveness of social integration policies and support for people with disabilities; vaccination against COVID-19 in groups of collectors of recyclable and reusable materials.

Webinars: "The Definition of Ombuds and the Promotion of Human Rights"; "Hiring migrants and refugees in Brazil"; "20 years of the Durban Declaration: Contemporary Challenges"; "Indigenous migrant peoples or migrant Indigenous peoples? The challenge of admitting the Warao People in Brazil"; "Supreme Courts, Governance and Democracy: Contributions of Civil Society to Improve the Governance of the Brazilian Supreme Court"; "Violence against LGBTI people and people with HIV in prisons"; "Alternative Measures to Deprivation of Liberty in Times of Covid-19 and Goals for the Future"; anti-manicomial struggle and human rights; basic income; women's sexual and reproductive rights (with the publication of booklets and leaflets).



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