



NOMOGAIA

Annual Report 2020

Our mission

- Mission: NomoGaia is a nonprofit research and policy organization dedicated to clarifying the role of business in the advancement of human rights, fostering greater human rights awareness among corporations, and securing greater protection of rights for people who are touched by increasingly globalized industries.

Our thanks

- Gratitude: **Covid-19 shed a searing light on problems that predated this crisis.** We didn't travel, meet rightsholders or take photographs, but we still witnessed, through friends and colleagues, the ravages of the pandemic compounding already urgent challenges. **Thanks to your support, we also helped to shape some major successes.**

Lockdown offered us opportunities we wouldn't otherwise have had: to take loooong phone calls to **problem-solve tough questions about supply chains**; to build **databases of unattended information** that revealed gross injustices towards marginalized peoples and pointed to ways that small changes could have major ripple effects. Unable to travel, we hired **researchers from Indonesia to Colombia** to conduct interviews on our behalf.

Empowered by you, we remained **laser focused on changing systems and structures of oppression** to reduce or reverse the harms they cause. Thank you for your support and your confidence in these trying times.

Impact and Results

NomoGaia doesn't "help" people. Our work is about systems and structures, stopping industry actors and investors from causing, contributing to, or profiting from abuses.

- Bringing human rights expertise to the [Bonsucro Sugar Certification Standards](#) revision process, we are making sugar producers worldwide accountable for **slave wages, police brutality and chronic kidney disease in their value chains**.
- Strengthening the [Aluminium Stewardship Initiative Certification Standards](#), we are cutting human rights abuses out of the value chain of cans, cars, computers and oxygen canisters. ASI's standards, once implemented in 2022, will affect the value chains of **102 operations in 39 countries**.
- We cataloged and reviewed [over 2000 investment documents](#) by the World Bank's private lending arm, IFC, on its impacts on indigenous communities. The data showed major inconsistencies. IFC is "missing" indigenous communities that need protection. We made **9 recommendations to improve outcomes**. IFC accepted 7. We'll work on the last two in 2021!
- With **3 new global researchers** based in Indonesia, Colombia and South Carolina, we have reviewed nearly **800 complaints** (and counting) from eight separate mechanisms, documenting the rightsolders' point of view. (Publications forthcoming!)

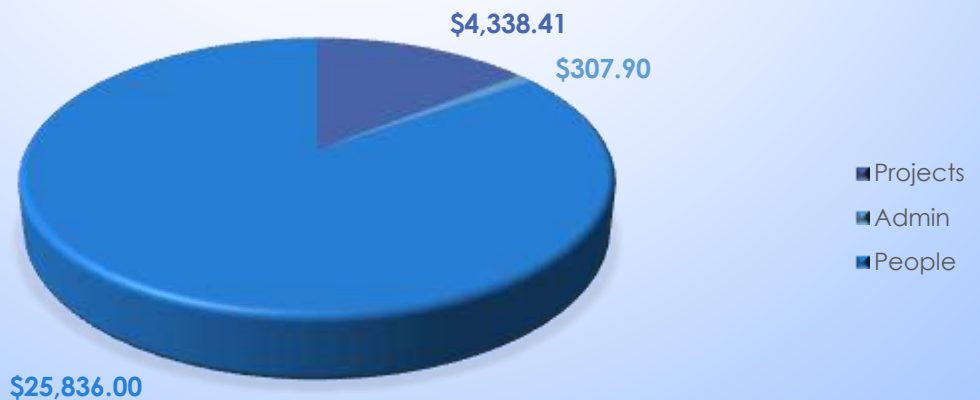


Financials

REVENUES



EXPENDITURES





What's next



- The future is always uncertain but never more so than now, for a nonprofit research group focused on ground-truthing solutions to global human rights problems.
- One part of the world where groundtruthing has been impossible but corporate human rights scrutiny is necessary is the Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region of China, where a genocide is unfolding. We have identified World Bank investments in the region and will invest substantial resources to better understanding global complicity in these violations, and developing solutions in 2021
- We will also expand our work evaluating corporate “remedies” for human rights abuses, with plans to expand our research network into South Asia to evaluate additional human rights claims in the region. By working with local researchers we can build local capacity, prevent the spread of Covid, and continue finding structural solutions to systemic abuses.



Thank you!

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P 3 photo: Indigenous Salvadorian Nahua Pipil Dancer, from the vicinity of an IFC-financed transmission line. Credit Cam Ventoza 2014

P 6 photo: Hami Bi Village, Myanmar, where an IFC investment occupies indigenous land. Credit Juan Gallardo for NEED Ecovillage 2014