

# OUR 2022 ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

## TERRITORIES IN RESISTANCE

During the height of the pandemic, social movements found strength in the rallying cry that we will not return to "normal!" We give gratitude to the BIPOC leaders, many of whom are our esteemed Guatemalan partners, who have made it clear that "normal" is an unsustainable concentration of power and resources for the very few.

We are honored to accompany our partners as they build this world through their resistances and community practices! Here at NISGUA, we are proud to renew our practice of liberation hand-in-hand with our partners and comrades around the world supported by our amazing program staff which, in-line with our long-time commitment to racial justice, is made up of experienced organizers from Abya Yala. Our trans-territorial solidarity work has reached new scales through a congressional delegation, the Mesa Trans-Territorial, and online events.

As you read about these accomplishments, we hope that you'll join us in practicing liberation, together.

### 2022: YEAR AT A GLANCE

OUR LONG- AWAITED RETURN TO GUATEMALA WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN POSSIBLE WITHOUT YOUR SUPPORT!

In January, our Guatemala team worked to reopen our Guatemala City office and began accompanying person- activities again. For the first half of the year we worked in a hybrid model: remote accompaniment from Guatemala city and physical presence by our partners' request when COVID exposure risk was low for our team and our partners.

We are so grateful to you for walking this path with us.



Family members of disappeared await a ruling in which a military commissioner was convicted. Photo by: CPR-Urbana

#### ACCOMPANIMENT

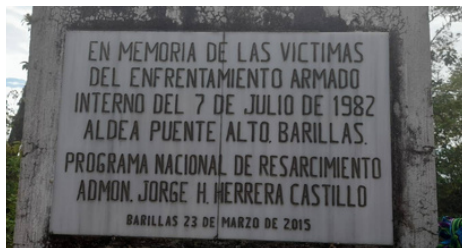
- **7 partner organizations** that we directly accompany & **3 visits to their territories.**
- **25 physical accompaniments** of our partners in their activities in the capital.
- **20 partner meetings** to exchange information, analysis, and coordinate accompaniment.
- **506 phone calls, text messages, and video calls** with our DLT and J&A partners.

#### DIGITAL ORGANIZING

- **47 social organizations, collectives, institutions, religious communities & more than 240 individuals** signed the letter in support Military Diary Case's families.
- **345 members of our base** took action by signing different organizational letters, petitions, and actions campaigns
- **32 publications:** translated statements, Solidarity Updates, original reports, info graphics and other materials that provide timely information and analysis directly from our Guatemalan partners.
- **7 virtual events** to highlight the petitions of our partners: public webinars & private events with allied organizations.



During their first day in Guatemala, the Congressional Delegation met with our J&A partners.



Memorial of the massacre in Puente Alto Barillas, Huehuetenango, July 7, 1982.  
Photo by: Association for Justice and Reconciliation

#### MUTUAL AID

- **Redistribution of more than 50k** during "Rethinking Thanksgiving, a virtual event organized by the Catalyst Project. Funds went to 6 Indigenous-led, front line organizations: IEN, Gidim T'en checkpoint, UANIE, Line 3 Legal defense, NDN, and Ubuntu works
- **4K in small grants** from a U.S. donor to our Guatemalan counterparts
- **More than \$5,500 granted** to bolster projects coordinated by members of the Mesa Transterritorial

#### ADVOCACY

- **3 in person meetings** between our partners & Congressional representatives from the U.S.
- **2 meetings with the U.S. Embassy** to highlight our partners concerns & petitions.
- **1 meeting with Rep. Barbara Lee's office** to advocate for cutting or restriction of U.S. "security" and "development" aid to C.A
- **20 virtual meetings** with allied international organizations to share information and coordination of activities.
- **9 sign-ons** of press releases and statements of like-minded organizations in the struggle for justice and liberation.

# CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION

"UNCOVERING THE REAL ROOT CAUSES OF FORCED MIGRATION"

This year, NISGUA took trans-territorial organizing to a whole new level. In March, we welcomed U.S. Congress members Rep. Ilhan Omar, Rep. Cori Bush, and Rep. Jamaal Bowman, as well as representatives from the offices of Rep. Jan Schakowsky and Rep. Chuy García to Guatemala to learn about the real root causes of forced migration: neoliberal resource extraction, state corruption and impunity, violence and criminalization against BIPOC and human rights defenders, and more.

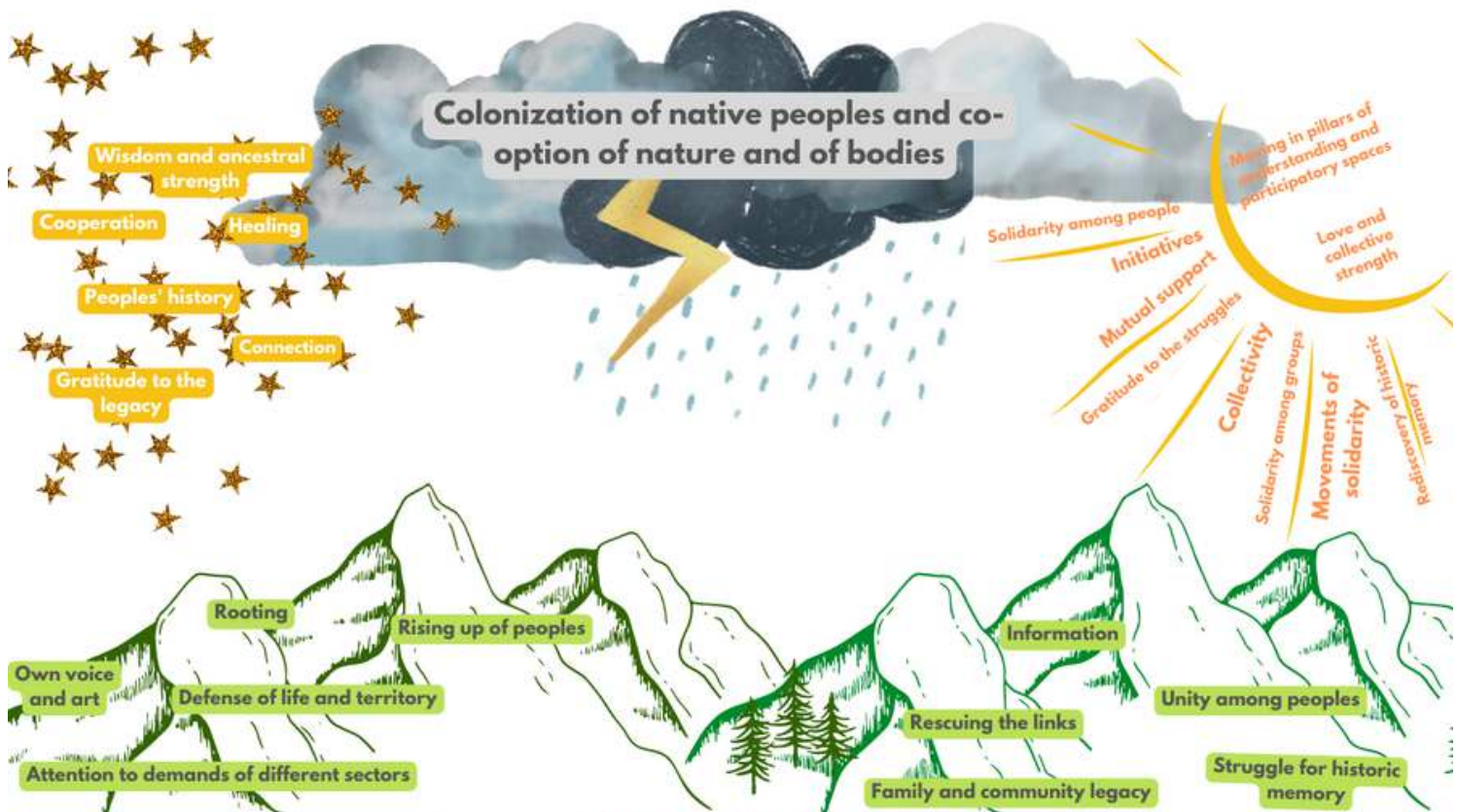


The delegation also strengthened the Central American internationalist solidarity movement, which continually grows under the leadership of BIPOC and Latin America diaspora comrades. We organized the delegation with our sister organizations: Witness for Peace (WFP), Committee in Solidarity with the People of El Salvador (CISPES), and School of the Americas Watch (SOA Watch). We are grateful for crucial support from Iximché Media, Institute for Policy Studies - Global Economy Program (IPS), Chicago Religious Leadership Network on Latin America (CRLN), and Interfaith Committee on Latin America - St. Louis (IFC)

NISGUA was honored to speak at Rep. Omar's Town Hall reportback on the delegation, which was watched by nearly 1000 people. Left to right: Claire (NISGUA), Lulu Matute (SOAW), Elise Roberts (WFP), and Rep. Omar. The recording is available at [bit.ly/repomarevent](http://bit.ly/repomarevent)

## TRANS-TERRITOTIAL TABLE

OUR JOURNEY IN THE COLLECTIVE STRUGGLE



The Trans-Territorial Table collectively created this scenario of their local struggles and realized how the colonization of peoples and co-option of nature and bodies is a storm that we all go through and at the same time identified those ancestral stars and sunbeams that give warmth and light to the walk through the mountains than strengthen everyone's walk

"The solidarity support initiative linking organizations in the Trans-Territorial Table is highly important to promote learning, cooperation, communication and organization in the strengthening of cross-border political and social strengths. In solidarity". Magda, Guatemala L.A Mujeres Resistiendo



# MILITARY DIARY CASE

IN SOLIDARITY WITH VICTIMS, SURVIVORS, FAMILIES

NISGUA's Justice & Accountability program provides ongoing coverage, information, and analysis to our grassroots network of the struggles to end impunity for crimes against humanity, the political context in Guatemala, and the role of the U.S. government.

This year, we developed materials and educational opportunities regarding the **Military Diary case**, including the webinar "**Women in the Military Diary Case**," which featured the lawyer Jovita Tzul and Carmen, a survivor of Military Diary Case. We heard updates directly from the families and lawyers of this case and discussed some of the gender-differentiated impacts for women.

NISGUA also organized a photo campaign and signed a solidarity letter to the families, along with 47 other social organizations, collectives, institutions, religious communities, and more than 240 individuals. Both the letter and the photos were personally delivered to and virtually shared with more than 20 families that are involved in the struggle for justice in the Military Diary Case.

As the co-optation of the state and the judicial branch advances, we will continue to amplify the messages of survivors and stand in solidarity with them.

"ALL THE OBJECTIVES OF TORTURING WOMEN, KEEPING THEM IN A CLANDESTINE PRISON, SPECIFIC GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE, SOUGHT TO ANNUL WOMEN AS POLITICAL SUBJECTS, BUT THIS SAME SEARCH HAS TURNED THEM INTO POLITICAL SUBJECTS" CARMEN, MILITARY DIARY CASE SURVIVOR.

Collage of photographs in solidarity with the victims of the Diario Militar case. August-September 2022





# GUATEMALA ACCOMPANIMENT PROJECT (GAP) INTERNACIONALISTA

Our GAP *Internacionalista* program seeks to dissuade violence against our Guatemalan partners by attending trials, visiting communities, and sharing stories and action opportunities. Our *Internacionalistas* also play the key role of connecting our Guatemalan partners to movements in the U.S. for Indigenous sovereignty and immigration justice and supporting NISGUA's political education and advocacy initiatives.

We are deeply thankful that two **former companions** from our 2019 cohort returned to Guatemala for **four months** to support us in the return to in-person activities!

We are also thrilled to have welcomed one amazing *Internacionalista*, who will volunteer with us for a year!

"In the brief seven weeks in which I've gotten to know NISGUA's Guatemalan partners, my understanding of what it can mean to be dedicated to a cause has been shaken down to its most humble roots. The assuredness with which these land defenders state "*we are the People*" as a testimony of their strength is as firm as the earth beneath our feet. Their daily lives serve as astonishing, ever-evolving proof of what it is to be made with, of, and from a dedication to dignity."

*Words from our 2022-2023 Internacionalista.*



Photo by: NISGUA

"Being an accompanier with NISGUA was an extremely important piece in my political formation and radicalization. Learning from and collaborating with our Guatemalan partners, forming mutual relationships, and incorporating lessons from their luchas has been such a beautiful honor.

The work is deeply valued by our partners and must continue until it is no longer necessary."

*Words from Nicole Estrada, former Internacionalista*

INTERNACIONALISTAS APPLICATIONS  
ARE OPEN  
APPLY HERE: [NISGUA.ORG/GAP](https://nisgua.org/GAP)

## INISGUA CELEBRATION OF PEOPLE'S STRUGGLES ACROSS BORDERS 2022

December 15, 2022  
5:00PM – 7:00PM Pacific Time  
(US & Canada)

Purchase your tickets at:  
<https://nisgua.org/2022-eoy-fundraiser/>



Participant at International Women's Day activities. March 8, 2021.  
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