

# 2020 Year In Review ▶▶▶

## 2020 Impact in Numbers ▶▶▶



15,102,095

acres of rainforests protected through active monitoring\*

*\*approximately the size of South Carolina*



396,890

acres of newly titled lands for indigenous peoples\*\*

*\*\*roughly half the size of Rhode Island*



\$280,000+

distributed directly to indigenous peoples' organizations in Central and South America for COVID-19 relief



\$2,650,000+

raised with partners to support indigenous-led COVID-19 relief efforts across the Amazon



669+

indigenous communities served in four countries

## COVID-19 RELIEF ▶▶▶

Starting in March, we reached out to our indigenous partners in Central and South America to help them design and distribute print and digital materials for Covid-prevention in their communities. We also helped them:

- coordinate the distribution of emergency food staples
- distribute medicine and personal protective equipment
- develop new income-generating activities

In May, we co-sponsored a groundbreaking partnership with 35 nonprofit allies and together we raised over \$2.5 million dollars in emergency support for indigenous communities across nine Amazon countries.

In June, we produced a star-studded livestream benefit which raised over \$300,000 to support indigenous communities across the world's tropical belt.



## #MinersOutCovidOut Campaign



▲ This year, Rainforest Foundation US supported the Yanomami and Ye'kwana people's "Miners Out, Covid Out!" campaign, which aims to expel 20,000 illegal gold miners from their territories. Together with our partners, we collected more than 400,000+ signatures to petition the Brazilian government to evict the illegal invaders. We helped the campaign get worldwide attention.

## ▼ #JusticeforSaweto Campaign

Rainforest Foundation US has provided legal support for the past six years to the community of Saweto, in Peru, where the local community is seeking justice for the assassination of four leaders at the hands of illegal loggers. In 2020, the case was heard by the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights and a hearing of the prosecution advanced after six postponements.



## TERRITORIAL MONITORING ▶▶▶

Community-based territorial monitoring is at the heart of our work with our partners. Regular monitoring of their forests helps communities identify and stop illegal incursions and facilitates sustainable forest management. In 2020, we helped indigenous peoples protect more than 15 million acres of territories in four countries.

## LAND RIGHTS ▶▶▶

In 2020, the Panama's Supreme Court ruled in favor of the Naso Tjër Di people, recognizing their rights to their ancestral lands. As a result, 396,890 acres were titled and added to indigenous peoples lands in the largest land titling win for Panama's indigenous peoples in the last several decades. Rainforest Foundation US provided strategic legal support during the process.

