

2025 annual report

Among equals. And always, together.



50 years of social justice.

In 1975, a small group of people gathered around a kitchen table with a shared goal: to make the world more just and equal—and to do it differently, by building equal partnerships, recognizing shared struggles and acting in solidarity. Today, our dedication to work *inter pares*, among equals, remains fiercely alive

The need for structural change is urgent; yet structural change takes time. “*Among Equals. And always, together*” highlights how our shared commitment to the long-term work of building and sustaining movements for social justice continues to enable livable futures in communities, today.

As we mark 50 years, we look to the future with **HOPE AND DETERMINATION.**



We believe in **solidarity**, not charity.

Since 1975, we have been cultivating partnerships with local people, organizations and networks in Canada and around the world to build and sustain movements for **SOCIAL JUSTICE**. Together, we are creating an alternative to traditional, colonial “aid” relationships: equal partnerships rooted in North-South solidarity.

Inter Pares collaborates with more than 70 social justice organizations across 15 countries to build peace, advance justice and globalize equality. Our local counterparts know best their communities’ needs and the local solutions to meet them.

Inter Pares is an intersectional feminist, non-hierarchical organization. Our staff and Board make decisions by consensus, putting feminist principles into practice to build accountable and productive relationships, **AMONG EQUALS**.



Protesters in El Salvador demand justice for Beatriz, a woman forced to carry a non-viable fetus to term in 2013. Our counterpart, La Colectiva Feminista para el Desarrollo Local, helped secure a landmark ruling from the Inter-American Court of Human Rights holding El Salvador accountable for denying her care.
Photo: Jessica Xiomara Orellana Ventura



Inter Pares exists because of **our donors.**



For 50 years, donors have supported Inter Pares to implement long-term projects, maintain critical programs and **PLAN FOR THE FUTURE.**

We're honoured to share a reflection from Anna Saroli, a long-time donor who has sustained us and our counterparts with her generosity and commitment.

A LIVING LEGACY

In 2025, a generous donor who wishes to remain anonymous honoured us with a \$750,000 gift. Her solidarity over the years has long sustained social justice action with our counterparts—and this gift will support it for generations to come.

We are grateful for her trust in us and her commitment to fuelling feminist social justice work around the world. We're humbled she chose us to help carry out her living legacy.



"I began donating to Inter Pares in 1988 because of their commitment to working together with partner organizations. In these difficult times, seeing community groups succeed is the spark that holds back the darkness. The dedication of all the team at Inter Pares is inspiring and gives me hope and faith in the basic decency of human nature."

Anna Saroli

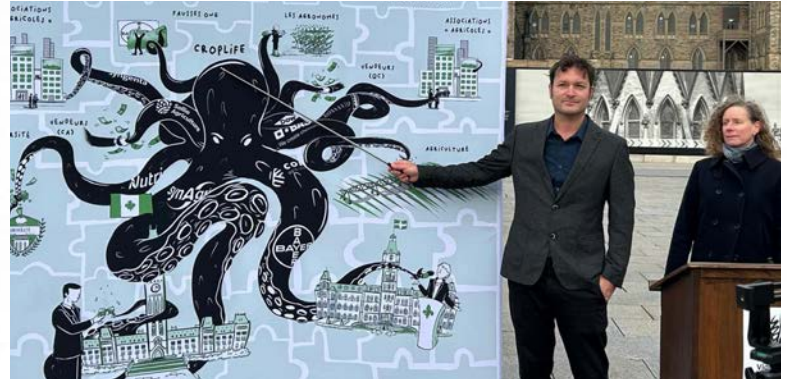


Photo courtesy of Anna Saroli

● • What we made possible, together.

In 2025, we marked 50 years of Inter Pares and decades of collaboration with our counterparts. Here are a few examples of how our long-term approach to social justice leads to meaningful change, today. Head over to interpares.ca/50years to see more.

For 20 years, we have supported Vigilance OGM—helping launch the organization, mobilize resources and expand its advocacy network. In 2025, we backed its research exposing pesticide contamination that exceeds international standards in drinking water across 10 Quebec cities, revealing regulatory gaps in **CANADA**. By equipping municipalities and citizens with information and tools to act, Vigilance OGM is protecting drinking water and advancing policy change that safeguards public health in Quebec.



Thibault Rehn (Vigilance OGM) with Lucy Sharratt (CBAN) at a protest on Parliament Hill in Ottawa. Photo: Eric Chaurette/Inter Pares



A baby sea turtle in the Bijagós Archipelago—part of an ecosystem now protected for decades to come. Photo: Eric Chaurette/Inter Pares

UNESCO recognized **GUINEA-BISSAU'S** Bijagós Archipelago as a Natural World Heritage Site in 2025—a status awarded after years of advocacy by our long-time counterpart Tiniguena. Since 1991, Inter Pares has supported Tiniguena's work to protect the country's rich biodiversity and cultural heritage, bringing communities together to strengthen shared governance and coordination among conservation actors. We celebrate this global recognition that will protect this vital coastal ecosystem for generations to come.

Since 2023, war in **SUDAN** has forced 14 million people to flee their homes, making Sudan the worst humanitarian crisis globally. Our counterpart, the Sudanese Organization for Research and Development (SORD)—a leader in Sudan's feminist movement—has pivoted to emergency response, supporting uprooted communities in Sudan and **UGANDA**. In 2025, SORD provided food, farming supplies, menstrual health products and trauma counselling for thousands of displaced women and girls. In **CANADA**, we advocated for stronger Canadian action on Sudan through meeting with MPs and senators, providing Senate committee testimony, writing open letters and organizing and attending public events. In November, our Sudan program managers met with the Hon. Rob Oliphant, Parliamentary Secretary, to demand that Canada appoint a special envoy for Sudan and pressure the U.A.E. to stop aiding and abetting war crimes in Sudan.



Humanas staff in Colombia organizing for feminist peacebuilding and women's rights. Photo: Humanas

In 2025, Humanas celebrated 20 years of advancing women's rights and feminist peacebuilding in Colombia. We supported their *Advocating for Equality Strategy* which helps ensure the country's peace agreement commitments to gender equality move beyond words on paper. Through this initiative, women leaders across **COLOMBIA** participated in shaping local plans, leading to 22 gender-focused actions within municipal policies. Through this inclusive participation, Colombian women are influencing budgets and governance decisions that create real change in their lives.



Dr. Lian, Health Secretary for Chinland, visited Ottawa as part of a counterpart health tour in September 2025. Photo: Burma counterpart

We welcomed 10 community leaders from **BURMA** to Canada to exchange ideas with health providers and policy experts in New Brunswick, P.E.I. and Ontario, including the Canadian Health Coalition. Together, they discussed the good, the bad and the ugly of public health systems. As civil war continues to devastate Burma, these leaders will take their learning home to feed into building a new health system—a peoples' alternative to the undemocratic system under the military junta.



Privatization is increasingly infiltrating **CANADA'S** public health-care system. In October, we joined a research roundtable on health-care “profitization” hosted by the Canadian Health Coalition (CHC), our long-time counterpart. In late 2025, CHC started campaigning against Alberta’s Bill 11—now law—allowing doctors to charge for medically necessary procedures. We support CHC’s advocacy to defend and expand Canada’s public, universally accessible health-care system, while continuing to bring international perspectives to its work.

At a learning event with CHC in Fredericton, Dr. Adrian Edgar (right) was able to tell Dr. Cynthia Maung (left), founder of the Mae Tao Clinic and our long-term collaborator from Burma, that she was the reason he became a doctor. Photo: Tracy Glynn/Canadian Health Coalition

After fighting for their freedom for over three years, Frayba celebrated the release from prison of five Indigenous land defenders from San Juan Cancuc, Chiapas, **MEXICO**. Frayba (Centro de Derechos Humanos Fray Bartolomé de las Casas), our counterpart, accompanied the land defenders throughout their wrongful imprisonment—just as they have accompanied and documented abuses against human rights defenders for 36 years. Frayba continues to challenge the persecution of Indigenous communities fighting to defend their territory.

- The Canadian government renewed its commitment to our sexual and reproductive health work with women, youth and LGBTQI+ communities in the **PHILIPPINES**. The new seven-year, \$7 million commitment will support work with our counterpart Likhaan Center for Women’s Health, providing free community health education and clinical services to marginalized people in Manila and Eastern Samar. We have partnered with Likhaan since 1995.
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Inter Pares Program Manager Rita Morbia stands with Likhaan co-founder Dr. Junice Melgar and clinic staff outside one of Likhaan’s community health clinics in the Philippines. Photo: Likhaan



Community members in Chiapas mobilize for the liberation of five Indigenous land defenders. Photo: Frayba



Our team in 2025

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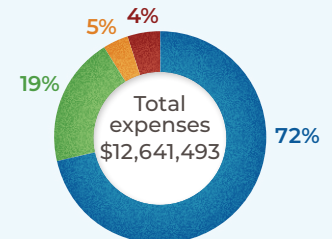
Photo: Kath Clark/Inter Pares

Financial statements

For full audited financial statements, please visit interpares.ca.

Statement of operations for the year ended December 31, 2025 (in \$)

				2025	2024
	General Operations	Reserve Fund	Margaret Fleming McKay Legacy Fund	Total	Total
REVENUE					
Donations	1,997,670	-	2,084,001	4,081,671	1,857,129
Global Affairs Canada					
Buil-Mo	269,407	-	-	269,407	1,026,305
ACTIF	81,936	-	-	81,936	195,944
SCSM Burma	4,454,098	-	-	4,454,098	4,040,352
WLA West Africa	1,254,948	-	-	1,254,948	1,229,443
ACF-AO West Africa	3,125,331	-	-	3,125,331	2,461,258
STARS	685,816	-	-	685,816	-
Interest and other	17,521	24,976	159,834	202,331	163,964
	11,886,727	24,976	2,243,835	14,155,538	10,974,395
EXPENSE					
Program					
Projects	9,050,689	-	-	9,050,689	7,919,078
Operations	2,474,839	-	-	2,474,839	2,102,818
	11,525,528	-	-	11,525,528	10,021,896
Administration	493,432	-	-	493,432	444,898
Fundraising	622,533	-	-	622,533	543,584
	12,641,493	-	-	12,641,493	11,010,378
NET REVENUE (EXPENSE) FOR THE YEAR	(754,766)	24,976	2,243,835	1,514,045	(35,983)



72% program projects: Funds sent to counterparts working in Africa, Asia, Canada and Latin America

19% program operations: Monitoring programs, management, program staff salaries

5% fundraising: Receipting, online donation systems, printing costs, bank charges, donor stewardship, fundraising staff salaries

4% administration: Office costs, governance, financial management, finance staff salaries