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ROOTED IN RESISTANCE

The work continues. Across Latin America & The Caribbean, and beyond, Black women are organizing, healing, researching, and leading

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MESSAGE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

At AfroResistance, we stood with communities across the Americas, supporting local struggles, amplifying migrant voices, and building alliances for justice.

Our vision remains clear: racial, gender, and migrant justice are urgent necessities. Memory without action becomes nostalgia; action without memory loses meaning. That is why we honor those before us while creating pathways for those to come.

Building Pathways to Liberation reflects both our achievements and the work that lies ahead. Together in resistance and hope we move closer to freedom and dignity for all.

Thank you for walking this path with us. The struggle continues, and AfroResistance will remain steadfast until justice is won.



Janvieve Williams Comrie
Executive Director

Our Principles

01.

Black Unity in the Americas

We are a political platform uniting Black people in the Americas to co-create an agenda rooted in gender, racial, reproductive, and economic justice

02.

Gender Analysis that centers Black TransWomen and Girls

Gender is the foundation of our work across all intersections. Centering the impact of systems on Black trans women and girls is an intentional stance toward the liberation of all Black women and girls

03.

Racial Justice that centers Blackness

Centering Black people's liberation due to the historical and global history of structural and systemic oppression that Black people continue to face. It's a vital path to our liberation.

Our Principles

04.

**Reproductive Justice
as a human right**

All-in-one platform to manage communication, tasks, and collaboration with full visibility.

05.

**Migration that honors Black people's
movement regardless of 'status'**

Having an internationalist perspective on migration, where Black migrants regardless of political, social, economic or cultural migration realities and stories are honored and centered as members of society and therefore entitled and guarantee of all their human rights.

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OUR LEADERSHIP



**Janvieve Williams
Comrie**

Visionary leader for racial
and gender justice.



**Mauri Balanta
Jaramillo**

Black-Trans activist for equity
and autonomy.



**Argelis V.
Wesley**

Afro-Panamanian strategist
and movement builder.



Chevy Solís

Researcher amplifying
Afro-descendant voices.



**Priscila
Conceição**

Connecting our communities
through language and justice.



INTRODUCTION

AfroResistance's commitment to addressing the pressing issues faced by Black Women, Femmes, and Girls throughout the Americas has been unwavering, particularly in the face of global crises. The intersection of economic uncertainty, political instability, and mass migration has intensified systemic injustices, disproportionately affecting these communities. Despite strides in gender equality and human rights, they continue to confront barriers to full societal participation and economic security. Our long-term goal is to guarantee dignified human rights for Black women in the Americas and the Caribbean. By addressing challenges such as gender-based violence, racism, displacement, incarceration, poverty, healthcare, education, and discrimination through targeted interventions and advocacy, we strive to achieve equity, autonomy, and racial and gender justice for all Black women and girls.



MAJOR INITIATIVES AND ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2025

BREAKING CHAINS:



NETWORK OF BLACK WOMEN PREVIOUSLY INCARCERATED (COLOMBIA)

The Network of Black Women Previously Incarcerated “Breaking Chains” continues its socio-political qualification process within a seminar on “The Right to the City”, in addition to continuing its agenda of inter-institutional dialogues with the national government, Human Rights organizations and social movements.

A major achievement of this space was the study on the systemic impacts of incarceration and institutional violence on black women, carried out in collaboration with Ilex Acción Jurídica.

BREAKING CHAINS

This document will be widely discussed with grassroots organizations, academia and the Colombian criminal justice system. Similarly, the group has increased its experience of well-being and belonging through sessions that focus on collective care and healing practices as essential to the development of their political subjectivities.



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JOURNEY THROUGH MEMORY

The Voices of Our Elders(Colombia-Panama)

This is a community-based oral history group created in direct response to the requests of young Black organizers, calling for intentional spaces to learn from their elders and reclaim histories too often erased or ignored. In collaboration with our communities in Colombia and Panama, the group honors and preserves the living memories of Black elders, creating an intergenerational space to reflect on Afrodescendant migration, resilience, and cultural contributions.

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JOURNEY THROUGH MEMORY

Our 5 gatherings in 2025 offered powerful personal and historical narratives connecting family memory, systemic exclusion, and ancestral knowledge. Through talks and workshops, we promoted traditions of resistance, collective accountability, and the responsibility of each generation to both remember and act. This initiative is part of AfroResistance's ongoing commitment to uplifting Black historical memory as a tool for healing, visibility, and justice.



MONTHLY REGIONAL CALLS

We promoted 9 virtual and in person critical dialogues with social leaders, activists, human rights defenders and government officials, in order to better understand the social, political, economic and environmental challenges faced by Afro-descendant communities on a transcontinental scale, prioritizing the realities of women, girls and people of expansive gender.

Similarly, we produce a podcast that makes visible the stories, lessons learned and challenges of social actors who are currently leading the struggle for racial and migratory justice within the Bronx Community, taking into account that this is the main recipient of African and Afro-descendant migrants in the United States.



RE-MILITARIZATION IN PANAMA

Panama's recent military purchases and the return of U.S. military operations in the Darién region signal a dangerous shift toward re-militarization—despite the country's constitutional ban on having an army.



Panama will close several migrants shelters

Panamá cerrará varios albergues para migrantes

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...tractivist model that prioritizes the well-being of the so-called "First World" has been a fundamental cause of migration. These policies have led to the unchecked exploitation of natural resources, resulting in socio-environmental conflicts and human rights violations across the region.



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...in La María hospital in Medellín, who...
...taken after the brutal and highly vir...
...e that made her the 24th transfeminicid...
...2025 in Colombia.

Colombia outraged by brutal murder of trans woman Sara Millerrey González

"Ella no le hacía mal a nadie"



BEING TRANS SHOULD NOT BE A SENTENCE.

...phobia is often so ignored in public debate...
...ed visibility depends more on the h...
...nt attacks and deaths than on p...

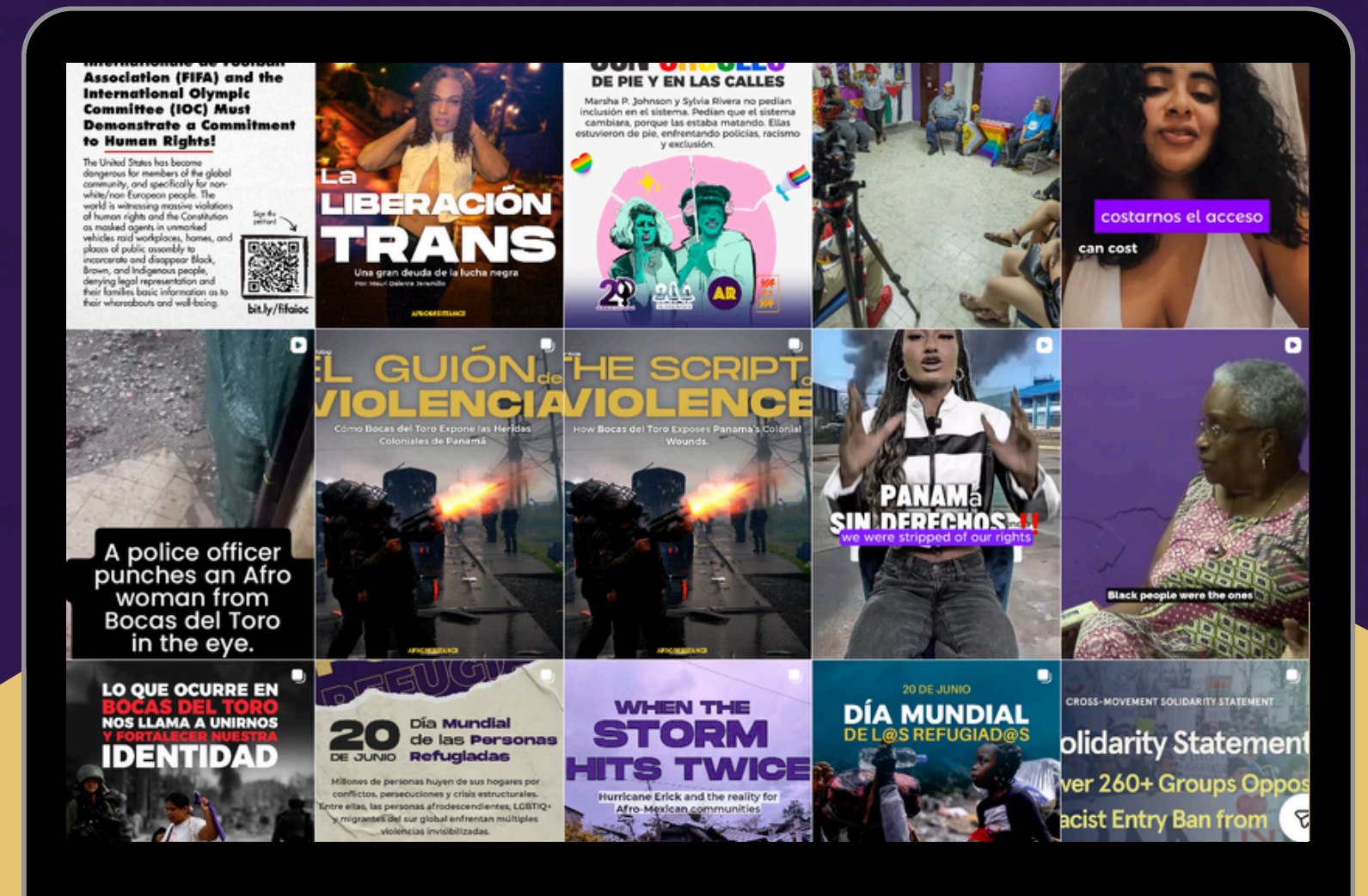
MONTHLY REGIONAL CALLS

We also wrote several articles on issues such as the increase in gender-based violence in Colombia, the criminalization of social movements in Panama and the terrible effects of U.S. foreign policy at the regional level. In terms of external relations, we have strengthened ties with alternative and traditional media, independent journalists, and other allied organizations in countries such as Panama, Honduras, El Salvador, Brazil and Colombia. These alliances have allowed us to expand the reach of our campaigns, positioning our voice in the public debate and generating opportunities for transnational collaboration for human rights, racial justice and communication sovereignty in the Americas.

TRANSNATIONAL SOLIDARITY

Our collaborations have extended in multiple ways with social organizations, academia, government and multilateral agencies, mainly focused on the reduction of Gender-Based Violence, State Violence and humanitarian crises in contexts of migration and / or human mobility.

In addition to digital campaigns to raise awareness and funding, Afroresistance has set up its platform to support other sister organizations that have been suffering political persecution, economic blockades and other damages due to their struggle for the liberation of their corporealities and territorialities.



TRANSNATIONAL SOLIDARITY

We strongly believe in the production of community and popular knowledge to achieve epistemic justice. From an intersectional and participatory perspective, we addressed issues such as incarceration and institutional violence in the penal system, the defense of water bodies against extractivist policies, anti-racism and preservation of culture, inequalities in the labor market and healing communities.

In this work, we have articulated with organizations in Colombia, Guatemala, Honduras and Panama that have played a leading role in positioning the needs and demands of Black women and girls, both in the feminist movement and in the public agendas of their countries. In addition to publications (reports, books, documentaries, etc.), our blog offers a variety of articles on the social, political, economic and cultural current affairs of Afro-descendant communities in the region.



ACTIVIST RESEARCH

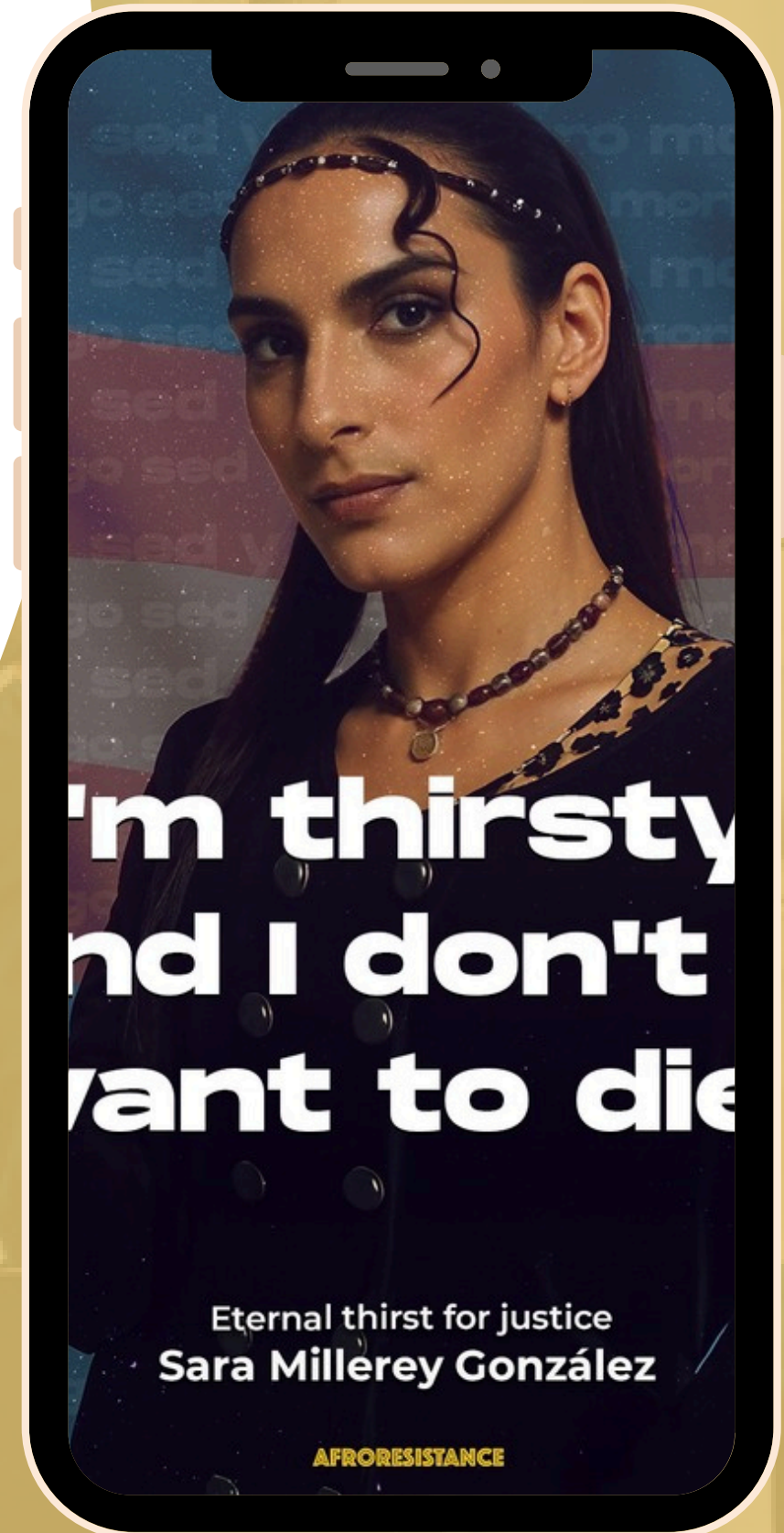
Our Network “Breaking Chains,” in collaboration with Ilex Acción Jurídica, completed research on the intersections and systemic impacts of incarceration on Black women in Colombia. This work, soon to be published, brings forward the testimonies and lived realities of our sisters. We also concluded our report on the realities of structural oppression and strategies of resistance experienced by Black women in the fishing industries of Panama and Colombia. This research, to be published in 2026, will expand to Puerto Rico, and other Caribbean islands.



LANGUAGE JUSTICE LEAGUE

Our Language Justice League has been formed with 8 Black/Afro-descendant professionals who guarantee the writing of content and interpretation in different activities in Spanish, English, Portuguese, Haitian Creole, and Sign Language.

This league has been crucial in increasing participation and interaction with our stakeholders in both virtual and face-to-face environments.



LANGUAGE JUSTICE LEAGUE

We want to emphasize the growing need for the Language Justice League and the importance of expanding access to these services for other organizations. Much of our work has been centered on educating others about the importance of language justice beyond just English and Spanish, aiming to represent the linguistic diversity of the region.





Leadership Development and Capacity Building Initiatives

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In agreement with the Technological University of Panama and the Women's Institute of the University of Panama, we made progress in the revision of the curriculum design for the creation of our Human Rights Institute. We also began conversations with the Vice Rector's Office of Extension of the Universidad Especializada de las Américas and the Ministry of Culture of Panama, to articulate our institute with the offer of courses and diplomas focused on gender and race.

On the other hand, our Language Justice League has provided virtual and face-to-face multilingual interpretation and training support to different organizations globally, which has made us a reference for closing linguistic gaps and strengthening transnational solidarity in the Black movement. This has also benefited the projection and sustainability of our political work.



Leadership Development and Capacity Building Initiatives

We have built a cohesive communications identity, developing a clear, contextualized and accessible political language for our social media, newsletters and public campaigns. This narrative has been carefully designed to reflect the values of AfroResistance. The production of content in Spanish, English, Haitian Creole and Portuguese, as well as materials with language that is more inclusive, accessible and adapted to our diverse communities, has allowed us to connect with audiences in different countries, reaffirming our commitment to communication for justice.



AWARENESS AND VISIBILITY

Our documentary, "Crossing the Darien," has been very well received at major film festivals in Colombia, Mexico, Ecuador, Costa Rica and the United States. This film addresses the major gaps on the transcontinental migration of African, Black and Afro-descendant people through the Darien Gap (Colombia-Panama Border), in addition to the efforts of over 17 U.S. human rights advocates, activists and jurists to broaden the geopolitical analysis of Afro-descendant migration in the Americas and increase the protection of their rights in contexts of human mobility.





CONCLUSION

The last year has been transformative for AfroResistance, marked by significant achievements and valuable learning experiences. Through our engagement with diverse stakeholders, strategic partnerships, and grassroots organizing efforts, we have deepened our understanding of the complex challenges faced by Black communities across the Americas. Our commitment to fostering collaboration, amplifying marginalized voices, and centering the experiences of Black women, femmes, and girls has been reaffirmed through our work.

AWARENESS AND VISIBILITY

Despite the multifaceted challenges posed by the global pandemic, economic instability, political unrest, and mass migration, AfroResistance remains steadfast in its commitment to addressing systemic injustices faced by Black communities. Through strategic planning, board development, impactful collaborations, advocacy efforts, and the establishment of key initiatives like the Black Human Rights Institute of the Americas, we have forged ahead in our mission to promote equity, empowerment, and racial and gender justice. As we continue on this journey, guided by our black feminist perspective, we remain deeply grateful for the unwavering support of our partners, funders, and supporters, and we look forward to further advancing our collective vision of a more just and equitable world for all.





In Memory of Valerie Summers

We dedicate this Annual Report to Valerie Summers, our Race and Gender Coordinator, who left us in 2025.

Valerie did not just work for AfroResistance, **she was and always will be AfroResistance.**

Her presence in every room, every conversation, and every struggle transformed the spaces she entered. She fought for trans liberation, racial justice, and the dignity of Black trans women with a clarity and courage that few possess.

The mark she left on this organization, and on each of us, cannot be measured. We carry her forward in every action we take.

Rest in power, Valerie.

**THANK
YOU.**

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