

Territorial development integrating production, preservation, and education



Dona Irlandina, 65 years old, a beneficiary of the Quintas Produtivos project in Belterra, Pará, manages a 0.5-hectare backyard where she produces fruits and vegetables.

Throughout 2025, I visited the productive backyards we are implementing in Pará with the support of SEBRAE. I brought with me two contrasting images. On one side, Dona Irlandina, 86 years old, working alone in a 1-hectare backyard. On the other, Soranda Mello, 36, a farmer and influencer, who left a stable career as an administrator in the city to take care of the productive backyard with her mother.

The two farmers demonstrate, in practice, an understanding that Interelos has been consolidating while implementing value chains in different territories across Brazil: one of the determining factors for the sustainability of these chains is education.

In the regions where we operate, the challenge is to generate income in the present while also creating conditions for future generations to remain in the territory. The aging of the rural population and the migration of young people in search of opportunities in cities put at risk the continuity of productive activities and the preservation of local knowledge.

In this context, the Family Centers for Alternating Education (CEFFAs) play a strategic role, enabling young people to develop as producers, managers, and leaders without disconnecting from their territories.

This vision is at the core of Interelos' work. Income-generating projects alone do not ensure lasting transformation. It is in the integration between income and education that the possibility of building consistent development trajectories lies.

In the Verde para Sempre Extractive Reserve (PA), we advanced in structuring the açaí and fish value chains based on participatory planning, institutional strengthening, and technical support. At the same time, initiatives such as Productive Backyards contribute to food security and income generation at the family level. These projects demonstrate that it is possible to align environmental conservation with economic viability, reducing dependence on high-impact activities.

However, the sustainability of these initiatives depends directly on the training of new generations. Investing in rural education through CEFFAs means ensuring that technical knowledge, management capacity, and commitment to environmental conservation remain present in the territory over the long term.

It also means creating conditions for young people to choose to stay, not due to a lack of alternatives, but because they recognize value and prospects in their communities.

We therefore move forward with a clear conviction: by integrating education, production, and conservation, we build territorial systems capable of sustaining and evolving over time.

To all partners, communities, and supporters who walk alongside us, our gratitude

Viviane Aguiar
President

Rural education as a driver of the bioeconomy in the Legal Amazon.

Rural education is a structuring axis of the bioeconomy: without technical training and local leadership, there is no scale or sustainability in the bioeconomy. The Alternating Pedagogy integrates school-based learning with life in the territory, connecting knowledge, production, and local culture. In the Family Educational Centers for Alternating Training (CEFFAs), this model prepares young people to work in socio-biodiversity value chains. However, schools that adopt this model face unstable funding and institutional fragility.



08
states

48
municipalities

75
schools

Selected municipalities: Anapu, Belterra, Codó, Gurupá, Jaru, Macapá, Marabá, Pacajá, Senador José Porfírio



With support from Fundação Banco do Brasil, Interelos launched a program to strengthen these schools. The program includes a CEFFA Panorama based on primary data research, management training for 10 schools, and 100 scholarships for agroecology projects carried out by the students themselves.

In 2025, the mapping stage of 75 schools in the Legal Amazon was completed, covering 08 states and 48 municipalities. All schools were contacted, and 31 responded to the Panorama questionnaire.

An extensive review of school management platforms suitable for this educational model was also conducted, and a pilot of the platform was initiated with the CFR of Belterra.

At this pilot stage, the project also includes management training for 10 schools and 100 scholarships for agroecological projects developed by the students themselves.

Açaí management based on collective work campaigns that revive community collaboration

CoopJauru, a cooperative formed by communities around the Jaurucu River, saw a 30% increase in its number of members, driven not only by the potential for income generation, but also by a more essential factor for the community: the possibility of cooperation in the management of açaí groves.

Management activities were organized into successive collective work campaigns (mutirões), combining technical training and field execution. In 2025, eight activities were carried out, totaling 300 hours of work and 57 hectares managed, surpassing the initial target. This process consolidated management as the productive base of the value chain and strengthened the cooperative's operational capacity.

During assemblies held with Interelos' support, the cooperative's mission, vision, and values were defined, and rules for coexistence were established. A monitoring system was structured using participatory tools, with data generated from multiple instruments (activity records, attendance lists, and listening processes). The information began to support decision-making in assemblies and institutional events, strengthening governance.

Launched in 2021, the project in the Verde para Sempre Extractive Reserve was structured in successive stages: diagnosis and identification of value chains, community mobilization and institutional strengthening, and more recently, consolidation of productive and organizational foundations. Throughout this process, the açaí and fish value chains were prioritized, focusing on creating sustainable economic alternatives capable of generating income and reducing dependence on high-impact activities. The project was supported by Climate Land and Use Alliance.



08 campaigns
300 field hours
57 managed hectares

Screenshot

Arimateia and Jango, members of the CoopJauru cooperative, observe the results of the management.

Biodiversity preservation and food security in Pará

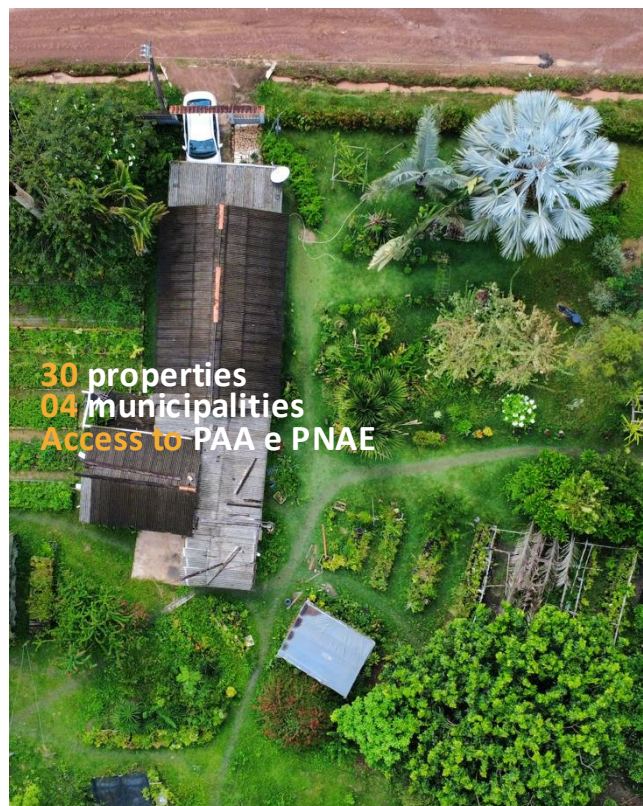
Throughout 2025, productive backyards based on agroforestry systems (SAF) expanded in Pará. More than that, what grew was a model that combines food security, income generation, and biodiversity conservation.

Productive and agroforestry backyards represent one of the most concrete expressions of the Amazonian bioeconomy at the local scale, forming sustainable, low-impact production systems.

More than just productive units, these backyards function as living showcases of regenerative practices, demonstrating that it is possible to generate income, strengthen food security, and preserve biodiversity in small areas. The diversity of crops — including vegetables, fruits, forest species, and small livestock — highlights the capacity of these systems to efficiently integrate production and conservation.

Beyond their economic dimension, productive backyards also play a strategic role in cultural valorization and knowledge transmission, connecting ancestral practices with new market opportunities. Embedded in local networks of enterprises and supported by territorial development initiatives, they contribute to consolidating socio-biodiversity as the foundation of a more sustainable, inclusive, and territorially rooted development model.

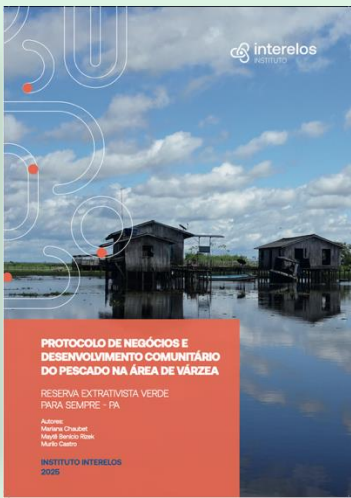
This project, supported by SEBRAE Nacional, also includes activities in the state of Amapá, with the strengthening of the Amazonbai cooperative's management and the development of the pracaxi oil value chain in the Limão do Curuá region, in Bailique.



30 properties
04 municipalities
Access to PAA e PNAE

Quintal Produtivo in Santarém, PA

Açaí and fish protocols



In 2025, we delivered the Business and Community Development Protocols (PNDC) for Açaí and Fish to the communities of the Verde para Sempre Extractive Reserve.

The PNDC is a participatory instrument that establishes rules, criteria, and principles to guide the relationship between communities and economic initiatives in their territories.

It also serves as a reference for external actors, offering greater security, transparency, and legitimacy to community development activities.

The protocols are available for download on the Interelos website.

Financial statement 2025

Descrição	2025	2024	Descrição	2025	2024
ATIVO			PASSIVO		
ATIVO CIRCULANTE			PASSIVO CIRCULANTE		
CAIXA E EQUIVALENTES DE CAIXA	2.028.030,05	742.093,55	PASSIVO CIRCULANTE	1.979.296,80	728.449,28
CAIXA	39,68	116,20	OBRIGAÇÕES	3.228,76	2.613,80
CONTAS BANCÁRIAS	1.189.751,17	20.259,17	FORNECEDORES	0,00	0,00
CONTAS BANCÁRIAS NO PAÍS	1.189.751,17	20.259,17	OBRIGAÇÕES TRIBUTÁRIAS E PREVIDENCIÁRIAS	3.228,76	2.613,80
CONTAS DE LIVRE MOVIMENTAÇÃO	12.409,58	16.141,87	OUTRAS OBRIGAÇÕES	1.976.068,04	725.835,48
CONTAS VINCULADAS A PROJETOS	1.177.341,59	4.117,30	CONTAS A PAGAR	1.976.068,04	725.835,48
INVESTIMENTOS DE LIQUIDEZ IMEDIATA	838.239,20	721.718,18	TOTAL PASSIVO CIRCULANTE	1.979.296,80	728.449,28
INVESTIMENTOS NO PAÍS	838.239,20	721.718,18			
INVESTIMENTOS DE LIVRE MOVIMENTAÇÃO	53.336,75	0,00			
INVESTIMENTOS VINCULADOS A PROJETOS	784.902,45	721.718,18	PATRIMÔNIO LÍQUIDO SOCIAL		
OUTROS CRÉDITOS	460,59	588,90	SUPERÁVIT OU DÉFICIT ACUMULADO	67.695,45	33.309,73
ADIANTAMENTOS	460,59	588,90	TOTAL PATRIMÔNIO LÍQUIDO SOCIAL	67.695,45	33.309,73
DESPESAS PAGAS ANTECIPADAMENTE	732,15	850,22			
DESPESAS DE MESES SEGUINTES	732,15	850,22	TOTAL PASSIVO	2.046.992,25	761.759,01
TOTAL ATIVO CIRCULANTE	2.029.222,79	743.532,67			
ATIVO NÃO-CIRCULANTE					
INVESTIMENTOS	2.842,00	2.842,00			
OUTROS INVESTIMENTOS PERMANENTES	2.842,00	2.842,00			
IMOBILIZADO	14.927,46	15.384,34			
BENS MÓVEIS	47.867,28	44.366,28			
(-) DEPRECIACÕES, AMORT. E EXAUS. ACUMUL.	-32.939,82	-28.981,94			
TOTAL ATIVO NÃO-CIRCULANTE	17.769,46	18.226,34			
TOTAL ATIVO	2.046.992,25	761.759,01			

ABOUT INTERELOS

O Interelos is an impact-driven organization operating in the field of socioeconomy. It brings together communities, the private sector, and the public sector to co-create sustainable solutions. Its primary focus is on structuring community-based value chains, strengthening local governance, and promoting the bioeconomy.

It is a nonprofit association founded in 2017, built on the extensive experience of its founder and members in projects such as the “One Million Cisterns Program for the Semi-Arid Region” (supported by Febraban), and “Terra Forte”, which implemented agro-industries in land reform settlements.

Interelos’ affiliated consultants have a broad background in ESG strategy and implementation projects within the private sector. This experience with large-scale projects across various industries gives Interelos a pragmatic orientation for the implementation of productive chains—with a strong market-driven approach—while also creating conditions for community autonomy through education.

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