



2018 ANNUAL REPORT  
Summary Version



## PRESENTATION



We faced many challenges in 2018. The year began in March, with the murder, the execution of Marielle Franco, a lesbian black woman from the favela, a human rights defender. But it was also time to reinforce affections, partnerships and collective constructions.

We have had the election of a president who throughout his public life has repeatedly reaffirmed contempt for women, black population, LGBT population, Northeastern people, threatened the guarantee of human rights, freedom of the press and the organization of civil society .

We reaffirm our commitment to fight for the rights of women, blacks, LGBTs and the poor; in defense of the constitutional rights of free association (article 5, XVIII, CRFB / 88), equality between men and women (article 5, I, CRFB / 88) and the prohibition of discrimination and prejudices of race, color, sex among others (article 3, IV, CRFB / 88).

More than ever, it is time to organize ourselves to stop setbacks and to fight in society for a project that is not about hatred and violence. It is necessary to remember that democracy is done with social participation and respect for differences.

We must be attentive and strong. We need to strengthen our forms of organization and solidarity. In the collective we regroup, build networks and strengthen affections. It's time to remember that without feminism there is no democracy!

**Eleutéria Amora**  
General Coordinator

## WHO WE ARE

**We are a feminist, non-profit organization founded in 1997. We focus on dissemination of information about women's rights, fighting violence against women and sexual and reproductive health. We invest in building political awareness, especially regarding low income women, workers, young women and community leaders, contributing to women self-organization and to their access to individual and collective rights.**

**OUR MISSION** - Going towards other women with the perspective of contributing to promote their rights and strengthen their autonomy, in view of building a fairer and more equal society.

**OUR VISION**- Being recognized as a feminist organization of reference for defending women's rights and for developing new social technologies.

**OUR VALUES** - Feminism as a structuring value for social change. We believe in daily revolution through promoting small changes, without losing the macro perspective;

- We invest in working for poor women and in strengthening and supporting communitarian groups, women's collectives;
- We believe in dialogue and joint strategies with distinct social movements, seeking to give visibility to the feminist agenda;
- We believe that facing sexism is not dissociated from facing racism and lesbophobia;
- We are careful in choosing our partners and in fundraising policy, in order to preserve our autonomy;
- We believe and invest in a feminist formation based on popular education, developed through participatory methodologies that value women's knowledge and activism;
- We believe in women self-organization
- Facing all forms of violence against women
- All women are workers, at home or outside.

## GOVERNANCE

Camtra is composed by 27 associates with the right to voice and vote. Once every four years associates elect, by Assembly, CAMTRA's Executive Coordination, which is composed by the General Coordination, Financial Coordination, Substitute Coordination, Fiscal and Consultative Councils.

Camtra is managed by the Executive Coordination, by its General, Financial and Substitute Coordinators, the latter acting as Project Supervisor. In the day to day of the organization, Camtra counts on the Coordination, Coordinator of Projects, an intern of International Relations and two collaborating consultants. Accounting is performed by an independent company. Camtra has about 30 collaborators and volunteers who join in the construction of activities, especially those that are part of the feminist calendar. Professional services and special consultancies are hired when necessary.

## THEMATIC AREAS

We work on four thematic areas – Violence against Women, Sexual and Reproductive Rights, Educating for Autonomy and Women's Work - using different strategies and methodologies. We distribute and provide information and educational materials, produce campaigns, documentaries and studies, develop training seminars, advocacy and participates in forums and political articulation networks in defense of women's rights. See more in [www.camtra.org.br](http://www.camtra.org.br)

## HEADLIGHTS IN 2018 ACTIVITIES

### MARCH: WOMEN'S MONTH

Camtra began to welcome women workers with roses and information on rights in 1998, a year after being founded. The action starts at 6 am in Central do Brazil, the main train station that connects Rio de Janeiro center to other districts of North, West areas, and the 11 municipalities of Baixada Fluminense. By this busy train station 700 000 workers commute daily, with an average family income between 1 and 2 minimum wages. With little access to information and rights for the busy life they lead in order to support their families, women receive roses and informative material, which they keep to read. During the rest of the year, Camtra receives regular calls by these women with requests for guidance on rights.

In 2018, Camtra's staff and associates distributed roses and information material early in the morning at Central do Brasil. Since 2010 we also distribute feminist calendars (click [here](#) to see them) Next, the group went to Saara Commercial Center to do the same, this time we welcomed the stores' workers who have the role of multiplying information. At the end of the day, we joined hundreds of women who gathered downtown for the International Women's day demonstration. Camtra helped organizing the demonstration along with other organizations, and attended debates and seminars regarding the date.



## TENT OF RIGHTS - 2018

The Tent of Rights is Camtra's hallmark since its beginnings, is the venue where Camtra meets working women, at the popular shopping area downtown Rio de Janeiro known as Saara. The tents days are set based on the Feminist calendar. Camtra distributes male and female condoms, brochures, information material on sexual and reproductive health and rights and guides women in case of domestic violence / violence against women, as well as on referral services and public authorities. While doing that, Camtra always encourages women to demand their rights.



In 2018, Camtra promoted the rights at the following Tents:

- February 07th – **STI Prevention** on Carnival
- July 4th - Camtra, Observatório das Metrópoles and MUCA – Unified Movement of Street Vendors got together to celebrate MUCA's 15 years along with information dissemination on **social rights and violence against women**.
- July 24th – Tent of Rights referring to **Afro-Latin American and Afro-Caribbean Women's Day**
- August 30th - Camtra 's Tent of Rights was in reference to Lesbian Visibility Day;
- November 14th – co-organized with MUCA and Human Rights Commission, this tent referred to Street Vendor 's Day



## CAMTRA'S YOUNG WOMEN CENTER - NMJC

The Center was born in Camtra four years after its foundation when young women demanded to carry out specific actions for other young women at the same age group (15-29 years). In 2012 it was made official in the organization's Statute, as the body responsible for reviewing and commenting on CAMTRA programs for young women (Art.24).



In 2018 NMJC had 6 meetings to plan and evaluate actions, including the 9th edition of Young Women Defending their Rights Course (bellow)

## CAPACITY BUILDING



The **IX Young Women Defending their Rights Course** was held in December 7<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> for 30 young women. It was a moment of strengthening and empowerment. During three days young women attended integration dynamics, worked in groups and discussed what being a woman means today. Racism, sexuality and discrimination involving young women was also debated.

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Also in December the **VI Seminar Present Challenges of Feminisms** was held. This year we focused on exchanging experiences and strategies to deal with the political scenario after the results of presidential elections.



**Conversation Circles at Carolina de Jesus Room** - Camtra held two important discussions in a complex election year with threats to rights vested in the 1988 Citizen Constitution: On April 12, women met to discuss the current political situation (photo on the left). Near the elections, women met again to discuss "The Role of Women in Democracy" (October 16)



**Soirées at Carolina de Jesus Room** - Camtra held soirées during the year to visibilize some important days, such as the Lesbian Visibility Day, when lesbian women got together to discuss various issues, but also to sing and perform arts, and Camtra's Anniversary. This year Camtra turned 21 years of struggle for women's rights.

## ADVOCACY

Eleutéria Amora, Camtra's General Coordinator, is also one of the Executive Directors of Brazilian Association of NGOs/ ABONG. As such, she integrates Plataforma MROSC (CSOs regulatory framework), a CSOs network that gathers diverse social movements, religious organizations, institutes, private foundations and cooperatives with the purpose of defining a common agenda of Brazilian CSOs, in favor of improving its operating environment.



CAMTRA is Plataforma MROSC's Operative Office. On November 12th and 13th it held in Rio de Janeiro the Facilitator Committee meeting. CSOs representatives from all over the country attended the meeting to discuss strategies to advance its agenda.



Camtra attended the 2018 **World Social Forum** in Salvador (March 13th-17th), and organized a workshop as Plataforma MROSC related to Civil Society financial sustainability



**Marielle Franco** and his driver **Anderson Gomes** were cruelly killed in March 2018. All over the year Camtra attended as well as co-organized protests asking for justice. Marielle was a friend of Camtra's. On our anniversary we had a black woman artist paint her portrait on Camtra's entrance wall.



On July 29th Camtra attended the **Black Women's March** in Rio de Janeiro. Black lives matter! This year march had as motto "For Black People's lives: more black women in power"



On September 28th women went out to demonstrate for the Latin American and Caribbean day for abortion legalization. CAMTRA is a member of the National Front Against the Criminalization of Women and the Legalization of Abortion.



On October 20th Camtra went to the streets again to fight For Rights, Democracy and Women's Rights

## RESOURCE MOBILIZATION

In recent years Camtra has been gaining recognition and visibility among a more diverse public - university students, unions, education professionals, among others, either through its work as a feminist training school, or through actions in advocacy for CSOs, etc. Small donations – R\$ 5.00, 10.00, are occasionally made by women workers who receive 1-2 minimum wage and believe and rely on the dissemination of information work that Camtra does on women's rights.

On March 8th Camtra launches donation campaigns to purchase roses distributed to women, along with material information about women's rights.

Camtra has been producing ecological bags and shirts to generate resources for years. Products are sold at Camtra events, the Tent of Rights, as well as at partner's events. The T-shirts and bags bring messages created by Camtra in defense of women's rights.



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