



ANNUAL EXECUTIVE REPORT 2025

LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN

There are years you simply manage.

And there are years that demand definition.

2025 was one of those years.

It was a tough year. Demanding. It was marked by overlapping crises, strained democracies, deepening inequalities, and the advance of regressive agendas that challenge fundamental principles of dignity and justice. In many parts of our region, resistance was necessary to protect the most essential things: life, land, rights, and hope.

Yet, we did not back down.

In the midst of this, our region did more than respond—it transformed. Our members did more than react to urgent situations; they redefined collective action at the regional level. National forums did not shrink; they held firm. Our impact was not only preserved, it expanded. This is the result of an alliance that chose to stand its ground and move forward, even under pressure.

In 2025, we did more than rise to the occasion—we grew. We strengthened our advocacy capacity, found clearer ways to communicate, and built more effective regional structures for joint action. These twelve months did not simply leave behind a record of activities. Rather, it is the testimony of a region finding its voice, strengthening its confidence, and embracing its shared calling with greater clarity.

AN ALLIANCE THAT IS LEARNING TO BELIEVE IN ITS OWN STRENGTH

It is also the story of a public declaration of faith. This faith is taking shape as an ethical, political, and transformative force. This faith is expressed through solidarity, courage, a prophetic voice, care, organization, moral clarity, and an unwavering defense of rights.

A UNITED REGION GROWS UNITED

Despite significant pressures and increasingly complex national contexts, the number of forums in the region did not decline. This is an indicator in itself: remaining in these times speaks not only of resilience, but also of conviction and a collective commitment to sustaining the common good in a context that pushes toward fragmentation.

Our annual survey confirms this trend. Compared to 2024, a greater proportion of members perceive that ACT's collective impact in the region has increased.

A STRONGER PRESENCE

Thanks to the Regional Office's convening role and the leadership of forums and communities of practice, Latin America and the Caribbean have assumed a renewed role in the Alliance's global activities. We have strengthened our ties with North American members and established ourselves as an active and innovative region with a strong advocacy capacity and growing internal coherence.

Not as a
peripheral
region.
Not as a
secondary
voice.

NEW RESOURCES, NEW CAPACITIES

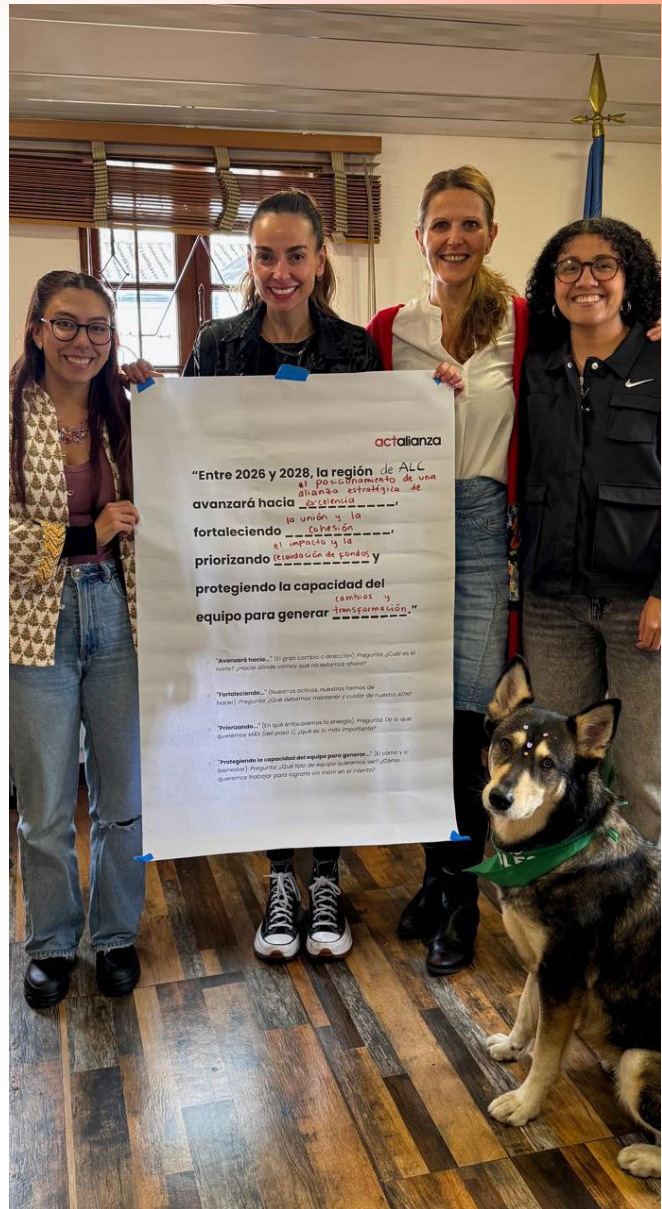
The year 2025 marks a turning point in how the region is financed, strengthened, and carries out its initiatives.

Based on its ongoing efforts in climate justice and human mobility, the Regional Office received a significant invitation to access biannual funding with the generous support of Kerk in Actie (KIA). This milestone expands programmatic possibilities and confirms growing trust in the region's ability to translate political vision into concrete action.

Progress driven by KIA under the Core Humanitarian Standard also led to a significant milestone: an external invitation to receive specialized technical assistance from Groupe URD. This reflects recognition of the Alliance's technical credibility and the distinct value we bring to the region.

Additionally, with Bread for the World's support, Petra, the new Ecumenical Advocacy Coordinator, joined the team, marking a significant leap in our ability to address fundamentalism, regressive agendas, and the erosion of human rights in an increasingly adverse regional context. This step has brought greater clarity, firmness, and public projection to our response to the instrumentalization of religion in Latin America and the Caribbean.

Through the partnerships with Kerk in Actie (KIA), Week of Compassion, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA), and Bread for the World, the region is responding and building political, technical, and strategic capacity for collective action.



ADVOCACY REACHING A NEW LEVEL OF MATURITY

This year marks a clear shift in the trajectory of the Alliance's policy and advocacy work in the region.

For the first time, we successfully mobilized coordinated regional delegations focused on climate-induced migration and human mobility. This strengthened our collective voice in important multilateral spaces, such as the Global Compact review and COP16. We also made history at the Regional Forum on Sustainable Development, achieving an unprecedented level of visibility for ACT Alliance and consolidating our position in regional public policy arenas.

Meanwhile, prioritized forums made significant progress in developing their national advocacy plans, several of which are now in the final stages. The new Community of Practice on Climate Justice and Human Mobility has further strengthened this process. It has enabled a clearer, more coordinated political voice defending human rights from a faith perspective. As a result, ACT Alliance has enhanced its capacity for political positioning and taken on a leadership role—alongside an unprecedented level of recognition in the region—on climate and human mobility.

Meanwhile, FESUR has asserted relevant leadership in South America, positioning itself as a strategic actor in the regional response to fundamentalism, shrinking civic space, and anti-rights agendas. Its contribution has been decisive, not only because of the strength of its analysis and results, but also because of its ability to maintain a clear, courageous, and necessary public stance on one of the most sensitive, complex, and urgent issues—not only for the region, but also for the world.

Taken together, these advances signal a clear transition.

The region is entering
a new phase—more
strategic, connected, and
influential in its advocacy.

This is what sustains us.

A more **aligned** region.

A more **connected** leadership.

A more **confident** voice.

A more **credible and influential** platform.



THIS REPORT

The purpose of this report is to convey the most outstanding activities and progress of the ACT programs in the region and the work of the Regional Office in a visual, clear and concise manner, in order to make progress visible, promote transparency and generate a systematization tool.

We would like to thank all those who contributed to this report.

CONTRIBUTIONS, COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS

The regional team values constructive feedback. We believe that it is through these contributions that we can improve our work.

We also extend a warm invitation to external readers interested in obtaining additional information to contact the team at:

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ACHIEVEMENTS OF OUR **COMMUNITIES OF PRACTICE AND FORUMS**

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In this regional annual report, we present a collective overview of the progress and contributions made across our network. This edition showcases the efforts of national forums and communities of practice, reflecting an increasing dedication to collaboration, shared learning, and coordinated action throughout the region.

Throughout 2025, these spaces continued to play a pivotal role in capacity building, facilitating exchange, and promoting shared goals. The contributions highlighted in the following pages reflect the diversity, resilience, and engagement of our members, as well as their sustained efforts to respond to complex and evolving contexts.

Together, these collective efforts reaffirm the value of working as a network—rooted in solidarity, guided by shared principles, and committed to advancing justice. They offer a glimpse into the strength of our regional articulation and the impact of coordinated action.

We extend
our sincere
appreciation to all
who contributed
their time,
knowledge, and
commitment to
making this work
possible.



GENDER JUSTICE COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE AND GENDER JUSTICE GLOBAL PROGRAM



The activities presented in this report were developed through collaboration between the **ACT Alliance Gender Justice Community of Practice in Latin America and the Caribbean** and the **Gender Justice Global Program**. This collaboration strengthened capacities, expanded alliances, and consolidated joint actions aimed at promoting gender equality, social justice, and human rights in the region.

Through advocacy initiatives, knowledge production, and participation in ecumenical, theological, and civil society spaces, as well as training and communication processes, the ACT Alliance promoted a common agenda that highlights the persistent challenges and necessary responses to setbacks and growing resistance regarding women's rights and diversity.

1

Theological “Argumentario” Launch “Será de Dios?” (Will It Be From God?)

In March and May, during the lead-up to two significant dates—International Women’s Health Day on March 8 and May 28—we completed the launch of the chapters on economic justice and sexual and reproductive rights.

2

Dissemination and Circulation of the Theological “Argumentario”, “Será de Dios?” (Will It Be From God?)

This voice of faith against gender violence was disseminated throughout the year through efforts and alliances in different theological, pastoral, and civil society spaces. It circulated in countries such as Argentina, Peru, Uruguay, Brazil, Nicaragua, Guatemala, Honduras, and Colombia, among others.

3

Annual Assembly

Held in São Leopoldo, Brazil, it aimed to evaluate and plan activities for the next period and promote cooperation. The assembly also provided an opportunity to share hugs, joys, and thanks, as well as to recognize Pilar Cancelo for her excellent work and commitment during her time as co-moderator.

4

Participation in the IX Latin American Congress of Gender and Religion in EST Faculties – Brazil

Thanks to a joint effort and the alliance established between the Global ACT Program and the Gender and Religion Program of the institution itself, participation in the IX Latin American Congress on Gender and Religion, held at the EST Faculties (Brazil), was possible. This collaboration enabled 13 people to actively participate in thematic tables, working groups, and training spaces, significantly enriching the event with their contributions.

The **Forum for Dialogue between Faith and Feminism** was consolidated as a relevant space for reflection, facilitating a collective analysis of the “*Argumentario*” based on its core principles. This exchange promoted a deeper understanding of critical, contextualized theological perspectives and contributed to a broader regional debate on gender justice from a situated, pluralistic perspective committed to social transformation.

5

Elaboration and dissemination of 20 communication pieces within the framework of the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence. Later, there will be an opportunity to present the argument and strengthen regional advocacy. The pieces were disseminated on the Gender Program's and the Regional Office's LinkedIn pages.

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Through its Global Gender Program and the Gender Community of Practice in Latin America, ACT Alliance participated in the International Conference on Family Planning (ICFP) in Bogotá, Colombia, from November 3 to 6, 2025. ACT Alliance collaborated with the Berlin Institute for Population and Development, UNFPA, the German Federal Foreign Office, and the Network of Catholics for the Right to Decide in Latin America and the Caribbean for this event.

Within this framework, ACT Alliance co-organized the panel “Reclaiming Reproductive Rights and Transforming Taboos and Social Norms in the Face of Growing Resistance”, which brought together specialists, activists, and decision-makers to discuss emerging challenges to sexual and reproductive rights and strategies to promote gender equality and counteract setbacks in the region.



WHAT'S TO COME

In the next phase, the Gender Global Program will prioritize strategic actions aimed at strengthening reflection, dialogue, and regional and global articulation around gender justice:

- 1** **To expand the dissemination of the *Argumentario***, and promote studies and dialogues with forums and members at the national and regional levels. The English translation will open up new opportunities for exchange with Gender Communities of Practice around the world.
- 2** **Give continuity to the Forums for Dialogue between Faith and Feminisms** to consolidate them as permanent spaces for critical reflection and the collective construction of theological perspectives committed to gender equality.
- 3** **Promote and highlight member organization initiatives** during the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence campaign to strengthen regional collaboration and advocacy.
- 4** **Deepen regional ownership** by supporting the contextualized implementation of gender justice policies.
- 5** **Expand faith-based advocacy** to confront fundamentalisms, promote sexual and reproductive rights, and actively participate in national, regional, and global decision-making spaces, including United Nations forums.



YOUTH COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE



During 2025, the ACT Alliance Latin American and Caribbean (LAC) Youth Community of Practice achieved significant achievements:

1

One of the greatest achievements was the **in-person gathering of the Youth Community of Practice in Bogotá**, which took place within the framework of a **Climate Advocacy Project**. During the meeting, young people of faith from across the region developed and presented the **ACT Faith Youth Call to Action** together. This created a meaningful space for them to share the realities of their territories, articulate common priorities, and strengthen their collective role as agents of change ahead of **COP30**.

This process strengthened **youth leadership and participation in climate decision-making spaces** while fostering collaboration among young people, communities, and key actors working on climate justice. The initiative directly benefited the young participants and their communities, amplifying regional youth perspectives in broader climate advocacy efforts. A key lesson learned was that **in-person exchanges are essential for building trust, deepening shared analyses, and strengthening a collective regional voice**.

2

Another major achievement was **the significant involvement of the ACT Alliance youth delegation at COP30**. This participation helped solidify the organization's climate advocacy efforts, strengthen international alliances, and increase the visibility of youth leadership in global climate negotiation spaces. The delegation's presence contributed to the inclusion of the voices, concerns, and proposals of young people of faith from the region in key international discussions on climate justice.

This participation strengthened **youth leadership and visibility** in climate policy spaces, while also expanding access to relevant technical discussions on **adaptation, mitigation, and climate finance**. It also helped build strategic networks with local and international actors and, amplifying support for community-based struggles related to territorial defense, Indigenous rights, and care for creation. A key lesson learned was that **joint advocacy between youth and allied actors significantly increases the potential for meaningful influence at both regional and global levels**.

3

A third key achievement was the **LAC Youth Community of Practice's** leadership in facilitating the **Youth for Climate webinar series**, which was later shared with the **Global Youth Community of Practice**. This initiative created an important space for exchange, learning, and dialogue among young people of faith from different regions. It helped position LAC youth as active contributors to global climate justice conversations.

The webinar series strengthened the **voice and participation of LAC youth in global spaces** while building meaningful bridges with young people from other regions such as the **Asia-Pacific, Africa, and North America**. The series promoted cross-regional collaboration, mutual learning, and shared reflection on climate justice, advocacy, and youth engagement.

A key lesson learned was that **well-designed virtual spaces for training and dialogue can play a powerful role in strengthening youth advocacy capacities and global connections**.



COMMUNITY-BASED PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE



In 2025, the Community-Based Psychosocial Support Community of Practice (CoP CBPS) in Latin America and the Caribbean made significant progress in training and capacity building in the psychosocial field:

1

One important achievement was the **representation of the ACT Alliance Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC) Community of Practice on Faith-Sensitive Community-Based Psychosocial Support (CBPS)** at the **global psychosocial support meeting**. This ensured that the regional perspective from LAC was included in key global discussions, including the review of the Community of Practice's Terms of Reference and the revision of guiding principles related to psychosocial support terminology.

This participation strengthened the connection between the **LAC and global APBC/CBPS communities of practice** while increasing the visibility of the region's context, experiences, and contributions to psychosocial programming. It also improved access to relevant technical resources and reinforced the importance of ensuring that LAC voices and realities continue to inform global processes. A key lesson learned was that **regional representation in global spaces is essential for meaningful exchange and contextualized input**.

2

Another key achievement was organizing **four regional meetings for ACT LAC members**. These meetings brought together **49 participants** (34 women and 15 men) from organizations in **Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras, Nicaragua, the Dominican Republic, Colombia, Chile, Argentina, and Peru**. These meetings provided a valuable opportunity for learning, exchange, and regional connection regarding psychosocial support.

Through these sessions, participants strengthened their understanding of key topics, such as the **CBPS approach, community participation, monitoring and evaluation, and spirituality in crisis**. They also learned from practical experiences in different country contexts. The meetings strengthened communication, fellowship, and unity among Community of Practice members, while increasing the visibility of psychosocial support work within and beyond ACT organizations. A key takeaway was the importance of **regular regional exchanges to build technical knowledge and community**.

3

Major achievement was the implementation of the **"Diploma in Psychosocial Support in Emergencies" training program**. The program included five sessions designed to strengthen participants' ability to promote psychosocial well-being in emergency response and development contexts from a **Latin American and Caribbean** perspective. **22 participants** (19 women and 3 men) from multiple countries and organizations across the region participated in the training.

The program increased participants' knowledge and confidence in applying psychosocial support approaches in their work while raising the visibility of the Community of Practice. The program demonstrated the continued need for practical, context-sensitive training opportunities in the region. A key lesson learned was that **ongoing training on psychosocial issues remains highly relevant and should continue to include diverse facilitators, perspectives, and experiences.**

4

A particularly significant achievement was the **consultancy process for developing the programmatic package “Mainstreaming the Faith-Sensitive Community-Based Psychosocial Support Approach to Emergency Preparedness and Response”** for the ACT Alliance LAC Community of Practice on Psychosocial Support. This process addressed a regional need for practical, faith-sensitive, community-based tools for preparedness and humanitarian response.

The consultancy resulted in a comprehensive set of resources for organizations, volunteers, pastoral leaders, and community members who want to incorporate psychosocial support into their emergency and humanitarian work. The process included a **regional survey, interviews, document review, a pilot implementation in Cuba and Guatemala, and regional feedback sessions.** These steps ensured that the final products were rooted in the region's realities and needs. The outputs included a **conceptual dictionary, practical tools, guides, audio resources, and psychosocial support materials.** These materials helped unify language and strengthen regional capacity in this area. A key lesson learned was **that developing shared, contextualized tools can significantly strengthen regional coherence and the practical application of psychosocial programming.**



THE HUMAN MOBILITY AND CLIMATE JUSTICE

COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE



The **Community of Practice on Human Mobility and Climate Justice** continued to strengthen its role as a regional platform for coordination, learning, and advocacy across Latin America and the Caribbean.

Throughout the year, the CoP supported its members and forums in deepening their understanding of the connection between **human mobility, climate justice, and sustainable development**. The CoP also increased its regional visibility.

1

A major achievement was **consolidating the Regional Community of Practice (CoP)** as a more formal, and stable space for coordination after two years of collective work. This strengthened the ability of forums and members to share knowledge, align priorities, and collaborate more strategically across the region. It also helped reduce duplication and fragmentation in advocacy and programming efforts.

The establishment of the CoP improved **regional coordination, peer exchange, and collective ownership** of the agenda on human mobility and climate justice agenda. A key lesson learned was that **sustained collaboration, shared purpose, and clear objectives are essential for building strong and strategic regional platforms.**

2

Another important achievement was **documenting and using testimonies about climate-induced displacement.** This helped highlight community experiences during the **Second Review of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly, and Regular Migration (GCM).** This process made the lived realities of displaced communities more visible in intergovernmental and multilateral spaces.

Centering real experiences from affected communities, the initiative strengthened the **evidence base for advocacy** and drew greater attention to the relationship between **climate impacts and migration** in global policy discussions. A key lesson learned was that **human testimonies are powerful advocacy tools when collected ethically and with sensitivity to context.**

3

A significant area of progress was the advancement of **National Advocacy Plans. Four in-person workshops** helped members make **60–70% progress** in developing national strategies on **human mobility, climate justice, and sustainable development.** The workshops supported forums, technical teams, and partner organizations by helping them clarify priorities and define concrete advocacy pathways.

This process strengthened both **technical capacities and strategic coherence,** while also helping members better connect climate justice and human mobility issues in their national contexts. A key lesson learned was that **in-person, contextualized processes paired with consistent technical follow-up are especially effective.**

4

Participation in the **Global Compact for Migration (GCM) review process** was another key achievement, as it helped position the perspective of **ACT Alliance and the LAC region** in global governance and multilateral policy debates. This representation strengthened the visibility of the region's priorities and contributed to broader discussions on migration, climate justice, and human dignity from a faith-based perspective.

This engagement benefited forums, allies, and migrant communities by increasing the region's **advocacy visibility, legitimacy, and influence** in advocacy efforts in international spaces. A key lesson learned was that **well-prepared representation based on community evidence can meaningfully influence global policy processes**.

5

Another important success was providing **technical support and on-the-ground assistance** to strengthen national-level advocacy strategies. These visits helped integrate a **rights-based approach** into programming and advocacy related to **human mobility and climate justice**. They also reinforced local capacities and strategic planning.

This support improved the **technical quality, contextual relevance, and effectiveness** of the advocacy efforts led by the forums and their members. It also strengthened alliances and trust on the ground. A key lesson learned was that **on-the-ground accompaniment accelerates progress when it builds on existing local capacities and relationships**.



NATIONAL FORUMS

THE GREATEST SUCCESSES OF THE ACT LAC FORUMS

26	El Salvador Forum
29	Cuba Forum
31	Guatemala Forum
34	Nicaragua Forum
36	Peru Forum
39	Colombia Forum
42	Dominican Republic Forum
43	Argentina Forum
45	Honduras Forum
47	Brazil FEACT Forum

EL SALVADOR FORUM



Update of the 2025 Preparedness and Response Plan (EPRP).

The Forum updated the plan, incorporating climate, social, and political risk analyses, as well as clearer coordination and early warning mechanisms. This process strengthened the Forum's preparedness and provided a more coherent framework to guide collective emergency responses in highly volatile national contexts.

The updated plan serves as a practical reference for member organizations, supporting more agile and coordinated action in the face of emergencies and contextual risks.

Strengthening the Forum's capacity.

The Forum made significant progress in enhancing its strategic and technical capabilities throughout the year. With technical support from Karol Arámbula, the Forum updated and consolidated its Advocacy Plan, which helped clarify strategic priorities and define more realistic and coordinated lines of action.

This process was particularly significant in a context defined by the Foreign Agents Law, shrinking civic space, and growing limitations on public advocacy and human

rights initiatives. The Forum also increased its involvement in the youth agenda by participating in strategic training processes under the “Getting to Zero” initiative of the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), which strengthened its capacity for training of trainers (ToT), rights-based interventions, and the promotion of the rights of girls, adolescents, and young women.

Strategic tools for institutional protection were developed.

One significant accomplishment this year was developing two practical instruments to bolster the protection and resilience of member organizations: a Comprehensive Security Protocol and a Regulatory Toolkit. These tools provide guidance on physical, digital, psychosocial, and legal protection and offer practical support on regulatory compliance and legal risk mitigation for civil society organizations.

In a context shaped by surveillance, criminalization, and new regulatory demands, these shared tools are an important collective response to growing restrictions on civic space. They also help strengthen the Forum’s institutional protection and resilience.

Advocacy actions.

The Forum promoted important spaces for dialogue and advocacy on human mobility and migration governance, including the forum-workshop on “Legal Advice on Messaging and Externalization of Migration Governance”, led by ALFALIT (Christian Association of Education and Development) in coordination with the United Nations.

This forum encouraged reflection on migration, displacement, and return processes and accompaniment strategies for returnees and self-returnees. It also helped strengthen connections with community resources, ecumenical networks, and protection services.

Additionally, in honor of the International Day of Migrants, the Migrant Pastoral of the Salvadoran Lutheran Synod (SLS) organized the forum “Impact of Migration Policies in the Context of 2025,” featuring César Ríos (Agenda Migrantes El Salvador), Mercedes López (Center for the Integration of Migrant Workers), and Rev. Cruz Calles. These advocacy actions helped raise awareness of migration-related issues in public and faith-based spaces.

Mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS) actions.

In response to a year marked by high pressure, stress, and organizational fatigue, the Forum developed community-based spaces to provide psychosocial support to staff and member organizations. These efforts provided emotional support, helped manage stress, and strengthened care practices across the Forum.

Strengthening internal coordination.

The Forum maintained a consistent schedule of internal coordination meetings, which strengthened communication among members and ensured regular follow-up on the Annual Operational Plan. This continuity was essential for maintaining a collective response and shared strategic direction throughout the year.

In a context marked by financial fragility and reduced international cooperation opportunities affecting several organizations, these internal coordination efforts became paramount for maintaining cohesion, mutual support, and collective action.

Another significant organizational milestone was the formalization of the Forum Convener role. ALFALIT assumed this role, represented by Tomasita Morán. This helped strengthen governance arrangements and provide greater clarity in internal coordination mechanisms.

Participation in a protection group led by UNHCR.

The Forum actively participated in the Protection Group, led by UNHCR. This group brings together civil society organizations, United Nations agencies, and government actors to discuss issues related to human mobility and protection. ALFALIT's participation on behalf of the Forum helped strengthen inter-institutional coordination and visibility on migration-related concerns in the country.

The Forum's continued engagement in this space reflects its commitment to coordinated, rights-based responses to displacement, migration, and protection challenges.

Participation in communities of practice and representation of the Forum in thematic spaces (APBC and Youth).

The Forum maintained an active presence in the ACT Alliance Communities of Practice, especially in the Faith-Sensitive Community-Based Psychosocial Support (CBPS/APBC) and Youth groups. These spaces strengthened opportunities for exchange and regional learning and increased the visibility of the Salvadoran context within broader Alliance processes.

This participation ensured that the Forum's experiences, concerns, and contextual priorities were represented in regional conversations and thematic reflection spaces. It also reinforced links with broader ecumenical and thematic processes.



CUBA FORUM



Finalization of the Forum’s National Advocacy Plan on Human Mobility, Climate Justice, and Sustainable Development. This plan consolidates key priorities, strategic actions, and advocacy pathways to strengthen the Forum’s coordinated engagement on interconnected national and regional challenges. This process helped align member organizations around shared objectives and provided a clearer framework for joint action and external representation.

Submission of a Rapid Response Fund (RRF) proposal to provide humanitarian assistance to communities affected by Hurricane Melissa in eastern Cuba. The proposal aims to address urgent humanitarian needs and support the immediate recovery of affected populations. The proposal demonstrated the Forum’s ability to respond quickly and collectively to climate-related emergencies affecting vulnerable communities.

Submission of a humanitarian project proposal to UMCOR to support emergency response efforts. The objective was to secure additional resources to strengthen local response capacities and expand assistance to affected communities. This initiative also reinforced partnerships and resource mobilization opportunities for humanitarian action in the country.



Participation in the in-person Forum Coordinators' Meeting and active collaboration in preparing and reviewing key documentation to be presented to the North America Forum in January 2026. This engagement strengthened regional coordination and strategic alignment and increased the visibility of the Cuba Forum's priorities and contributions within broader ACT Alliance processes.

Organization of an experience-sharing workshop on the CHS self-assessment process in Cuba hosted by CIC, with two Forum members participating in the regional CHS webinar. These spaces strengthened mutual learning, accountability practices, and organizational capacities related to quality and accountability standards in humanitarian and development programming.

Engagement of the Forum Convener and Coordinator in the Community of Practice (CoP) on Human Mobility and Climate Justice, as well as Forum representation in the Youth CoP, the Disaster Risk Management CoP, and the Faith-Sensitive Community-Based Psychosocial Support (CBPS) CoP. This participation fostered cross-learning, strengthened thematic articulation, and helped position the Forum within key regional spaces for exchange, coordination, and capacity building.

Selection of Cuba as one of the pilot countries for implementing the Regional Programmatic Package on Faith-Sensitive Community-Based Psychosocial Support. This marks an important opportunity to strengthen locally rooted psychosocial support approaches in emergency and community settings. This also positioned the Forum and its members to contribute to adapting, testing, and contextualizing the package within the Cuban context.

GUATEMALA FORUM



The 8th edition of the campaign *“We Pray, but We Also Denounce: No More Violence Against Women”*, which took place during the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women on November 25th, was identified as one of the Forum’s most significant achievements.

The campaign promoted the idea that, from a Christian perspective, it is important to not only pray and hold on to hope, but also to speak out and act to promote justice and uphold the law in response to violence against women. The campaign reinforced the message that violence should never be accepted or normalized in the name of faith. The campaign utilized Facebook, Instagram, and TikTok, as well as radio spots broadcast on Christian radio stations in two central departments and the Alta Verapaz region. One spot was aired in Spanish and Mayan Q’eqch’í in the Alta Verapaz region. The campaign also included commemorative in-person activities with participants from churches and institutions.

The main beneficiaries were women who engaged with the campaign on social media. Many of these women expressed their appreciation for seeing the issue addressed from a faith-based perspective. Women also sent private messages sharing their experiences with violence and expressing relief in finding the issue acknowledged within faith communities.

Additionally, a group of male pastors from Alta Verapaz participated in a commemorative activity and received a booklet containing four reflections to help address violence against women within faith communities. A significant improvement in this edition was targeting the digital campaign specifically toward women. This change resulted in fewer hate comments and increased positive engagement, including reactions, shares, and saved posts. Another key lesson learned was the importance of developing additional reflection and support materials for pastors and church leaders, recognizing their role in preventing violence and promoting change within their congregations.

Another important achievement was the Forum's participation in the LAC Gender Community of Practice. This participation was particularly notable through the presentation of the theological arguments developed by the LAC Gender CoP at the Gender and Religion Congress organized by the EST faculties in Brazil. This was a valuable opportunity to present the material at an academic and theological forum attended by students, scholars, and professionals who work at the intersection of gender and religion. Presenting the arguments at this event increased the resource's visibility and opened pathways for its use in broader educational, pastoral, and advocacy contexts.

The main beneficiaries of this process were the students and professionals who participated in the 2025 Gender and Religion Congress, as well as the broader groups and communities they will reach in the future. The experience demonstrated the broader potential and relevance of the theological material developed by the CoP. It showed that such resources can impact spaces beyond the internal network when shared strategically. A key lesson learned from this process is the importance of building and maintaining alliances with universities, theological faculties, and seminaries because these institutions are essential partners in expanding the reach, legitimacy, and long-term use of faith-based gender justice resources.





NICARAGUA

FORUM



Strengthening psychosocial support and staff wellbeing through the APBC “Self-Care with Jesus” workshop.

One of the forum’s key achievements was organizing the APBC workshop on self-care for staff members of forum member organizations. Fifteen women and men participated in a full day of reflection and training on the importance of self-care. The workshop drew on the example of Jesus’ ministry and emphasized the value of putting the human being at the center of care and service. It created an important space to connect faith, well-being, and psychosocial support in a practical, contextualized way.

The workshop raised awareness of the need to nurture personal and organizational care practices, particularly within institutions that often overlook the well-being of their staff despite regularly providing care and accompaniment to others. The workshop reinforced the importance of fostering healthier internal cultures where self-care is recognized as essential for sustainable, faith-rooted service, not secondary.

Promoting theological reflection and dialogue on gender justice through the 15th edition of the National Women’s Chair.

Another significant accomplishment was the Forum’s participation in the 15th National Women’s Forum, organized by CIEETS through the Evangelical Faculty

and Faith and Hope Lutheran Church. As part of the event, the documentary “Será de Dios” was officially launched, providing a meaningful space for theological reflection, dialogue, and engagement on issues related to gender, faith, and justice. Around 60 people attended the event, including women and men from churches, academia, civil society, student groups, and local communities.

The meeting encouraged active participation and diverse perspectives, prompting attendees to delve deeper into the themes presented in the documentary and its accompanying modules. The event also underscored the importance of continuing to expand and deepen conversations on these issues within faith and educational spaces. A valuable aspect of this achievement was Elaine’s participation from ACT Global, which helped strengthen the Forum’s connection to broader regional and global processes.

Increasing the Forum’s regional engagement through participation in the first in-person LAC Forum Coordinators’ Meeting.

The Forum identified its participation in the first in-person Meeting of Forum Coordinators of Latin America and the Caribbean as a major success. This meeting provided an important opportunity for the Forum to exchange ideas, build relationships, and develop strategies with other national forums in the region. This engagement enhanced the visibility and presence of the Nicaragua Forum within ACT Alliance’s regional spaces, fostering a deeper sense of shared direction and collaboration.

A key outcome of this engagement was the opportunity for the Nicaragua Forum to contribute to the development of the Common Fund proposal, expected to be shared in January 2026 with partners and counterparts from Canada and the United States. This process enhanced the Forum’s participation in collective planning and resource mobilization discussions while reinforcing the value of active involvement in regional coordination and joint advocacy efforts.



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Strengthened internal coordination and collective planning among Forum members.

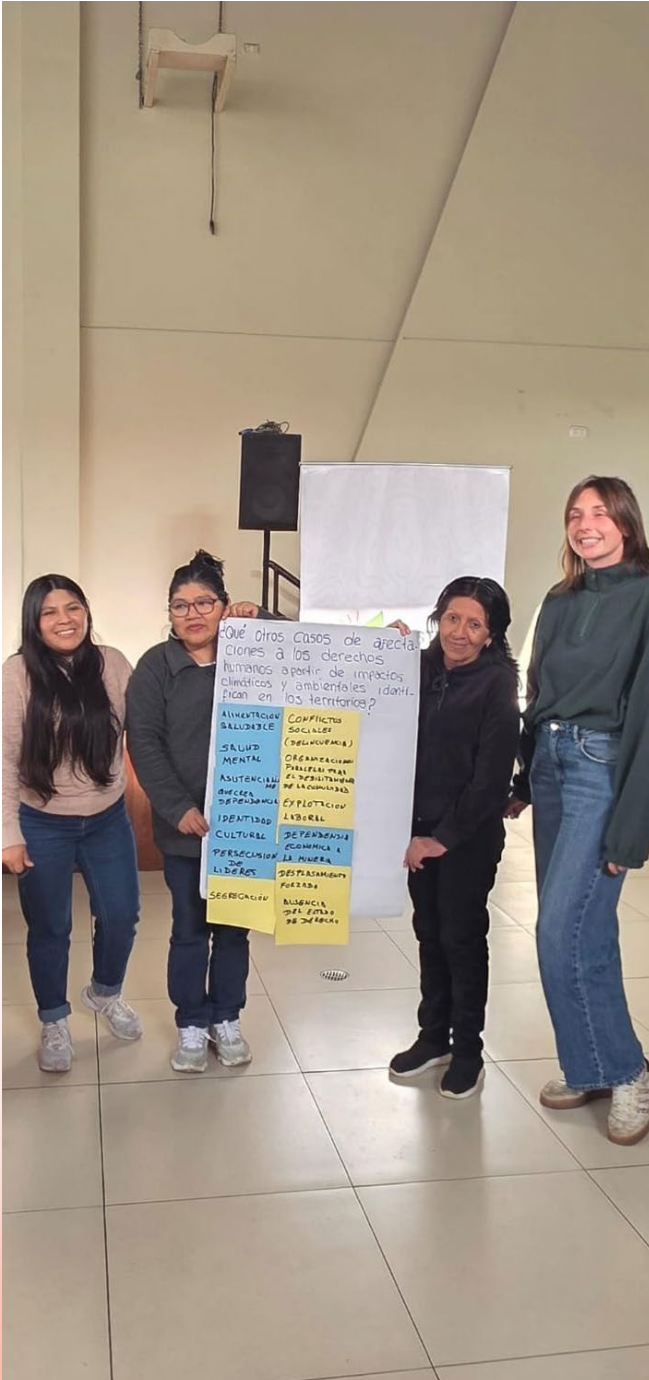
The Forum successfully convened its members for a joint planning and reflection process. This process helped define shared priorities and strengthen coordination for collective action and response.

This process was important for uniting member organizations around common challenges and opportunities in the national context while reinforcing the Forum as a platform for collaboration and strategic articulation.

Advanced gender justice work through the dissemination of theological arguments at both international and national levels.

Through two key events, one international and one national, the Forum promoted faith-based gender justice reflections. The international event featured Pilar Cancelo from the Argentina Forum, and the national event took place in the framework of November 25th.

These efforts positioned the theological arguments within broader regional discussions and local commemorative and advocacy spaces, thereby strengthening dialogue on gender, faith, and justice.



Promoted rights-based advocacy on human mobility, climate, and territorial justice.

The Forum organized a space on human mobility from a human rights perspective and contributed to it, fostering dialogue with local leaders and organizations that defend rights in the face of impacts related to natural resources and climate justice.

This process also supported the development of an advocacy plan, reinforcing the Forum’s strategic engagement on these interconnected issues.

Contributed to joint contextual analysis and coordinated advocacy through FESUR.

The Forum participated in coordination efforts, including contextual analysis and developing a public statement on the impact of state power on human rights. This reflected the Forum’s commitment to collective advocacy, critical analysis of the national context, and coordinated faith-based action in defense of human dignity and rights.

Strengthened capacity in Faith-Sensitive Community-Based Psychosocial Support (CBPS/ APBC).

Through participation in the Diploma Program, the Forum advanced learning and capacity strengthening in faith-sensitive community-based psychosocial support, contributing to the development of practical tools and approaches for accompaniment, care, and community-based response among members.



COLOMBIA

FORUM



Successfully coordinated and implemented two humanitarian rapid response interventions in Urabá and Catatumbo.

One of the Forum’s major achievements during the year was successfully implementing two Rapid Response Fund (RRF) interventions in Urabá and Catatumbo during the first semester of 2025.

These interventions enabled timely humanitarian action in contexts of acute vulnerability and crisis while demonstrating the Forum’s operational coordination capacity and commitment to a collective response. The corresponding narrative and financial reports for both interventions were completed and submitted, contributing to accountability and learning for future emergency action.

In Catatumbo, the response process was strengthened by a field visit conducted by the Forum’s coordination team and the Methodist Church of Colombia. This visit allowed for closer accompaniment, follow-up, and a better understanding of the intervention’s context. This reinforced the Forum’s commitment to not only resource mobilization and implementation but also presence, accompaniment, and learning in humanitarian contexts.

Strengthened faith-based peace dialogue and contextual analysis on human security in Colombia.

In the area of peace and human security, the forum successfully organized a peacebuilding dialogue event led by the ACT Colombia Forum, the World Council of Churches (WCC), and DIPAZ. Key invited guests participated in the event, reflecting on the various peace scenarios currently shaping the country. This event, which took place in April 2025, created an important space for exchange, analysis, and collective reflection from faith-based and ecumenical perspectives.

Advanced engagement on gender justice through regional articulation and dialogue on regressive agendas and fundamentalisms.

In the area of gender justice, the Forum made partial but meaningful progress on the planned work related to fundamentalisms and regressive agendas. This progress was made through the participation of Forum representatives in FESUR and a working dinner with the organization Oriéntame. These processes contributed to regional exchange and learning and helped collect reflections and experiences relevant to understanding how regressive narratives and actors continue to affect gender justice and rights-based work in Colombia and the region.

Consolidated environmental justice engagement through follow-up to COP16 and preparation for COP30.

The Forum made progress in environmental and climate justice by facilitating a feedback and reflection process with COP16 participants, enabling internal learning and strategic assessment of the Forum's involvement. Additionally, some Forum members participated in a preparatory meeting for churches and faith-based organizations to participate in COP30, positioning the Forum within ongoing regional and global climate advocacy efforts.



Expanded regional and strategic articulation beyond the annual work plan.

Beyond the planned activities under the POA, the Forum played an active role in regional coordination and collective strategic processes.

This included participating in four articulation meetings with Latin American and Caribbean forums organized by the Regional Secretariat, as well as a three-day in-person regional forum gathering. The Forum contributed to three collective meetings to develop a concept note for a common fund on human mobility and climate justice in Latin America and the Caribbean. This strengthened its role in broader regional planning and resource mobilization discussions.

Strengthened accompaniment, humanitarian preparedness, and future response planning.

Other significant actions included providing accompaniment to DIPAZ during a visit to Ocaña with regional pastors and an international delegation. This contributed to strengthening local relationships and improving contextual understanding in a sensitive humanitarian and peacebuilding setting. Looking ahead, in January 2026, the Forum engaged in three working meetings related to the presentation of APPEALS: two with the Lutheran World Federation and one with Joakeim, the humanitarian focal point of ACT Alliance.

Additionally, the Forum collaborated with the Lutheran World Federation team to update the ACT Colombia Forum Emergency Response Plan, thereby strengthening preparedness, coordination, and future collective humanitarian action.



DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

FORUM



Strengthening of the Forum through regular gatherings and spaces for exchange.

The Forum continued to strengthen its internal coordination and collective identity by holding regular meetings and creating spaces for members to exchange ideas. These encounters helped reinforce relationships, maintain dialogue on shared priorities, and sustain the forum as a space for articulation, collaboration, and joint reflection within the national context.

Participation in the Faith-Sensitive Community-Based Psychosocial Support (CBPS/APBC) Diploma Program.

Another important achievement was the Forum's participation in the CBPS/APBC Diploma Program, which strengthened capacities in faith-sensitive psychosocial support and community-based accompaniment. This process provided valuable tools, knowledge, and practical reflections to support individual member organizations and the Forum's broader engagement in care, well-being, and community response processes.

ARGENTINA

FORUM



Coordinated a humanitarian response by implementing a Rapid Response Fund (RRF) in Bahía Blanca.

The implementation of the RRF was one of the Forum's key achievements during the year, contributing to timely humanitarian support in response to local needs.

This effort was further strengthened through the mobilization of local collections and solidarity contributions, reflecting community engagement and the Forum's ability to link local, faith-based responses to broader humanitarian actions.

Advanced strategic advocacy on climate justice, human mobility, and a human rights-based approach.

The Forum advanced strategic advocacy on climate justice, human mobility, and a human rights-based approach by developing an advocacy plan focused on these issues. This represents an important step in strengthening the Forum's strategic positioning and collective action on interconnected regional and national challenges, particularly in a context marked by growing social and political tensions.

Strengthened climate justice engagement through national articulation and preparation for COP30.

The Forum advanced its engagement in international climate processes by participating in and preparing for COP30, thereby contributing to the inclusion of faith-based voices in climate discussions.

Expanded and strengthened the organizational base and regional engagement of the Forum.

Another important milestone was the incorporation of CAREF as a new Forum member, which contributed to a stronger, more diverse collective platform. The Forum maintained active participation in Global Reference Groups and Communities of Practice (CoPs), reinforcing its connection with broader ACT Alliance processes and opportunities for exchange, learning, and collaboration.

Contributed to regional reflection and action on fundamentalisms and shrinking civic space.

In a context of political polarization and growing concern around fundamentalisms in the national arena, the Forum contributed to FESUR's work, particularly with regard to peacebuilding and analyzing regressive narratives and fundamentalisms. This engagement reflects the Forum's commitment to regional solidarity, critical reflection, and collective action in response to challenges affecting rights, democracy, and social cohesion.



HONDURAS FORUM



Strengthened gender justice capacities through a cascading training process among member organizations.

One of the Forum's key achievements during the year was implementing a gender justice training process. Representatives later replicated this process within their respective member organizations. This expanded the reach of the training beyond the initial participants, strengthening internal capacities, shared understanding, and institutional engagement on gender justice across the Forum.

Consolidated strategic advocacy on human mobility and climate change.

The Forum reached an important milestone by finalizing its advocacy plan on human mobility and climate change and implementing three concrete advocacy actions. This process strengthened the Forum's strategic orientation and collective voice on issues deeply interconnected in the Honduran context, particularly regarding rights, displacement, and environmental vulnerability.

Promoted policy dialogue and public engagement in the lead-up to the elections.

The Forum facilitated consultations with political candidates to discuss government proposals related to human mobility and climate change. These consultations helped position these issues within the public and political agendas. Additionally, the Forum contributed to a public policy dialogue on migration, reinforcing its role as a convener and an advocate for rights-based approaches to national policy discussions.

Strengthened the Forum's internal governance and strategic direction.

Another significant organizational accomplishment was updating the Forum's strategic plan and operational regulations. This update strengthened internal clarity, governance, and long-term direction. These updates provide a stronger institutional foundation for future coordination, planning, and collective action.



BRAZIL FEACT FORUM



Strengthened internal coordination and strategic reflection through Forum gatherings and planning processes.

The Forum advanced its internal strengthening through a gathering and a strategic reporting process. These processes contributed to reflection on priorities, collective direction, and the strengthening of the Forum's organizational identity. These efforts helped reinforce internal coordination and support a clearer strategic orientation for the Forum's ongoing work.

Contributed to peacebuilding and human rights by publishing materials on genocide and hate speech prevention.

In the area of peace and human rights, the Forum produced two significant publications: one on genocide and another on a plan of action to prevent hate speech. These publications are important contributions that provide faith-based analysis, reflection, and practical tools in response to growing polarization, violence, and threats to human dignity in the broader regional and global context.

Advanced climate justice advocacy through interreligious engagement linked to COP30.

The Forum played an important role in this advocacy by organizing and participating in the Ecumenical Tapiri during COP30, which included an interreligious gathering. These efforts strengthened the role of faith actors in climate conversations and built bridges between local, national, and global climate advocacy processes.

Contributed to regional reflection on fundamentalisms and regressive narratives.

Through its participation in processes linked to FESUR, the Forum contributed to ongoing regional reflection and analysis on fundamentalisms and their impact across the region. This engagement reflects the Forum's commitment to addressing the political, theological, and social implications of regressive narratives from a faith-based and rights-centered perspectives.

Promoted the use of the Gender CoP theological "Argumentario" and strengthened regional exchange on gender and religion.

Another significant accomplishment was implementing and advocating for the national use of the Gender CoP's "Será de Dios" Argumentario, which expanded its use and relevance within the Brazilian context. The Forum contributed to regional exchange by participating in the Gender Community of Practice Assembly in São Leopoldo. This created opportunities for reflection, articulation, and learning about the relationship between gender, faith, and public advocacy.

Deepened learning on how to connect national advocacy with global processes.

Throughout the year, the Forum strengthened its reflection on linking national advocacy efforts with global processes. This is an important step for enhancing strategic influence and ensuring that local realities and experiences are meaningfully connected to broader regional and international spaces.





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2025 was a successful year for the ACT Alliance in Latin America and the Caribbean.

We achieved many historic milestones in all of our programs. The following pages summarize the main advances and actions of the five ACT Alliance programs in LAC, followed by the work of the regional office.



CLIMATE JUSTICE PROGRAM



The program significantly elevated ecumenical articulation and joint positioning in the lead-up to COP30, deepening cross-country coordination and strengthening ACT's contribution to both ongoing and emerging regional ecumenical climate efforts in Latin America and the Caribbean.



Climate-induced migration advocacy was resourced and delivered. The program **exclusively funded the ACT Alliance delegation at the Regional Review of the UN Global Compact in Santiago, Chile. This enabled strong, visible, and strategically prepared representation** and ensured effective follow-up to expand partnerships and influence on climate-induced migration.

We published a **flagship research product on human rights-based approaches (HRBA) to climate interventions**, grounded in lived and grassroots experiences. The publication connected member programming with HRBA standards and practical pathways, triggering structured forum dialogue to advance HRBA adoption and implementation in Argentina, Peru and Honduras.

We designed and delivered a high-impact, **youth-led training on UNFCCC advocacy. This training catalyzed the youth group behind ACT Alliance's strongest global youth-led COP statement ever.** The training equipped young faith-based leaders with the skills, tools, and confidence to engage strategically in climate negotiations and amplify community-rooted priorities.

The program provided **technical assistance** in developing a **regional concept note** for a **pooled LAC fund focused on climate justice and human mobility**, establishing a robust framework for resource mobilization.

WHAT IS TO COME IN 2026

- 1 Peru, Honduras, and Argentina:**
Support concrete policy progress on climate justice and human mobility by holding timely national dialogues and convenings that inform active policy formulation processes.
- 2 Regional climate influencing:**
Strengthen alignment across LAC by advancing a shared agenda and coordinated messaging on climate justice and human mobility.
- 3 Climate & Human Mobility Community of Practice:**
Bring members together for peer learning, joint analysis, and coordinated advocacy opportunities.





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MIGRATION AND DISPLACEMENT PROGRAM



Consolidation of the importance of a forum-led regional advocacy model on human mobility

The region recognizes the importance of a forum-led approach to coordinated, rights-based advocacy. Despite political instability, shrinking civic space, and climate emergencies throughout 2025, the Forums remained actively engaged and advanced shared priorities regarding human mobility, climate justice, and sustainable development. They received sustained technical support from the Regional Secretariat.

Substantive progress in National Advocacy Plans

The development of national advocacy plans aligned with the human rights-based approach (HRBA) achieved concrete progress:

Cuba (~90%), Honduras (~80%), and Peru (~80%) advanced in structured and actionable advocacy frameworks.

In El Salvador, where public advocacy poses greater risks, the Forum adopted an adaptive strategy, developing legal tools and security protocols rather than a public plan. This approach ensures the continuity of advocacy efforts while prioritizing protection and legality. Overall, the Forums transitioned from fragmented or ad hoc actions toward more strategic, coordinated, and rights-based advocacy planning.

Increased advocacy capacity in restrictive and volatile contexts

Legal literacy tools, security protocols, and safe advocacy approaches were developed and adopted, especially in El Salvador. In Cuba, in-person processes helped mitigate connectivity limitations and ensure inclusive participation. The Forums progressively incorporated risk-informed and context-adapted advocacy, strengthening the sustainability of their work in environments with restricted civic space and political instability.

Improved financial management and accountability when grants are provided

Through close accompaniment and continuous follow-up, the forums strengthened the transparent, efficient, and results-oriented use of advocacy funds. They did this by more clearly linking expenditures to advocacy objectives and HRBA outcomes. This reinforced Forum ownership of the processes.

Strengthened positioning in regional and global processes

The Forums collectively enhanced their preparedness and credibility to engage in regional and global policy spaces, including the follow-up processes of the Global Compact for Migration (GCM) and the preparations for the International Migration Review Forum (IMRF) in 2026. Evidence-based inputs, testimonies, and coordinated messaging strengthened ACT's regional voice and laid solid foundations for more influential advocacy in upcoming global milestones.



WHAT IS TO COME IN 2026

1

Workplan adoption and implementation by the Community of Practice (CoP) on Human Mobility and Climate Justice for LAC

The CoP will finalize the validation and formal endorsement of its work plan, including the prioritization of thematic areas, governance arrangements, and coordination modalities. This milestone will enable the launch of initial activities, such as knowledge-sharing sessions and joint advocacy moments. It will also allow for the continued updating of member mapping, which strengthens collective action.

2

Engagement in IMRF 2026 and COP31

Efforts will focus on coordinating ACT Alliance's strategic participation in the 2026 International Migration Review Forum, including supporting delegations, organizing side events, and developing joint advocacy messages. In parallel, positioning for COP31 engagement will begin, ensuring that human mobility and climate justice priorities are effectively integrated into climate policy spaces.

3

Landing of National Advocacy Plans

Priority countries will finalize and implement National Advocacy Plans aligned with regional and global advocacy frameworks. This will be accompanied by capacity-strengthening efforts to help members implement, monitor, and adapt advocacy strategies in response to evolving national contexts, opportunities, and risks.

PEACE AND HUMAN SECURITY PROGRAM



Reinforced the South American Faith and Justice Forum (FESUR) through direct accompaniment. Convening the Regional Encounter “*Faith and Freedom: Collective Responses to Fundamentalisms in South America*” (Bogotá, 5–7 November). This meeting **brought together ACT Forums from Argentina, Brazil, Colombia, and Peru**. It resulted in a strategic **action plan for developing and launching the FESUR Regional Report, “Not in the Name of Faith,”** in 2026. Fundamentalism, Democratic Backsliding, and Attacks on Gender Justice.” The report includes cases from Argentina, Brazil, Colombia, and Peru, and is available in three languages. It features four country case studies documenting the impact of religious fundamentalism on human rights.

Adopted a **regional public statement *Faith and Freedom: Collective Responses to Rising Fundamentalisms in South America***. Developed a **coordinated social media campaign** to raise awareness about the exploitation of religion for anti-rights agendas

and amplify the voices of faith leaders committed to human rights, democracy, and gender justice. This significantly increased the visibility of faith-based human rights perspectives at the regional and international levels.

Positioned the key issue of the instrumentalization of faith and religion within regional advocacy spaces while consolidating the collaboration of ACT members in political-theological analysis and joint advocacy efforts. A regional dialogue event was held in Colombia titled “Faith, Power, and Politics: Conversations on the Instrumentalization of Religion in South America.” This event convened representatives from UN entities, international agencies, churches, bishops, academic institutions, and women’s organizations for a strategic exchange.

Elevated the regional contribution to global policy discussions on Women, Peace and Security. Secured the selection of the Colombian case—involving DIPAZ, the World Council of Churches, and the ACT Colombia Forum—as one of the 13 global case studies of the UN Multi-Faith Advisory Council (MFAC) on the role of women as faith mediators. A presentation was given during the virtual event marking the 30th anniversary of UN Security Council Resolution 1325. Colombia was the only case featured from Latin America and the Caribbean.

Strengthened cross-program collaboration between the ACT Advocacy and Gender programs. There was active participation in the Advocacy Academy, which was **delivered for the first time in Spanish in 2025, as well as in the Spanish edition of the ACT Alliance Global Advocacy Update in 2025.** These efforts significantly expanded access and engagement for Latin American partners. Internally, work on the backlash against human rights and the instrumentalization of religion also included participation in ACT Hub meetings and the ACT EU Policy and Advocacy Conference (PAC).



WHAT IS TO COME IN 2026

1

National and regional policy engagement

Launches of the FESUR Regional Report in Peru and Colombia, with additional launches planned in Brazil and Argentina, will be accompanied by a regional conference projecting the instrumentalization of religion for anti-rights political agendas. This initiative highlights the risks posed by these dynamics in presidential electoral contexts and strengthens the coordinated responses of faith-based and civil society actors committed to democracy, human rights, and gender justice.

2

High-level regional and international launches:

Strategic presentation of the FESUR Regional Report, “Not in the Name of Faith: Fundamentalism, Democratic Backsliding, and Attacks on Gender Justice.” These launches will occur in key multilateral and policy spaces, including the Organization of American States General Assembly in Panama City and the United Nations Human Rights Council in Geneva. The evidence and faith-based counter-narratives will be positioned within global discussions on democratic backsliding, civic space, and the protection of gender justice.

3

Strategic Dissemination Campaign

Expand a regional communication campaign to highlight the role of faith-based organizations and theological arguments in promoting human rights and gender equality. This campaign will amplify the report’s findings through policy briefs, digital content, media engagement, and targeted outreach to faith communities, civil society networks, and decision-makers across Latin America and the Caribbean.

HUMANITARIAN PROGRAM



Successfully implemented a Kerk in Actie-supported regional CHS initiative with CIETSS, IELCO, CASM, and CCRD.

This resulted in completed **self-assessments**, finalized **improvement plans**, a **regional exchange of lessons learned**, and a **regional process of sensitization** on the CHS self-evaluation tool and related funding opportunities.

This work strengthened the organizational accountability capacity of the four participating members and increased regional awareness and engagement with the CHS framework for quality and improvement.

In 2025, ACT supported humanitarian responses in Colombia through **IELCO-linked interventions in Urabá and Catatumbo**. These interventions addressed human mobility and displacement by providing protection, cash assistance, psychosocial support, and activities related to child protection and gender-based violence (GBV).

In 2025, URD (France) granted ACT Alliance in LAC 20 days of consultancy support to **pilot the new due diligence “passporting” initiative**, thereby strengthening our regional work in quality assurance and accountability.



WHAT IS TO COME IN 2026

1

Pilot the implementation of the Due Diligence Passport in Latin America and the Caribbean.

As part of a broader set of reforms for 2026–2027, the program will test the passport to strengthen the role of national members and support more effective, locally led responses to humanitarian crises.

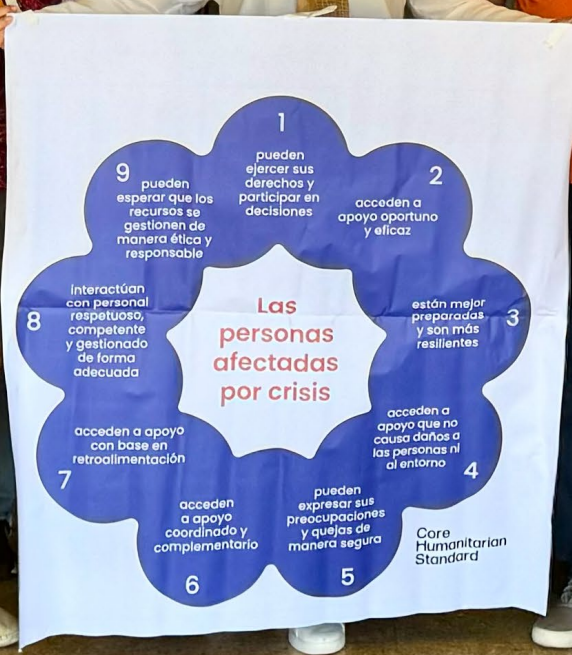
The Passport introduces a standardized due diligence process supported by a tiered funding system and a “passporting” modality to streamline eligibility and access to funding.

2

Continued support to Rapid Response Funds (RRFs) and Appeals in the region.

The program will continue to support RRFs and appeals as they arise, ensuring timely, coordinated, and effective responses to emergencies throughout the region.





WORK FROM THE
REGIONAL OFFICE

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

1

WE BROUGHT TOGETHER 11 COUNTRIES AROUND A SHARED REGIONAL AGENDA FOR RESOURCE MOBILIZATION

Through sustained technical and political facilitation, the Regional Office supported forum coordinators from these countries in developing a shared vision for the region. This process resulted in an agreement on two strategic programmatic priorities: climate justice and human mobility. It also led to the development of two robust, well-structured regional proposals ready for presentation to donors and strategic partners. This represents a major milestone, positioning ACT LAC to transition to large-scale resource mobilization grounded in a shared regional narrative and clearly defined agenda.

2

WE SIGNIFICANTLY STRENGTHENED REGIONAL COHESION THROUGH THE WORK OF THE FORUM COORDINATION

With valuable support from Week of Compassion (WoC) and Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA), the Regional Office organized an in-person meeting for forum coordinators, which strengthened trust, alignment, and a shared sense of purpose throughout the region. The group demonstrated a strong capacity for collective work, establishing itself as a team capable of translating an ambitious vision into relevant, high-quality, and concrete outputs.

3

WE MOBILIZED CONCRETE RESOURCES AND OPPORTUNITIES TO STRENGTHEN NATIONAL FORUMS

The Regional Office contributed to the mobilization and positioning of strategic resources to support the work of the forums in Honduras, El Salvador, Cuba, Peru, Colombia, Argentina, and FESUR. This strengthened their national and sub regional capacities, and supported them in advancing their objectives and priorities.

4

WE ADVANCED THE CORE HUMANITARIAN STANDARD (CHS)

Through the support of Kerk in Actie (KIA), the region made progress in self-assessment processes, institutional strengthening, and shared learning. This effort-built capacity among members and led to the first external invitation to receive specialized technical assistance from Groupe URD, a globally recognized humanitarian organization.

5

WE STRENGTHENED REGIONAL ADVOCACY CAPACITY IN STRATEGIC SPACES

The Regional Office positioned an ecumenical, faith-based regional voice in key political and multilateral spaces. This strengthened ACT LAC's public presence in debates on sustainable development, climate justice, human mobility, and human rights. In doing so, the region not only consolidated its internal coordination capacity, but also its external projection and ability to engage as a credible interlocutor.

6

WE MADE ACT LAC MORE VISIBLE, COHESIVE, AND ADVOCACY-DRIVEN

During this period, the region solidified its profile within ACT Alliance as being more coordinated, proactive, and results-oriented. The Regional Office's sustained convening role, combined with the dynamism of forums and communities of practice, deepened collaboration with North American members and strengthened recognition of ACT LAC as a region with its own identity, strong political analysis, and capacity for collective action.

7

WE EXPANDED OUR COMMUNICATIONS PRESENCE AND STRENGTHENED A REGIONAL VOICE WITH ITS OWN IDENTITY

Our regional presence on communication platforms continued to grow, surpassing 3,300 followers. This progress was made possible through contributions from various regional spaces, particularly the Forum of Social and Ecumenical Organizations (FESUR), the Youth Community of Practice, and the Gender Community of Practice.

These spaces helped shape sharper, more strategic, and faith-rooted messaging. Regional communications have increased not only in reach but also in political depth.



2026 OUTLOOK

During 2026, the Regional Office will conduct strategic visits to Central and South America. These visits are aimed at deepening contextual understanding and strengthening support for national forums.

The Regional Office will promote closer collaboration among ACT forums in the Americas, focusing on strengthening political linkages and identifying shared regional action agendas.

The Regional Office will support the potential launch of the Regional Pooled Fund and advance the necessary coordination, design, and preparatory processes for its implementation.

Bi-monthly regional coordination meetings will continue with the more systematic inclusion of moderators from the Communities of Practice.

The Regional Office will produce key communication, visibility, and accountability outputs, including the annual report, monthly newsletters, regular member updates, and strategic external communications through LinkedIn and other relevant channels.

As a regional team, we will contribute to strategic advocacy processes, spaces, and opportunities to strengthen ACT LAC's collective positioning and expand its capacity for engagement, influence, and coordination in the region.

With the support of Week of Compassion (WoC), in 2026 the Regional Office will strengthen its team by incorporating two young professionals on a part-time basis, enhancing its operational, programmatic, and regional support capacity.

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