About Us

**Mission:** To generate **models for effective community-led and people-centered development of informal settlements** in cities across the globe, based on the experience of Rio de Janeiro.

Operating since **2000** in **Rio de Janeiro**, based on an **Asset-Based Community Development** approach.

**Award-winning nonprofit:** Brazilian Federation of Architects and Urbanists Prize, Anthem Awards, Webby, Prix Ars Eletrônica, Tech Award, and Megafone Award.

Programs designed to offer **strategic support to thousands** of grassroots partners across **over 500** of Rio de Janeiro's **favelas**.

Programs are **co-created** with community partners, deeply network-based.

Generate **impacts as we build our programs**, not only in their final outcomes.

Focus on Rio's favelas but **reaching 170 countries monthly** through **RioOnWatch**.

Learn about our three programs that, together, build a virtuous cycle of community-led, robust development in informal settlements:

**RioOnWatch**

**Favela Community Land Trust**

**Exposing, boosting, growing and researching sustainable models for community development by favelas themselves:** **Sustainable Favela Network**

Ensure **robust security of tenure and community-led development** that safeguard community assets while guaranteeing land rights: **Favela Community Land Trust**.

**Shifting the narrative on favelas,** growing nuance and understanding, by centering grassroots voices: **RioOnWatch**.