The ReCivitas Institute- Quatinga Velho and NEPAS.

The ReCivitas Institute continues its efforts in implementing Basic Income in Quatinga Velho, Brazil. As a result of the restructuring process after the pandemic, the NEPAS- Nucleus for Studies and Research in Social Action- was created. NEPAS aims to facilitate the production of knowledge necessary for the sustainability and financial independence of the organisation, as well as the development of essential projects and public policies. It establishes a network with the FRRB (ReCivitas Basic Income Fund) based on the Institute's core principles.

At NEPAS, our focus extends beyond conducting studies and publishing research on the social impact of our activities. We have taken an additional step to implement systematic monitoring, research, and risk analysis. This approach aids us in making informed decisions for strategic and organisational planning, allowing us to project the potential for social transformation. Our members' work and authorial studies are seamlessly integrated in NEPAS's data bank and the ReCivitas Library, forming the foundation for information production and analysis. By leveraging these resources, we can enhance our understanding of the social dynamics and drive meaningful change in our projects.

Regarding Basic Income in Quatinga Velho, I consider the approach during the pandemic to have been a serious mistake characterised by omission and negligence. From March 2020 until October 2022, we maintained an emergency and extraordinary expansion of the program, determining the roll of beneficiaries and the amount of basic income payments. The figures for the Basic Income during this period were as follows:

- BI 2020: R$ 15,052.00
- BI 2021: R$ 42,240.00
- BIAE 2021: R$ 70,050.00 (Total for 2021: R$ 118,290.00)
- BIAE 2022: R$ 49,750.00 (Total for 2021/2022: R$ 168,040.00)

These numbers represent the financial support provided through the Basic Income program during the specified years.

Once the most serious and pressing times had passed, we adapted our operations to work within the confines of our available reserves, ensuring that we did not completely deplete the funds that support the current and future basic income initiatives. As per our strategic plan, following internal restructuring efforts, we successfully resumed payments on March

1st, 2023, under a new funding model based on a Basic Capital approach. This model ensures a minimum income for the youngest members of the community and gradually extends to include the entire community as resources allow.

Currently, we have only 6 children aged 0 to 2 years, each receiving an individual initial capital of R$13,000. In March, they received R$150.00 as interest, and from the second semester onwards, based on the current interest projections provided by a non-partner banking institution, they will now receive biannual contributions ranging between R$800.00 and R$1,200.00. This translates to a monthly basic income of R$133.00 to R$200.00. It's important to note that these values are contingent on Brazil's economic situation.

What is our underlying intention in pursuing this endeavour? How far do we anticipate progressing, if progress is indeed feasible? These questions encompass the perspectives and expectations we aim to fulfil through the ongoing commitment to our social initiatives. Naturally, we plan to disseminate the results in future publications as promptly as possible, keeping our stakeholders informed about our journey and its outcomes.

However, we can confidently assert that the solutions we are pursuing in projects and public policies possess inherent qualities that will never deteriorate or become obstacles. On the contrary, these initiatives maintain their well-defined purpose, rationale, and behaviour, irrespective of the circumstances. They possess the resilience to endure both times of scarcity and times of abundance, ensuring their continuous potential for development and evolution without delay, deviation, or distortion. Even in the absence of adequate investments or external influences, these endeavours remain steadfast in sustaining the balance between necessary adaptations to changing situations and the ongoing progress toward achieving our objectives. All these efforts are aligned with our guiding principles, ensuring the realisation of our ideal vision.

Notwithstanding, in ReCivitas, Basic Income goes beyond being a mere instrument; it is ingrained as a philosophy. Embracing Basic Income is an integral part of our culture, and our ultimate goal is to institutionalise it as the foundation of a new ecosystem. Preservation, for us, means more than just avoiding death and destruction; it involves investing in the perpetuity of revitalization, renewal, and the regeneration of life. We begin this process by safeguarding our legacy, ensuring that future generations will never be the last, but always remain the first in all aspects of life.