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January 9-28, 2005,
Devon, United Kingdom. Winona LaDuke, Jerry Mander, and Vandana



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- CatComm publishes your local project here, bringing it global visibility;
 - Our staff edits your project before publication;
 - Our volunteers translate your initiative to Spanish and Portuguese;
 - We occasionally raffle capacity-building resources among projects posted.

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Cidade de Deus is divided into four parts and children from each of those rarely interact. The Project was able to attract kids from all four sections of the favela and as such to create an environment where they were all on the same side working together towards one goal: to win. The Project has been able to integrate the portions of the community in this way. They felt if they could do this with one group, they could grow.

So they began providing classes in Lambaeróbica to girls in the community. They thought of setting up other PSEA units within Cidade de Deus but instead opted for setting them up in two other communities because it was too difficult within



CatComm notes

Project documented on site by CatComm in Cidade de Deus. Has been recognized by Brazil's national TV station Globo, in October 2002, on the program called Esporte Espetacular.

Visibility

→ Press

- TV Globo
- VideoForum
- Jornal Universal
- Viva Favela
- EcoPop
- Canal Futura
- TV Record
- CNN
- BBC
- Jornal Extra




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Cirlanda was a cultural community leader in the 1980s and 90s active in the Acari favela, a squatter community in the North Zone of Rio. She was concerned with finding ways to improve living conditions for youth in the community through sports and culture.

Even with her health compromised, after she was "accidentally" shot in the stomach by military police, Cirlanda continued her community activities until her death in 1998.

Naming this project after her is a way of honoring her, and in a certain way, continuing this work, seeking to make her dream a reality.

The primary motivation for resuming her work is the worrisome increase in situations that put the health of young women at risk in Acari.

In the last five years, there has been an increase in the use of alcohol, tobacco, illicit drugs, the consumption of too much fast food, as well as a general and dramatic decrease in the age of girls becoming pregnant, and the spread of contagious sexually transmitted diseases.



CatComm notes

This project was documented by organizer Vanderley da Cunha (Deley) at CatComm's Casa community hub in Rio de Janeiro.

Apresentação de slides

Tamanho:



Debate s/ Acari com Grupo Odyssey

São Francisco da Prainha, Rio de Janeiro
Fotos: 32 - 65 MB
21/07/2006
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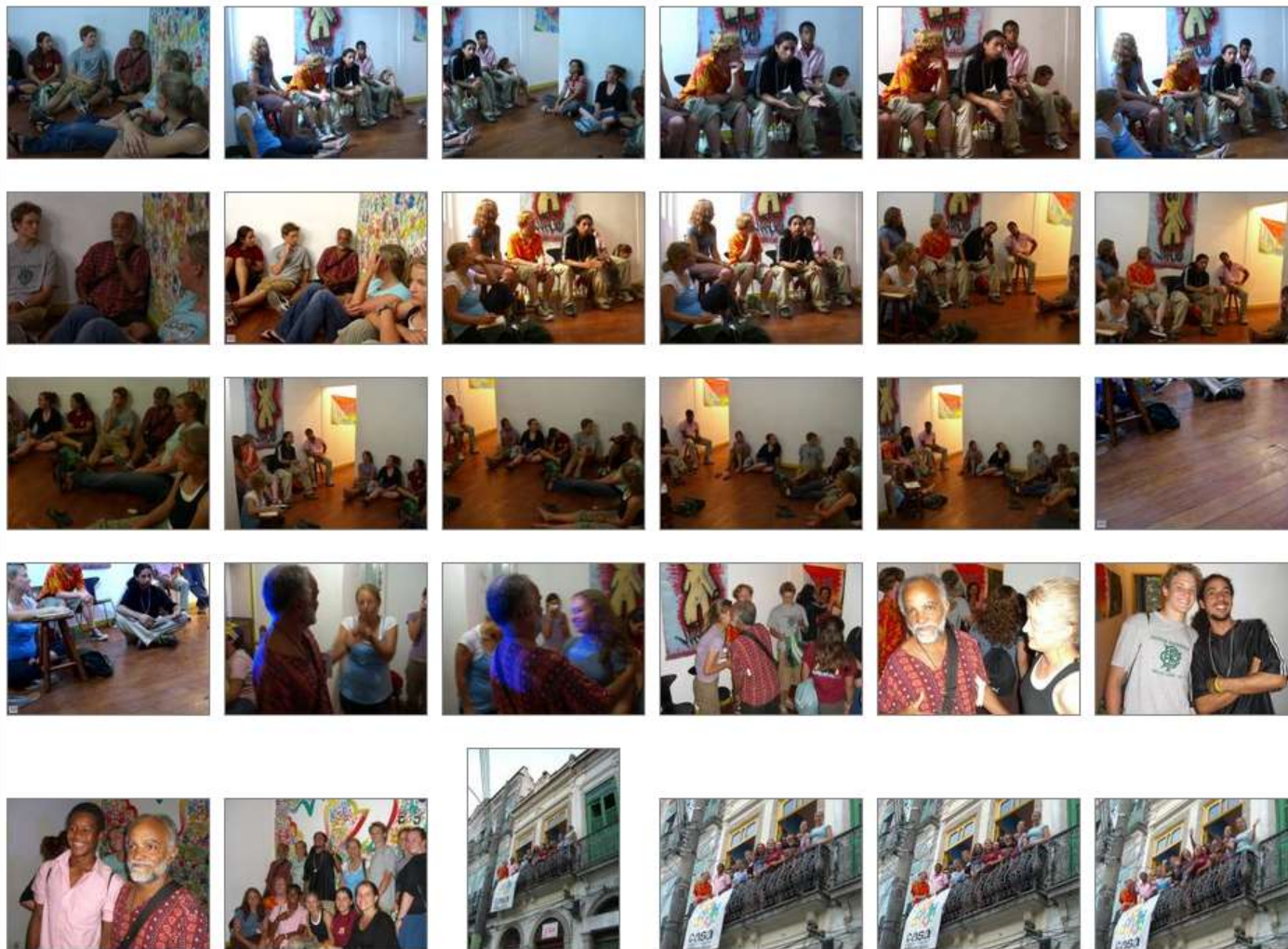
Deley da Cunha ("Deley de Acari") e Wesley organizam discussão sobre a favela de Acari com grupo de adolescentes do Grupo Odyssey, de Colorado, EUA

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1.0 BENEFITS TO DATE OF CATCOMM SITE FOR COMMUNITIES SERVED

MEDIA COVERAGE FOR PROJECTS

- TV Globo
- Jornal Universal
- CNN
- BBC
- VídeoForum
- Viva Favela
- Ecopop.com.br
- Folha de São Paulo

WEB ADDRESS REFERENCED IN COMMUNITY OUTREACH

- Community newspapers
- Project brochures
- Funding proposals
- Articles
- Film



VOLUNTEERS ATTRACTED

- Locals (journalists, students)
- International (Rotary and Fulbright students)

ACADEMIC UNDERSTANDING STIMULATED

- Planner's Network (May 2003)
- Journal of Urban Technology (December 2003)

FUNDING ACQUIRED

- Over \$2000 from individuals for rio-based Art Room project
- \$2,700 in grants to take CONGESCO to WSF 2003
- \$12,500 UNESCO grant & other support for Brazilian rural 'Gems of the Earth' telecenters program
- Various community initiatives have acquired funding utilizing website and 'Casa' resources and networks

What's Next?

CatComm 2.0 & 3.0





What's Next?

- **Rebuilding** our website from scratch, rethinking every detail in order to build to scale.
- **Retooling** for expansion into limitless languages.
- **Rethinking** our online community aspect - how to engage and support communities, translators, volunteers, the press, partner organizations, uplifting media and others.
- **Reforming** our way of thinking and doing 'business', creating a more flexible system that allows communities to add their details and interact with it on their terms.



2.0 and 3.0 Elements

- Database “skinning” so projects accessed by unlimited sources
- Integration with peer databases for max access to solutions
- Multiple entry styles
- Posting *unedited* information by project organizers
- Direct online interaction/event posting in discreet ‘community spaces’
- Reputation system allowing for recognition/comment on projects, leaders, translators and other community participants by peers and participants
- Automated e-newsletters based on reputation

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Our Objectives

- To improve the practice of **sharing solutions** globally.
- To become the world's **repository for uplifting, community-generated, solutions.**
- To facilitate successful projects being shared: presenting them so they can more easily **serve as blueprints** to inspire others to make a difference.
- To build a **dynamic** online **community** of grassroots organizers, leaders, and problem-solvers worldwide.
- To set an example with regard to **partnership** and **information-sharing** across the nonprofit sector and beyond.

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