



# Connecting the Dots Between Women's Empowerment and Critical Biodiversity Protection





**Extinction  
crisis,  
millions of  
species are  
suffering like  
never before.**

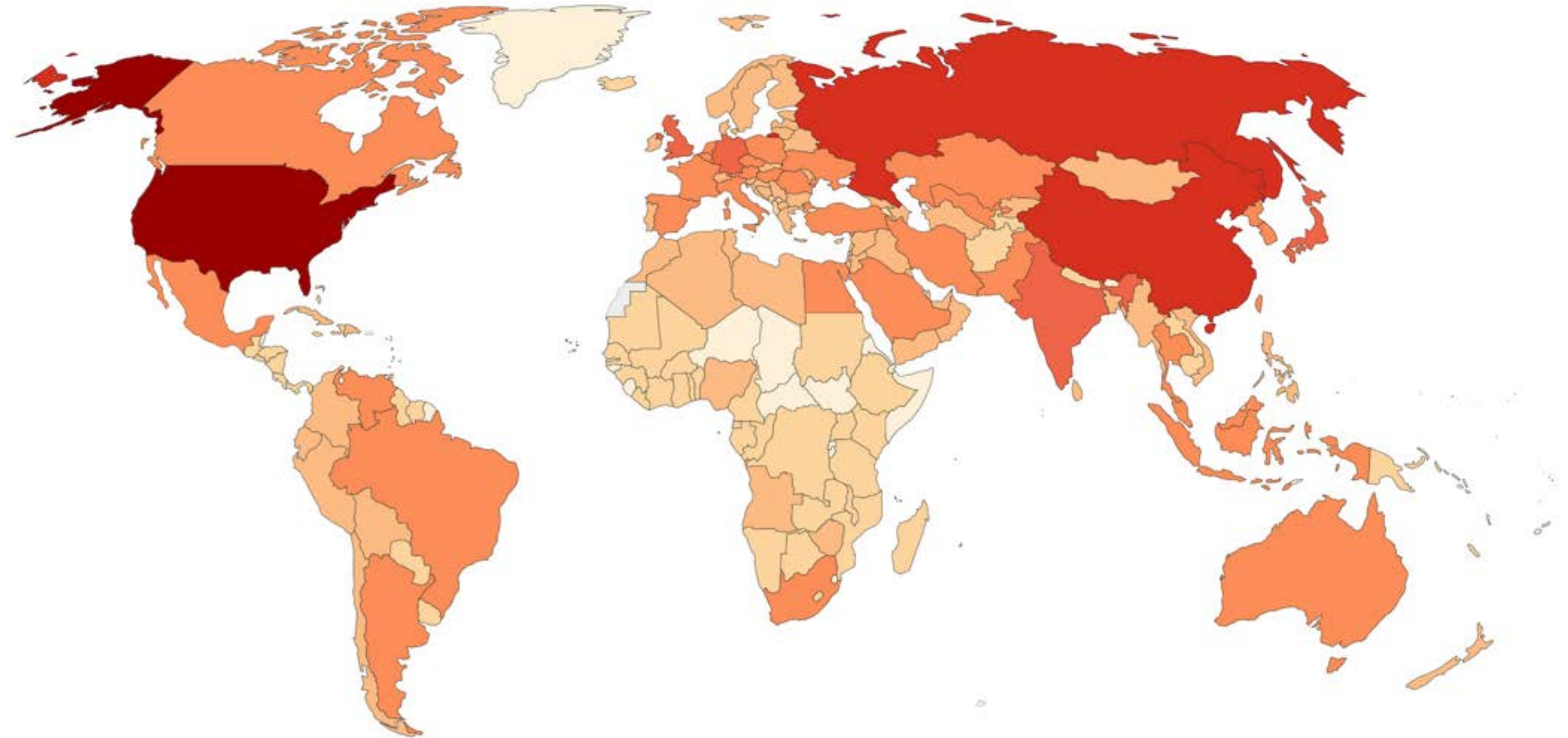


# Climate Justice

Countries in the Global South are already experiencing the worst effects of climate disaster. This is especially troubling given the fact that they are often the same countries that have contributed least to climate change.

## Cumulative CO<sub>2</sub> emissions, 2020

Cumulative carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) emissions represents the total sum of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions produced from fossil fuels and cement since 1750, and is measured in tonnes. This measures CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from fossil fuels and cement production only – land use change is not included.





# Our Origins





# Our Holistic Approach

to pressing socio-ecological problems



## Nature Conservation

We empower women to lead in the field of conservation by offering them skills, tools and training to save wildlife.

## Family Planning

We support women by providing them voluntary access to birth planning and information about reproductive rights.

## Sustainable Livelihoods

We train women to adopt environmentally conscious lifestyles and businesses.



# WHERE WE WORK

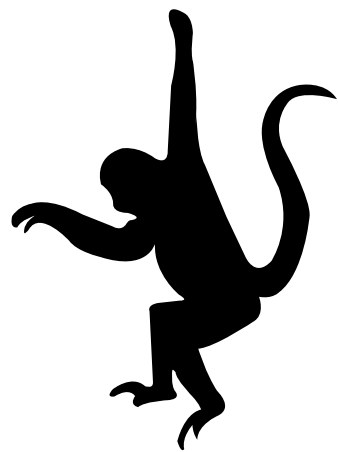


Colombia is home to 10% of the earth's biodiversity.

#4 in mammal biodiversity

#1 in bird biodiversity

#2 in frog biodiversity



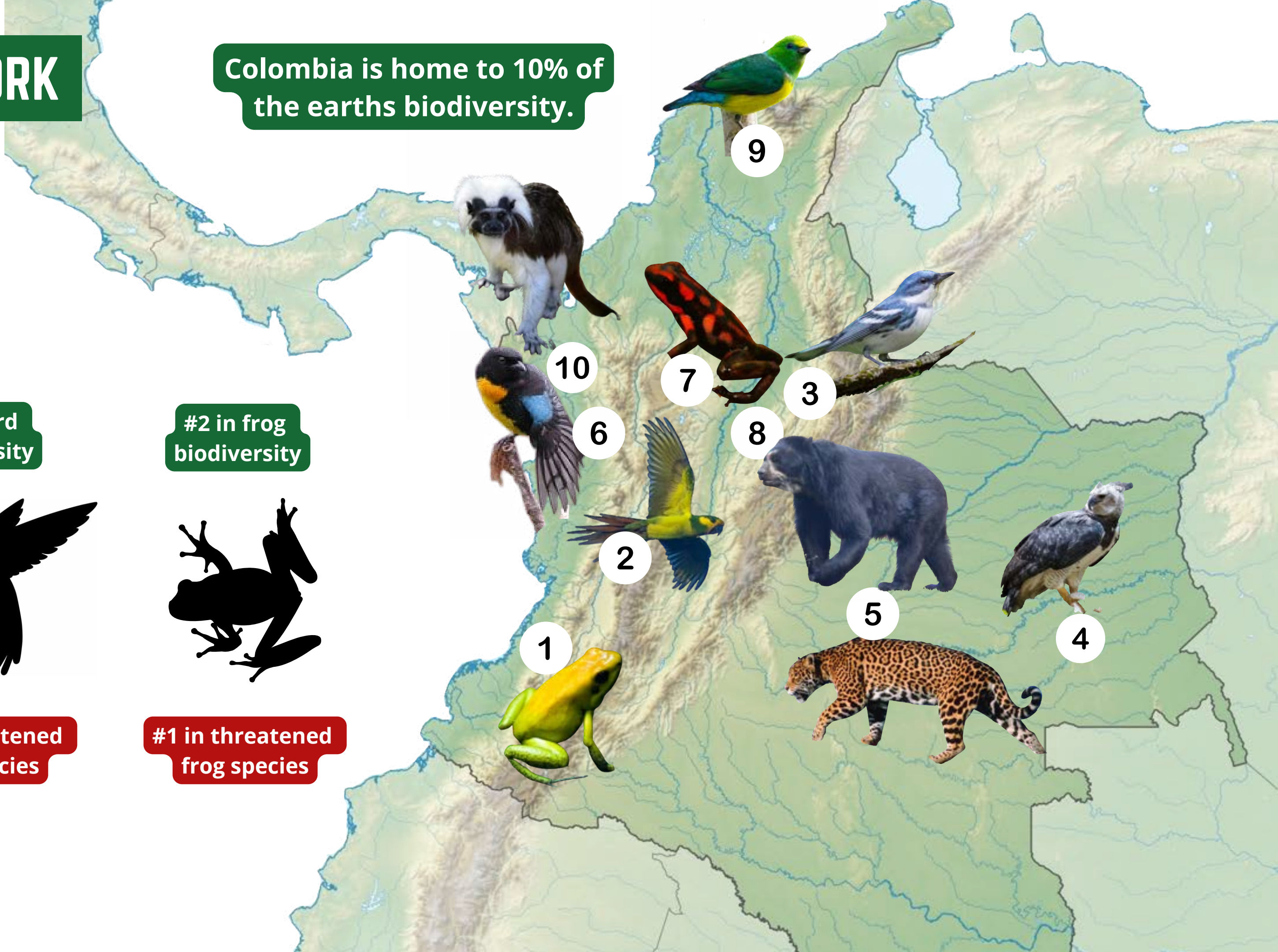
But also...



#4 in threatened bird species



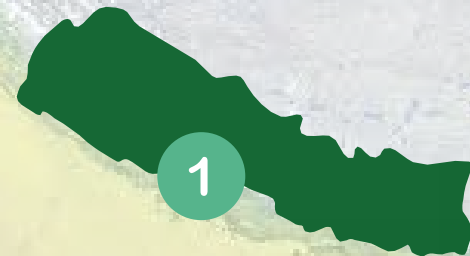
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# WHERE WE WORK - NEPAL

NAWAPUL DISTRICT,  
GANDAKI PROVINCE, NEPAL





**Environmental  
Education**



**reforestation &  
Conservation  
Education**

# NATURE CONSERVATION

**We empower women to lead in the field  
of conservation by offering them skills,  
tools and training to save wildlife.**

**Nature Guide  
Training**



**Critical Habitat  
Acquisition /  
Protection**





**Artisanal  
jewelry  
workshops**



**Forest Ranger  
Career Training**

## SUSTAINABLE LIVELIHOODS

We facilitate training for women to start environmentally conscious businesses and lifestyles in harmony with nature.



**Sewing  
Workshops**



**Cooking Classes &  
certifications**





**Family Planning Education**



**Cancer Screenings**

## FAMILY PLANNING

We support women by providing them voluntary access to birth planning and information about reproductive rights.



**Tubal Litigations**



**Contraceptive Implants**



We have seen that **climate disasters** are already impacting communities where we work



## Colombia – Floods and Landslides Affect 5,000 in Meta Department, Airport Flooded in Villavicencio

24 MAY, 2022 BY [RICHARD DAVIES](#)

Officials in the department of Meta, **Colombia**, report at least 5,000 people have been affected by recent heavy rainfall caused flooding and landslides including in areas of the department capital, Villavicencio where the airport runway and terminal was flooded.



**Fostering climate resilience is essential for communities to navigate these new challenges**



# We have seen from Personal Experience that our family planning work...

Allows girls to  
finish school



Gives women the  
time to pursue  
careers and get  
involved with  
conservation work



Reduces stress on  
limited natural  
resources



Improves food  
security

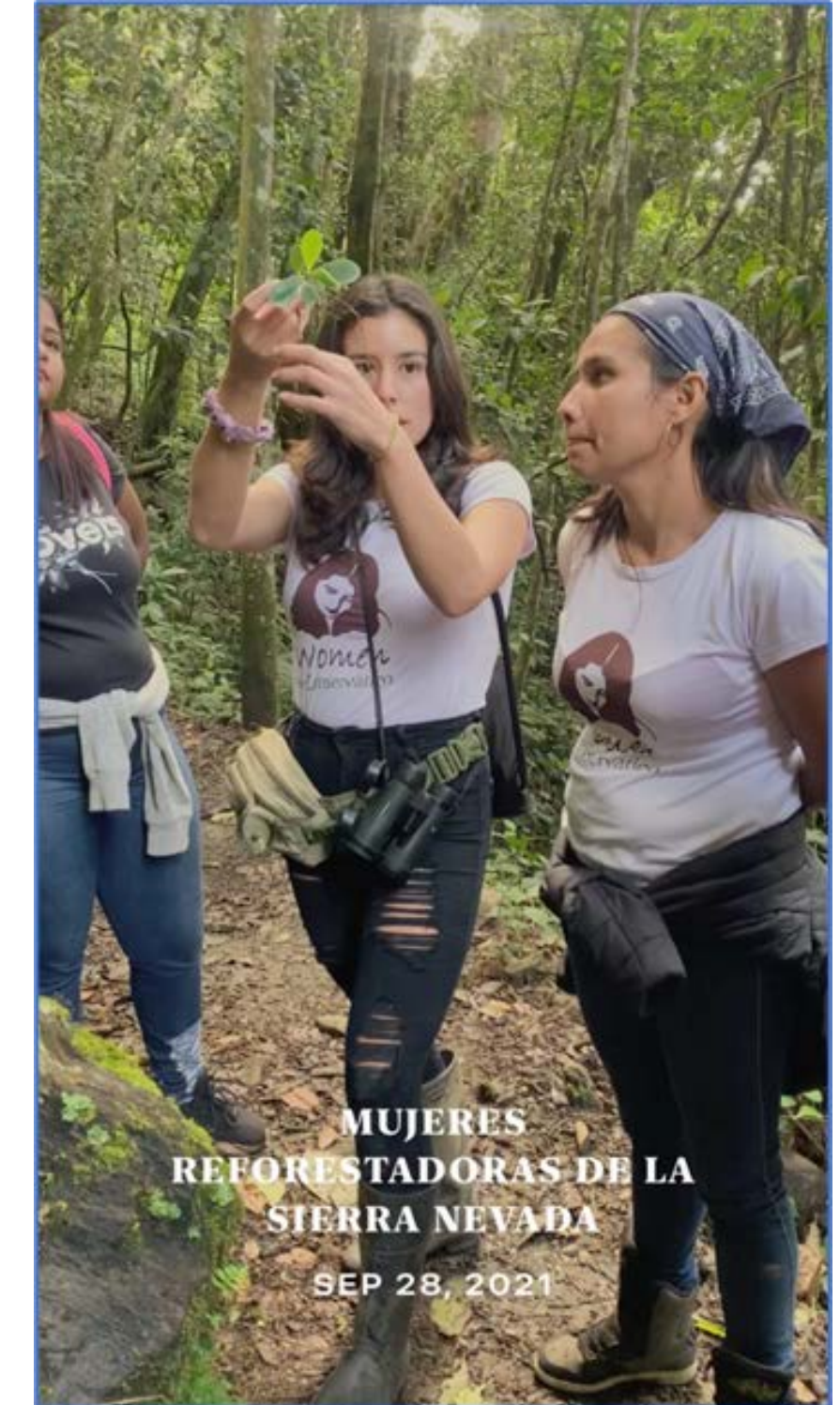


Improves  
Community  
health



## All of which are key to fostering Climate resilience and protecting biodiversity





**By combining nature conservation with women's empowerment, we can multiply our impact, increase holistic community wellbeing, and invest in environmentally conscious future generations.**



# Overcoming Obstacles - Family Planning



Speaking out  
against Stigmas



Organizing  
Logistics



Demand vs.  
Funding



Despite the hardships of the pandemic, dedicated donors and partners have helped us continue working at a time when women & the environment need it most.



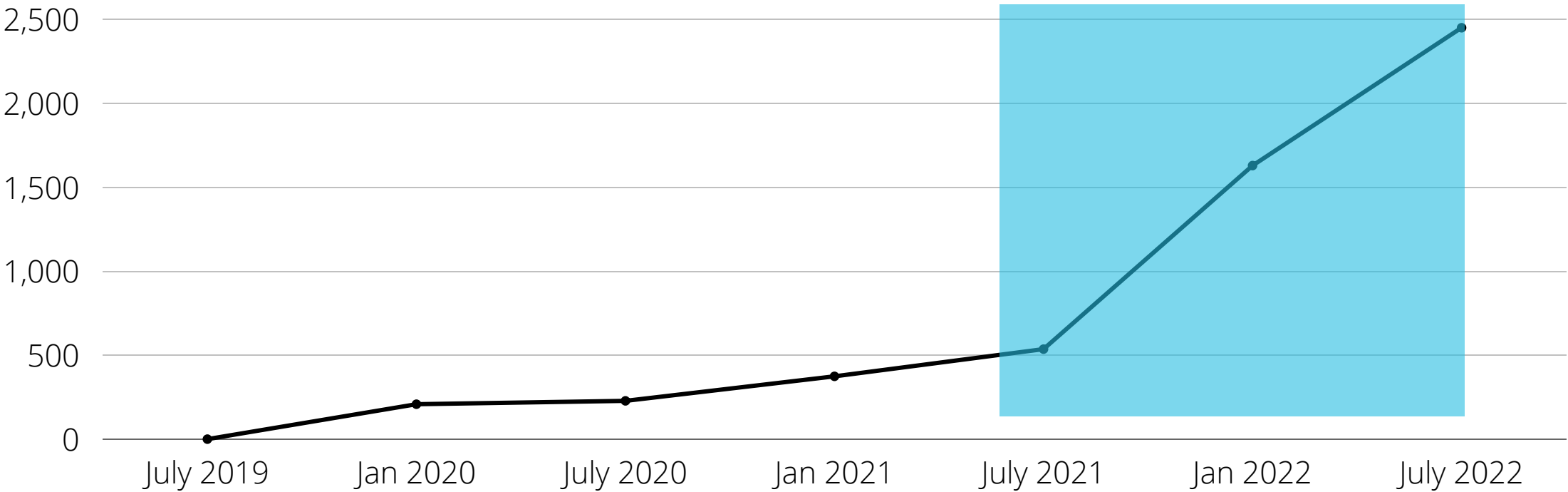
**2,553**

**People served since the beginning of the pandemic**

**Total People Impacted Over Time**

**6X**

Our impact grew 6 fold in the past year





# Family Planning Successes

Since the beginning of the  
Pandemic, we have been able to  
provide 868 people with  
contraceptive resources and  
procedures

Every person we serve creates  
the potential for another girl to  
finish school, a mother to focus  
resources on the children she  
already has, and for women to  
plan their pregnancies in a way  
that is safe for the mother and her  
infant.





Zona Bananera, Santa Marta

# FAMILY PLANNING TESTIMONY



"When I got pregnant, I was too embarrassed to stay in school. If I had heard about the family planning clinic earlier, I could have avoided pregnancy. I'm not going to have another one now, that would only set me back more. In the future I'd like to study and I also want my children to study. If the mother succeeds, her children can as well. I hope they can do what I didn't manage to do."

- Andris Arias, 19 years old (2 children)



Zona Bananera, Santa Marta

# FAMILY PLANNING TESTIMONY

"I chose to get the implant because I have already lost two babies, one in 2020 and another in 2021. It was so painful. But this implant lets me decide when to have my children. Now I can study, work, see the world, and in the future I can have children when I have a job and when I'm able to give my child more opportunities. But right now I'm looking after myself so that I can study and not have to worry about getting pregnant."

- Ana Marquis, 18 years old (no children)







# Nature Conservation Successes

We have provided  
Conservation  
Education to 1,354  
people since the  
beginning of the  
pandemic





# Sustainable Livelihoods Successes

We have provided Sustainable Livelihood training and resources to 672 people since the beginning of the pandemic.





# Success Stories: Ranger Ninfa





**Harpy Eagle Reserve  
Ranger Ninfa  
Recognized with the  
IUCN's International  
Ranger Award**





# **Success Stories: Saving the Yellow Eared Parrot from the brink of extinction**

**From 81 individuals in  
1999 to over 3,000  
to date!**







# WOMEN WANT THE RIGHT TO DECIDE FAMILY PLANNING FOR 1,000 MORE RURAL WOMEN ON OUR WAITING LIST





# REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH CARE IS EXTREMELY AFFORDABLE



**PRICES VARY DEPENDING ON HEALTH INSURANCE STATUS AND TRANSPORTATION DISTANCE**





**MEN WANT TO BE PART OF THE SOLUTION**

**VASECTEMIES FOR 100 MORE MEN**







**FROM THE LUNGS OF THE PLANET**

**A NEW AMAZON RAINFOREST RESEARCH STATION  
TO EMPOWER FEMALE SCIENTISTS  
& PROTECT BIODIVERSITY**







We could not have done this without the steadfast support, from our donors and partners, and words cannot describe how incredibly grateful we are for the opportunities you have given us to profoundly change lives in the communities where we work while protecting some of the world's most critically diverse ecosystems.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**







**For women, For the planet, For all!**