



Surgeando
Comunicación Cultura Digital

REPORT 2025

Sursiendo is an independent, non-profit, Latin American organization based in Chiapas, Mexico. Contributing to social change by defending **digital communality**, **collective digital rights** and **hackfeminisms**, through equitable and creative participation, where gender perspective is at the core, and grassroots education and free software are our stepping stones.

Vision of Sursiendo is to be an organization that contributes to the transformation of digital technologies into spaces for autonomy, where all types of people can enjoy their freedom and collective digital rights, supporting the creation of a world where development considers both the sociotechnical and natural environments.

Our **mission** is to defend collective digital rights for a more open and secure digital environment, for an internet conceived as a common good that we can inhabit with freedom and autonomy.

Sursiendo has the following working areas:

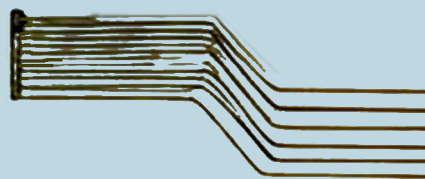
Capacity Building and Accompaniment. Carrying out capacity-building workshops and collective digital care accompaniment (mid/long term) with social justice and land rights organizations/groups to strengthen collective digital rights. Our holistic approach to security analysis, training, technical support and follow-up actions contributes to organizations' self-protection processes and their institutional policies.

Networking. Promoting a detailed approach to sociotechnical contexts through outreach and networking. Our methodology is based on Grassroot Communications, centred on our work themes, both online and face-to-face. We strengthen local, regional and global networks that connect diverse geographical, contextual and knowledge areas.

Investig-action. Carrying out and participates in research projects to build knowledge around digital communality, collective digital rights, and hackfeminism. We conduct participatory, situated and applied research that contributes to social justice. From the principles of Grassroot Education, we root the construction of knowledge in training activities that contribute to a critical view of digital technologies.

Internal Growth. Sursiendo also works within its own organization to acquire and generate the necessary practical and theoretical tools to nourish organizational sustainability. Key aspects are consolidating organizational work, both human and financial resources, as well as ongoing internal training, participatory processes and encouraging collective and self-reflection of our experience as an organization.

our team 2025

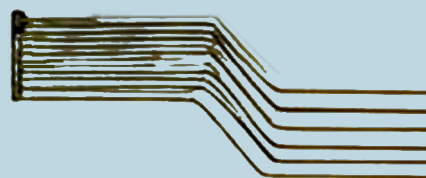


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Arin. Accompaniment Manager

In 2025, we also had the support of:

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Mariángela Abbruzzese (research)
Omar Valencia (designs)
Tania Tapia (podcast & methodologies)
Coop. Sukuamis (internal strengthening)
Regina Gonzalo (monitoring & evaluation)

sursiendo is part of the following international networks



APC, Association for Progressive Communications | Since April 2024 Sursiendo has been a member of APC, participating in meetings and communications, to be part of the work of the hackfeminism and digital communality axes.

May First Movement Technology | Since October 2019 Sursiendo has been a member of the Cooperative's Board of Directors. In addition, she participates in the Linkage working group and accompanies the implementation of activities.

COSIC.LAT, Colectivo de Seguridad de la Información y la Comunicación | Since 2019, Sursiendo has been part of this network made up of individuals and organizations in Latin America and the Caribbean that provide assistance and support in digital security and protection to members of civil society, including human rights organizations and activists, independent journalists, media outlets, students, collectives and communities at risk, among others.

OLAD, Observatorio Latinoamericano de Amenazas Digitales | Since May 2021, Sursiendo has been part of this space for training and exchange of experiences, with the objective of forming a reference group that functions as an observatory of digital risks for human rights defenders in the region and a support network for digital security incidents.

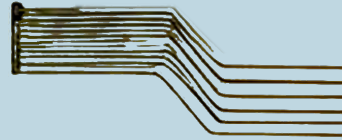
Internet Ciudadana | Since April 2020, Sursiendo has been part of the coordinating group. It is a Latin American and Caribbean space where organizations come together to build common agendas towards the Internet of the people.

#MigrarSinVigilancia | Since October 2023, it participates in this Latin American coalition that works as a common front to protect the human rights of migrants based on the protection of their personal data, and against those technologies, public policies and practices that violate the privacy and related rights of migrants and other people in mobility.

El Obse | Since 2024 we articulated with human rights organizations in the State, creating the Observatory of Human Rights Defenders in Chiapas, for the “Strengthening of the Capacities of self-protection of human rights organizations and communities in Chiapas”, promoted by SiPaz, SweFor, Voces Mesoamericanas and HURIDOCS.



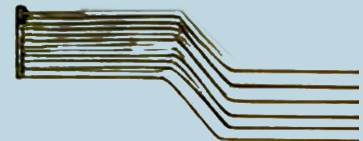
sursiendo in partnership with



Tor Project | Since 2019, Sursiendo has a collaboration agreement with this organization, promoting training, collecting feedback from users, and promoting the mission and values of the Tor Project.

The Guardian Project | Since 2021, Sursiendo has collaborated with this organization by providing training and collecting feedback from users.

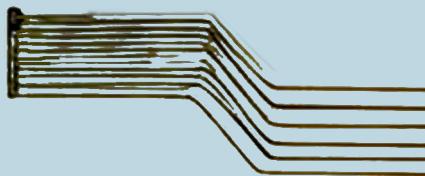
we also participate in a number of



Red Tierra Común | This network brings together activists, journalists, human rights defenders, academics and citizens from the Larger World seeking to decolonize data.



outstanding projects



"Territorio móvil" campaign

Between September and October 2025, we shared the "Territorio móvil" ("Mobile Territory") series on our website and social media — a multimedia project with five weekly episodes developed in different formats: text, podcast, and infographics to view, read, listen to, reflect on, and above all, take action together.

What did we talk about? Smartphones are deeply embedded in our daily lives. In some places we call it a "cell phone," in others a "mobile phone," but we rarely ask ourselves: what is its history? Why is it such an omnipresent and addictive device? How does it affect us? What is it made of? What impact does it have on our health, society, and ecosystems? And most importantly: how can we gain digital autonomy?

Actions for environmental justice from autonomous and community-based technological infrastructure

Research exploring specific strategies for integrating environmental sustainability into autonomous internet technology infrastructure projects.

We launched the research with a webinar attended by the groups involved, and a social media campaign featuring 16 posters illustrating the report's key ideas.

"Tecnologías - Tramas - Territorios. Unraveling the socio-environmental impacts of technology in Latin America"

During 2025, we launched the Tramas platform, a space to highlight and analyze cases in Latin America where digital and environmental justice intersect. It focuses on community resistance — especially that led by indigenous communities, women, and people of diversity — in struggles such as those against data centers in Querétaro (Mexico), rare earth extraction in Penco (Chile), the electronics industry in Jalisco (Mexico), and digitization in agriculture (Brazil).

The project is led by the Decolonial Feminist Coalition for Digital and Environmental Justice. At Sursiendo, we contributed the case study of "Un Salto de Vida" (A Leap of Life), an urban resistance project in El Salto, Jalisco — a key territory for Mexican industrialization with a large presence of technology companies.

Strengthening digital capacities for researchers

This three-year project proposes to work alongside researchers and civil society groups in Latin America, Sub-Saharan Africa, and the SWANA region, strengthening digital capacities and adding a collective learning component developed from meta-research. The initiative seeks to address the digital threats facing organized civil society at this historic moment, when digital technologies are increasingly being used for surveillance and social control.

Our monthly newsletter "Hay un sábado de común denominadores" ("Saturday of Commons")

We continue to publish our monthly newsletter on technopolitical analysis and references on digital technologies, now at issue number 512, and reaching more and more people through networks and instant messaging.

Conversations with "The people behind the technologies we want"

We continue to develop our series of interviews, this year including Telar, Milpamérica, Radios Libres, the Center for Digital Autonomy (CAD), and Archipiélago I.

Publication "Inhabiting Technoaffection"

As part of Technoaffection, an action research project in which we aim to reimagine our relationships with technologies from a feminist, decolonial, and situated perspective, this publication provides an in-depth look at individuals, groups, and communities that suffer the impacts of current digital technologies and their paths of resistance.

Published in both digital and physical formats in 2025, this work seeks to contribute to critical thinking about socio-environmental justice and hackfeminism, offering tools for inhabiting technologies in other possible ways.

Designing with Free Software

This year, we are relaunching our call for submissions to update our directory of individuals and groups who design with Free Software. We want to continue nurturing this space that brings together designers who work with free tools in any area of design: publishing, web, graphic, multimedia, illustration, and more. We already have more than 60 entries.

TRAINING AND ACCOMPANIMENT ACTIVITIES FOR ORGANIZATIONS, GROUPS, COLLECTIVES, AND ACTIVISTS

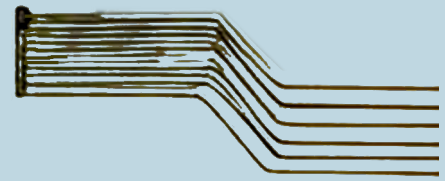
In 2025, we continued to work alongside organizations, groups, collectives, and activists in Mexico and Latin America, providing training on digital security and care. This year's support focused on strengthening the digital capacities of organizations that support people in mobility and a human rights institution in Central America. We also held context analysis spaces with social organizations, journalists, and communicators from Chiapas, and provided advice and workshops to local organizations on free online tools to improve the security of their communications and information.

ACTIVITIES TO STRENGTHEN THE SURSIENDO TEAM

During 2025, we continued our psychosocial strengthening process with the Aluna organization, participating in workshops every two months.

We also fostered new conversations about Sursiendo's next stage. As a result, we are beginning a process of organizational transition. Rather than closure, this is a conscious rethinking of our direction. During 2026, we will undergo several transformations: readjusting the founding team toward more strategic roles, reconfiguring the local team to respond to the current realities of distributed work and forms of collaboration that prioritize care, and reflecting on our relevance in the face of changes in digital ecosystems and the new needs of the organizations and movements we work with.

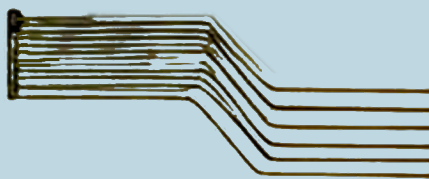
Event participation in 2025



We took part in various events, workshops, and conferences, both in person and online, at the local, national, and international levels, including:

- **OLAD Report:** We collaborated on "*In Focus: Security and Main Digital Threats in Latin America*" by the Latin American Observatory of Digital Threats (OLAD).
- **RightsCon 2025 in Taipei:** We presented the session "Actions for Environmental Justice from Autonomous and Community-Based Technological Infrastructures," based on the results of the research of the same name.
- **Pre-RightsCon Workshop on Environment, Technology and Anti-militarism:** Hosted by the Green Screen Coalition, this workshop presented research on green militarism, surveillance technology, and the environment. We shared reflections and strategic analysis with people from organizations and researchers from different parts of the world working on these issues, as well as with workers from Taiwan's microchip industry.
- **El Obse in Chiapas:** We presented the Observatory of Human Rights Defenders in Chiapas, to highlight the violence and risks faced by those of us who defend rights in this territory.
- **Global Gathering Team CommUNITY in Portugal:** From September 8 to 10, we shared two presentations: "Digital Rights X Climate Justice: Meet Up!" and "Building Environmental Justice with Community Tech: From Research to Collective Action."
- **CULTUROPOLIS in Barcelona:** An event held between September 30 and October 1 on the Culture of the Civic Agora, within Mondiacult (meeting of UNESCO member ministers). We presented the panel "*Is Culture a Common Good, or How Does the Collective Management of a Mountain, a Technological Application, or a Festival Resemble It?*"
- **Feminist Tech Exchange in Kenia:** We were invited to the global FTX meeting — an intense week with feminists from different parts of the world who work at the intersection of technology and feminism. We presented spaces on technology and environmental justice alongside colleagues from other latitudes.

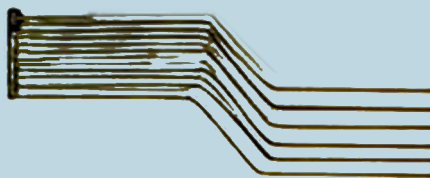
collaborations



We highlight the following collaborations, publications, and spaces during 2025:

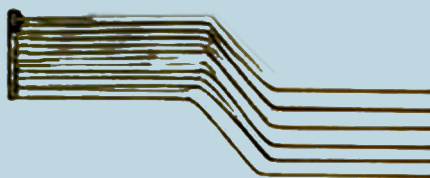
- Article on **the twenty years of May First Movement Technology**: "Building collective movements, creating community in diversity and equity, is more important than ever" published in APC.
- Participation in the podcast **"They're building a data center where I live. Now what?"**
- **Interview with Reforma newspaper** to discuss technological autonomy and sovereignty: "Free software offers communities avenues of resistance".
- Interview with Tamara Pearson for **Truthout** in the article "Mexican Activists Are Building Digital Defenses Against Big Tech Colonialism".
- We published "The conviviality of free software: Beyond purely technical aspects, using one type of technology or another can improve social vitality," originally published for the **Centro de Cultura Digital in México**.

In addition...



- **"The Free Software Revolution in Digital Art"**: the animated film "Flow," created with Blender, is just the tip of the iceberg.
- **"He wasn't dead... he was federating"**: reflections on the Theory of the Dead Internet and the possibility of finding each other in other ways in the digital world.

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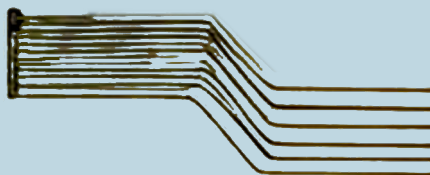
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