



ACTIVITY REPORT 2022

1. THE COMUNDOS TEAM.

Over the years, Comundos has built a network of partners in different countries who collaborate in our activities. They are supported by university interns who are entrusted to us by the VUB¹ and sometimes by other universities and institutes.

They give life to Comundos. They handle communication on the Facebook page and website, translate videos, and contribute to strengthening Comundos' network of partnerships.



2. TRAINING COURSES OFFERED.

2.1. TEACHER TRAINING COURSE IN MEDIA LITERACY IN LUBUMBASHI, DRC

In July 2022, Comundos conducted a training workshop in media literacy and digital storytelling for instructors from six secondary schools in Lubumbashi and teachers from the Institut Supérieur Pédagogique de Lubumbashi (ISP-Lubumbashi).

This training workshop was funded by the Belgian nonprofit organization Edukans.

In total, 17 people were trained. The partnership with the ISP-Lubumbashi is particularly important because it is the main teacher-training institute in the country and, as a result of the workshop, it has decided to integrate media training into its training curriculum.

The stories made during the training can be found on the [Comundos website](#).

¹ Vrije Universiteit Brussel



Training participants.

2.2. DIGITAL INCLUSION IN 11 WORK-STUDY SCHOOLS IN CAMEROON.

In 2022, Comundos signed a partnership contract with PROCEFFA², the Cameroonian network of (dual-system) agricultural vocational schools, to provide technical assistance for training programs in digital and media education in 11 schools in the network. The former local coordinator for Comundos Emmanuel Sengafor continues his work for PROCEFFA.



Program evaluation meeting.

2.3. TRAINING FOR TEACHERS AND SOCIAL WORKERS OF THE WAYUU PEOPLE IN COLOMBIA.

In September 2022, Comundos conducted a workshop in Colombia to train teachers and social workers from the Wayuu Amerindian community in Maicao, in the extreme north of the department La Guajira.

In total, 17 people were trained. Our training strengthened their ability to use new pedagogical tools and to produce their own stories.

The project was funded by Del Rosario University in Bogotá in partnership with Fundación Karisma.

Six digital stories that give a glimpse into the reality of this community can be found on our website.

² PROCEFFA – Platform for the Promotion of Family Education Centers for Alternating Training in Cameroon



Training participants.

2.4. TRAINING FOR AFRO-COLOMBIAN MICRO-ENTREPRENEURS FROM TUMACO ON THE PACIFIC COAST.

Following the above-mentioned training, Comundos conducted a women's media literacy training course for micro-entrepreneurs in Tumaco, on the Pacific coast.

The initiative was born out of a partnership between the Universidad del Rosario and the local chamber of commerce.

The training focused on analyzing their micro-enterprise experiences. Comundos worked from the material that the Universidad del Rosario had previously developed with them: keywords about their businesses and appropriate questions about the added value of the products they sell.

The group was composed of 30 highly motivated women. They divided themselves into smaller groups and interviewed each other. Comundos then recorded their messages to develop into podcast episodes.



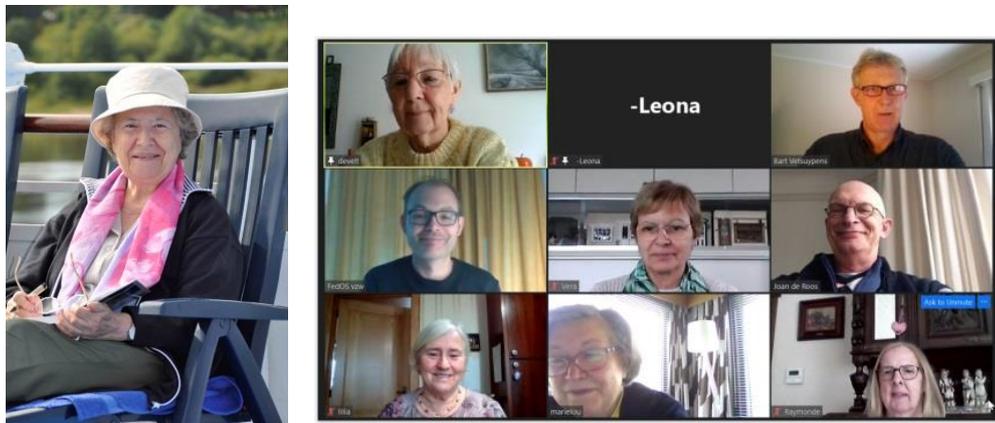
Training participants.

2.5. EXCHANGES BETWEEN THE UNIVERSITIES OF LUBUMBASHI AND TOGO



2.6. COMUNDOS PRESENTATION AND DIGITAL STORIES FROM SENIORS FROM THE “VIER HET LEVEN” MOVEMENT

Senior citizens are eager to understand more about media literacy and the challenges of the Internet. They also have great stories to tell!



The [course for seniors](#) is up and running!

2.7. TRAINING IN DIGITAL STORYTELLING FOR 4TH PILLAR ORGANIZATIONS LINKED TO THE 11.BE AND THEIR PARTNERS IN SPANISH-SPEAKING LATIN AMERICA.

As we have done in past years with VVOB and Give a Day, Comundos facilitated trainings in “online” digital storytelling with 11.fund partners, mainly from Peru.



2.8. TRAINING OF UNIVERSITY INSTRUCTORS IN DIGITAL EDUCATION IN BERLIN WITH THE FREE UNIVERSITY OF BERLIN (FUB) AND ACADEMICS IN SOLIDARITY (AIS)

Comundos co-facilitated a [media literacy training course](#) with university instructors from this network for political refugee communities from different countries.

A new partnership is being set up with the FUB in Berlin.

Together with AIS, Comundos presented a project to the European Community to carry out a media education initiative for women in Poland and Turkey (agricultural cooperatives).

2.9. SETT GENT

Course about fake news, with professors in Flanders



3. PREPARATION OF A NEW WORKSHOP IN BRAZIL IN JANUARY 2023

For years, Comundos has been in contact with Amerindian organizations in the Amazon and with organizations dedicated to the preservation of the Amazon rainforest.

In January 2023, Comundos carried out an initial training workshop in digital storytelling for young people from the Paiter-Suruí community in Rondônia.

Comundos hopes that this will be the first step in a vast training initiative in media education for the Amerindian peoples of the Amazon. It will help them to exchange ideas with each other and make their voices heard.

4. PARTICIPATION IN SEMINARS.

- Comundos was invited to give a presentation at the seminar “Training for Critical Thinking...Mission Impossible?” on 18 May in Brussels, organized by UNESCO Brussels-Wallonia with support from the Haute Ecole de Bruxelles Ilya Prigogine (HELB).
- Participation in the D4E/Educaid/Enabel seminar on digital inclusion and media literacy.

NONTRADITIONAL WAYS OF MEDIA CREATION

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02.00 PM (GMT+2)

CLOSE THE GAP Enabel

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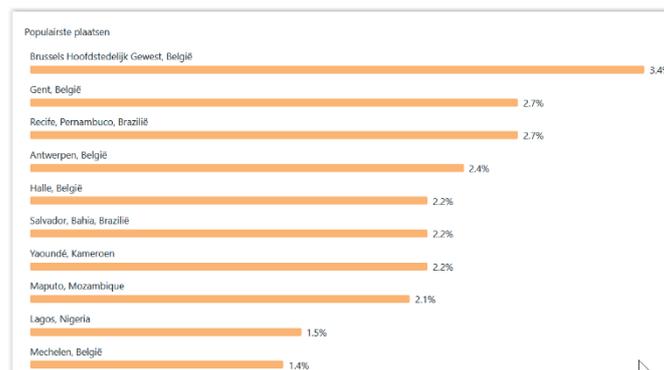
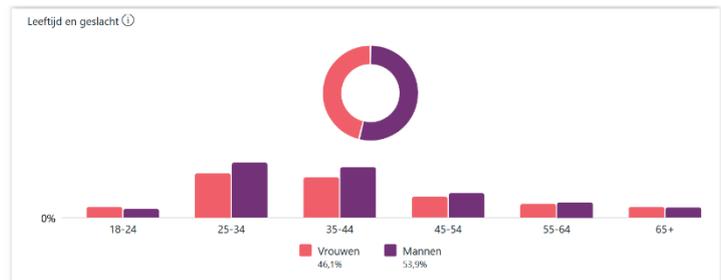
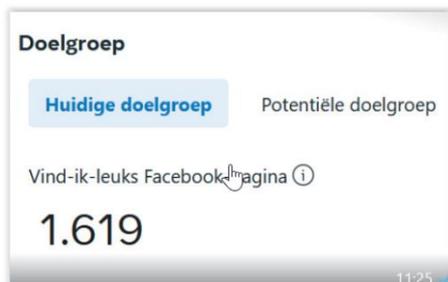
5. PRODUCTION OF TEACHING MATERIALS.

- Publication of an [article](#) in the May 2022 edition of *MO** magazine about the history of Comundos and the importance of media literacy: “We want to digitally prepare the youth so they also can have a voice.”
- Production of a [document](#) of Comundos’ presentation given to professors and students at the University of São Paulo (USP) in Brazil.

6. BUILDING THE CAPACITY OF COMUNDOS.

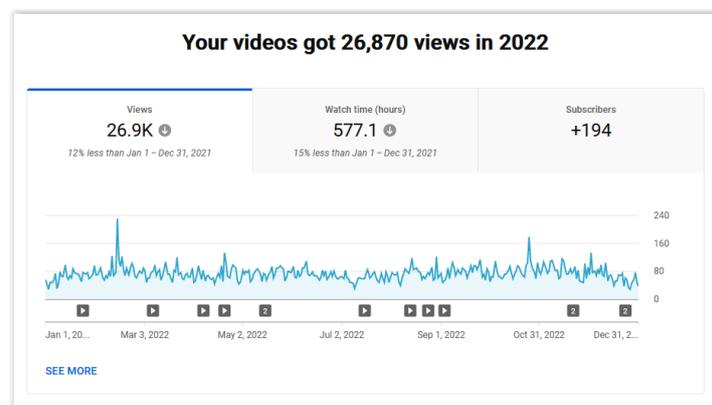
- Comundos’ Theory of Change (ToC) workshop, held in July 2022.
- Development of a new training product: podcasts (see below).

7. WEBSITE, FACEBOOK, AND YOUTUBE



The website and Facebook page are run by the set of volunteers listed in Section 1 above.

The number of hours our videos are watched on YouTube and our website increases year after year.



Our videos received 26,870 views in 2022.

8. RADIO PROGRAMS

Supporting a collective of associations that manage community radio in Ceará, Brazil: [Rádio Cafundó](#). Creating an Internet radio station with Jesualdo Freitas, our training collaborator.

9. COMMUNDOS PODCAST

Production is beginning on the podcast with authors of the digital stories. Senegal, Benin, Cameroun and Guatemala. Listen [here!](#)

