



LAPFF Concerns Remain at 3rd Anniversary of Brumadinho Disaster

Too many tailings dams still at risk

Today marks the third anniversary of the tailings dam collapse at Brumadinho, Brazil. LAPFF continues to hear stories of loss, devastation, and insufficient reparations from affected community members in Brumadinho.

Over the last three years, LAPFF has engaged with Vale and BHP in the wake of both the Brumadinho and Samarco dam collapses and continues to be dismayed at the lack of progress in addressing the needs of affected community members. While LAPFF acknowledges that there has been more progress in some ways at Brumadinho than there has been in Mariana, it is also clear that the nature of the disasters was quite different.

LAPFF Chair Cllr Doug McMurdo has stated: "How can one repair and compensate for the loss of 272 people? It's just not possible. We continue to hear from affected parties in Brazil that the next dam collapse is only a matter of time. Haven't people suffered enough? The authorities and companies involved must step up as soon as possible and prevent these wholly unacceptable events."

Vagner Diniz, Director, Camila and Luiz Taliberti Institute and father of two children killed in the disaster has said: "As a family member of victims in Brumadinho, we still hope that those responsible for the tragedy are punished. So far, no one has been held accountable, no one arrested. For us, the disaster only started in 2019. It is not over yet. Our indignation is learning from the evidence in the investigation that we are facing a chronicle of a death foretold. That is why we are committed to demanding that Emergency Response Plans be discussed and implemented with the participation of affected communities."

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