



Research Culture & Equitable Partnerships

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Overview

- Research Culture and Equitable Partnership. What's the link?
- The project SASA: unsettling dominant trends & charting ways forward
- Equitable Partnerships: Principles & Practices
- Questions for Debate





The Link!

RESEARCH CULTURE...

- **Determines whether partnerships reproduce or challenge power imbalances**
- **Shapes incentives, metrics, and behaviours—often in inequitable ways**
- **Influences funding flows and ownership of research agendas**
- **Affects researchers' lived experiences and the trust necessary for long-term collaboration**
- **Which is decolonial and equity-oriented enable recognition of diverse knowledges**

SASA Project

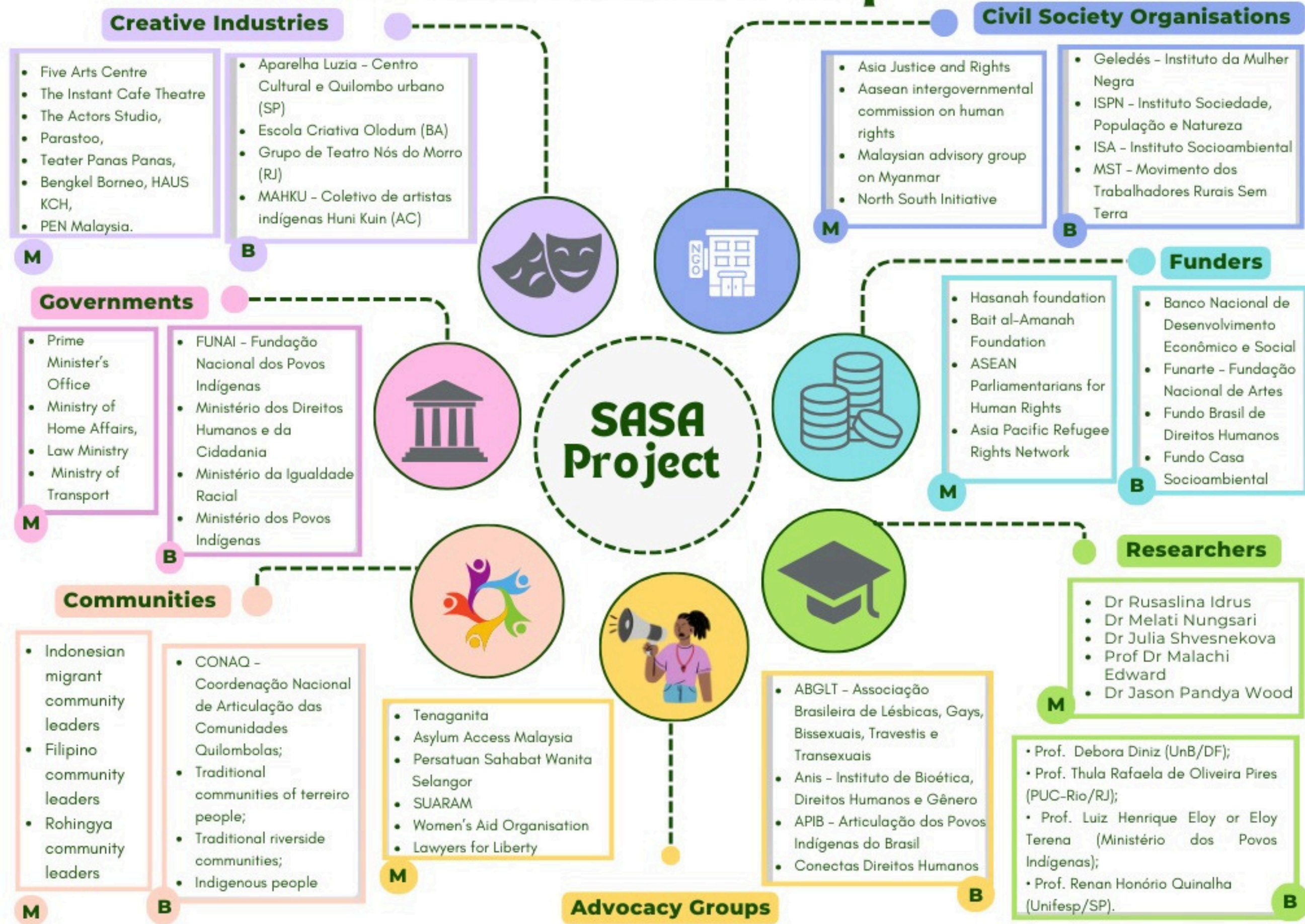


1. **Funded by AHRC (2024-25)**
2. **Focused on key global challenges**
3. **Countries: Brazil & Malaysia**
4. **To shape future funding mechanisms with Global South partners/researchers**



(provisional) Stakeholders' Map

VISUAL 2



SASA the Project

- Illuminated the limitations of current partnership models
- Illustrated alternative, more equitable ways of working
- Charted practical pathway for navigating deep-seated challenges
- Proposed models for research partnerships that are fair, inclusive, and transformative



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e confluências



➤ **SASA Methodologies are based on shared principles:**

- **Inclusivity**
- **Horizontality**
- **Intersectionality**
- **Creativity**
- **Experientiality**





Equitable Partnerships

“relational, just, and enduring research and practice collaborations which recognise and draw on accumulated knowledges and lived experiences from diverse systems and contexts and which set out to disrupt power asymmetries, while engaging in processes of knowledge generation and cultural production”.

(SASA&BEAP Report, ‘Reimagining Equitable Research Partnerships: Principles, Practice and Priorities’, Palladino and Raghuram 2025)



SASA's theory & practice about EQUITABLE PARTNERSHIPS



Principles for Equitable Partnerships

1

Equitability Beyond Partnerships

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Acknowledge Power Asymmetries

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Decolonise Listening

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Fairness in Finances

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Recognise & Legitimise Diverse Knowledges & Experiences

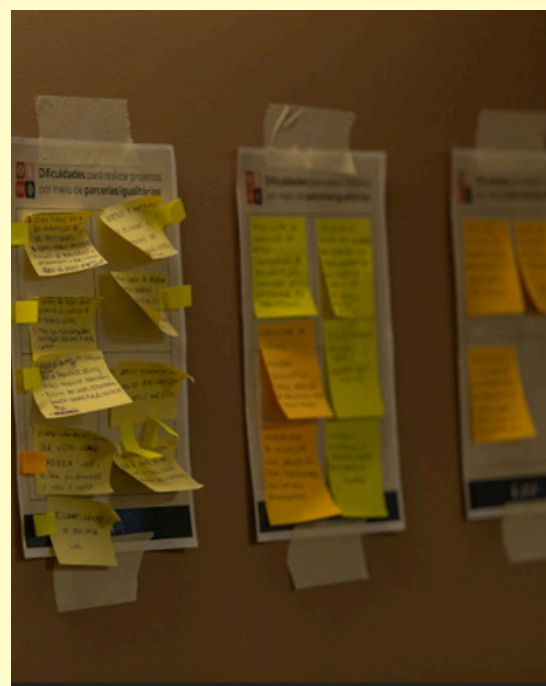
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Ethics of Temporalities

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Right to Research





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Terima kasih!
Thank you!



Questions for Debate

How 'bad' are things in your institution? To what extent universities are aware of their practices in Global South Research?

What are institutions prepared to give up for equitable partnerships to flourish?

To what extent are institutions prepared to support staff further to achieve more equitable partnerships?

Are funding and publications models fit for purpose in supporting Equitable Partnerships?

Does your institution have a framework for equitable partnerships?

