



CA-MINANDO FRONTERAS

ACTIVITY REPORT

2024



CA-MINANDO FRONTERAS IN 2024

2024 has been the deadliest year since we began documenting human rights violations on the migratory routes to the Spanish State. Never before had we registered so many victims. In parallel, we have witnessed the growth of hatred, the normalization of these deaths, and the consolidation of an entire system of impunity that dehumanizes those who migrate and silences those who raise their voices.

To confront this, we have strengthened alliances with communities, families, and collectives that defend rights at the border.

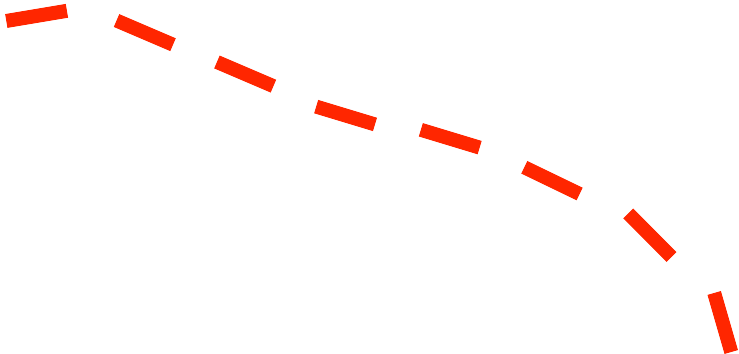
We remain where we need to be: in hospitals, at sea, at funerals, in courtrooms, in institutions, and on social media. We continue to raise awareness, accompany searches, denounce, and listen to what victims and their families need to tell.



This report is much more than a balance sheet. It is a window into our collective work, sustained by the defense of human rights. It is a small piece of the history of the Euro-African Western Border during the year 2024.

HUMAN RIGHTS OBSERVATORY AT THE BORDER: RIGHT TO LIFE

In 2024, our Human Rights Observatory on the Euro-African Western Border has worked tirelessly to protect thousands of lives at risk on the routes to the Spanish State.



People served in 2024:

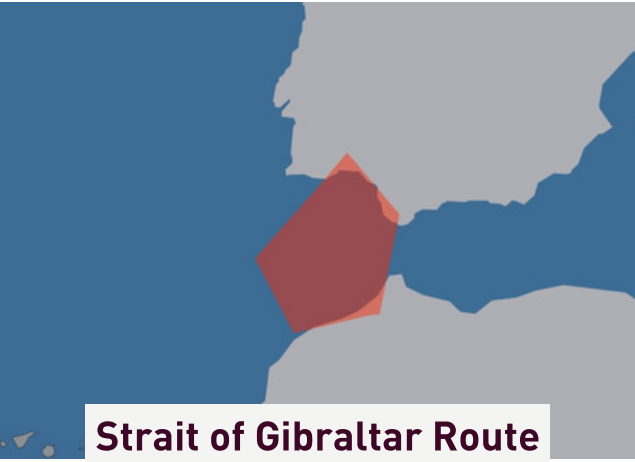
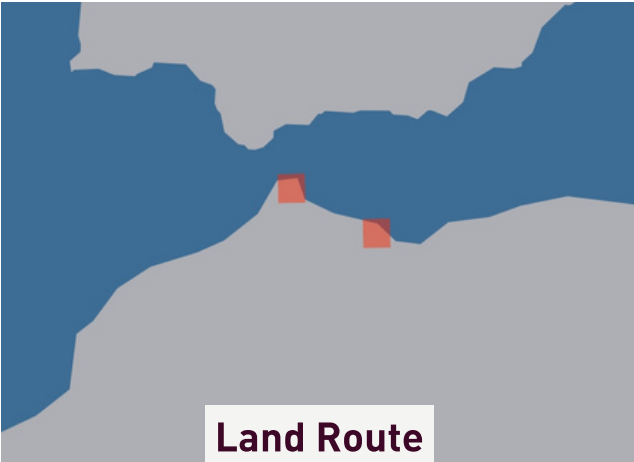
11.090
people served

2.383 women
2.417 children

Alerts responded to in 2024:

500
Boats in distress

Routes we work on:



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In 2024, our monitoring and alert management team, active 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, has documented the following figures for victims (dead and missing) on the borders leading to the Spanish State.

These are devastating figures that have been reflected in the two editions of the 'Right to Life Monitoring 2024' report presented this year.



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In 2024 we have documented:

10.457 victims on the routes to Spain in 2024

421 women
1.538 children

9.757 Atlantic Route

73 Alborán Route

517 Algerian Route

110 Strait of Gibraltar Route

131 Boats lost with all occupants

PAIN INTO JUSTICE

During 2024, we have met with families, communities, and institutions at the local, regional, national, and international levels.

In 2024, we have assisted:

1.093

Requests for searches/psychosocial, administrative, and legal support for families

11

People found alive

Strengthening networks with family organizations:

Presentation to the European Parliament on the reality for searching families at the border.

Meeting with organizations of Malian and Mauritanian diaspora families in France.

Meeting with families of victims residing in the Valencian Community.

Accompaniment for families in search in the southeastern peninsula (Almería and Murcia).

Analysis of the situation of deceased and buried persons in Ceuta: establishing alliances for identification.



Meeting with Mauritanian Community in France (París)



Meeting with Atazar Association (Castillejos)



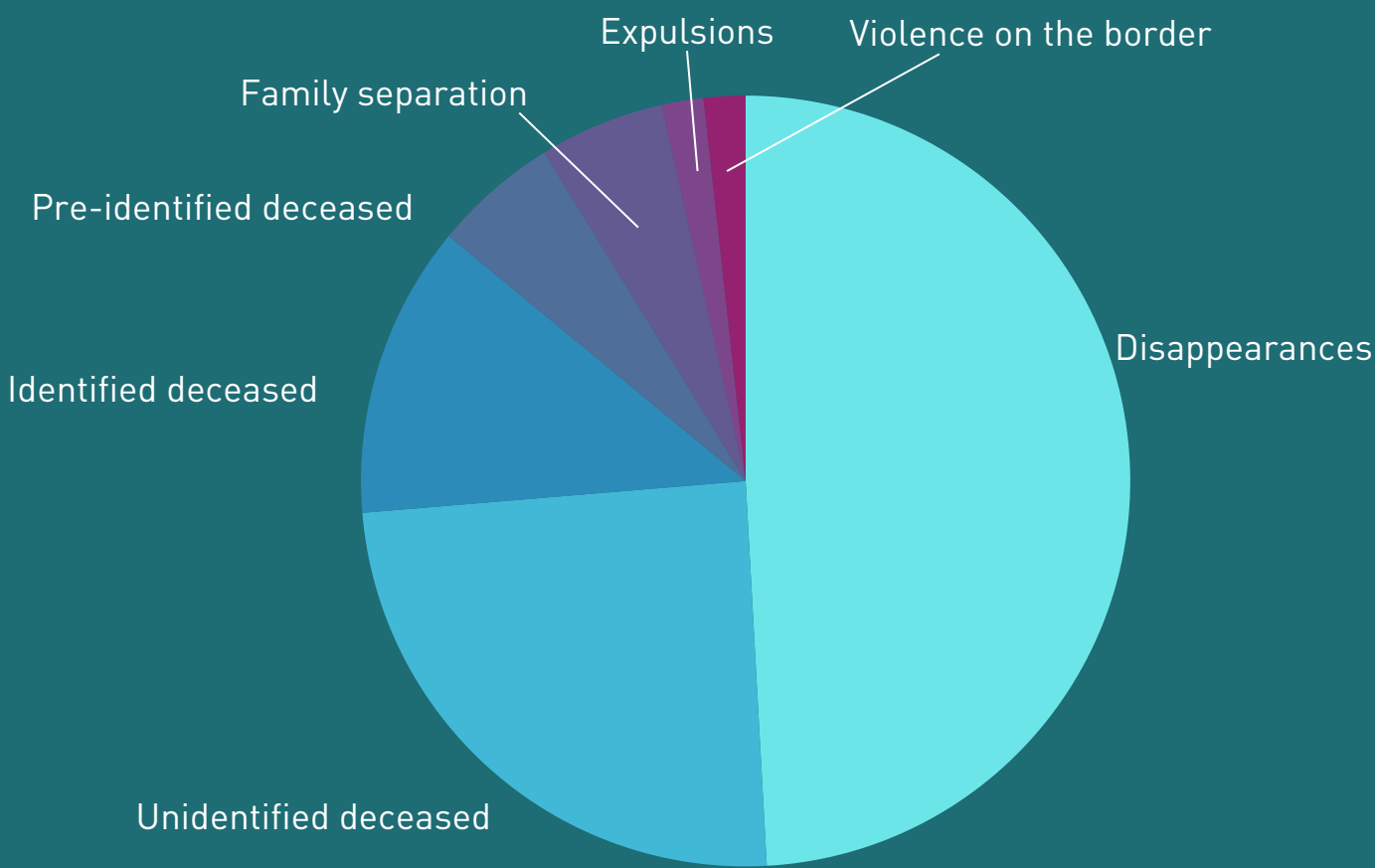
Visit to the European Parliament with a victim's family member.

TRANSNATIONAL SOCIAL MEDIATION

Our cross-border mediation methodology helps ensure the exercise and access of victims and families to their rights.

57 cases handled 130 people accompanied

Number of cases by type of intervention:



LIFE STORIES

Accompaniment in the Western Mediterranean Tragedy

On October 1, 2024, fourteen people set off in a fiberglass boat from the province of Tipaza. Their destination was the Balearic Islands. Our organization received information from family members and alerted the authorities.

On October 11, the boat was found adrift in the waters off Menorca by a French sailboat. The tragedy was confirmed when emergency services rescued three people with serious injuries; the rest had died during the crossing. Among the survivors were a 21-year-old adult and two 15-year-old children. The three were taken to the hospital in Mallorca.

Our psychosocial support team had been in contact with the families of the people on this boat.

We were able to go to the hospital to visit the survivors. The adult, despite his situation, wanted to speak with a family member of one of the victims lost at sea and gave them the tragic news of their death. The call to the family was an act of humanity, courage, and truth on the part of this survivor.

In parallel, we established contact with other families of the disappeared, offering them emotional support and accompaniment in the search for answers.



Patera towed to the port of Mahó (Photo: Gemma Andreu)

LIFE STORIES

Tragedy in the Atlantic: Shipwreck off El Hierro

On September 23, 2024, around 90 people departed from Nouadhibou, Mauritania, in a cayuco heading to the Canary Islands.

On September 27, at 23:24 UTC, we received an alert from a relative reporting that the boat, with about 82 people on board, was near Spain. We alerted the authorities, and the Canary Islands Regional Coordination Center (CCRC) confirmed the cayuco was located near the island of El Hierro, with 84 people aboard.

However, at 04:27 UTC, the CCRC reported that the boat had capsized during the rescue attempt. Later, at 07:14 UTC, we received confirmation that the cayuco had overturned during the rescue.

The outcome was devastating: 27 people were rescued alive, 9 bodies recovered, and dozens remain missing at sea. The official version from the authorities stated that, due to desperation and exhaustion, the people on board stood up when the rescue team approached, causing the cayuco to capsize.

The later accounts of the victims to specialized psychologists cast doubt on the official version: according to them, it was not an accidental capsizing but an accident during the rescue operation, in which the rescue boat collided with the cayuco, causing it to break apart.

Our organization was in contact with the relatives, identifying a group of them in Catalonia. We accompanied the first group of families on their journey to El Hierro, and during that first trip, the relatives became aware that their loved ones were among the missing, but they also pre-identified one of the victims.

We established contact with the relatives of the deceased who had been pre-identified in order to manage a full identification. On the second trip, we accompanied more relatives who also traveled from Catalonia. Unfortunately, their loved one, their brother, had been buried without waiting for them. The relatives were received by the Department of Social Rights of El Hierro and were able to file a complaint and submit DNA samples to formalize the identification.

This case affects us deeply. Not only because of the irreparable loss of human lives, but also because of the contradictory accounts of the facts and the need for a transparent investigation.

We continue to accompany the families, defending the right to know what really happened and demanding safe routes to prevent more deaths at the world's deadliest border.



LIFE STORIES

Lanzarote: Three stories, one single fight for dignity

During 2024, our organization accompanied three complex processes of identification and pre-identification of deceased people whose bodies arrived on the island of Lanzarote in coordination with the Civil Guard. These cases reflect the mortality of migration routes, but also show how collaboration between institutions and transnational social mediation can, in some instances, restore dignity to the victims and rights to their families.

These three cases illustrate the different possible outcomes in identification processes following migration tragedies: from dignified repatriation to the difficulties families face in accepting loss, and administrative barriers to accessing rights. Despite the challenges, the joint work of our organization, local authorities, and relatives in different countries has been key to making progress in each case.

1. A. G. – Senegal

He disappeared in Morocco on December 17, 2024. His family did not know if he had embarked for the Canary Islands. His brother filed a missing persons report and provided DNA samples in Morocco. A body that had arrived in a state of decomposition on the shores of Lanzarote could correspond to this person. A pre-identification process was initiated with A.G.'s siblings, in coordination with the authorities. Finally, one of the brothers traveled to assist in the process, although the family's difficulty in grieving prevented the identification from being finalized. Mediation allowed communication to be maintained and the situation to be managed with respect and responsibility.

2. B. M. S. – Guinea Conakri

A 17-year-old adolescent girl disappeared between October 31 and November 3, 2024, in the Tan Tan area. Her family, residing in France, contacted our organization, providing information that was sent to the Civil Guard. The police confirmed evidence that could lead to a possible pre-identification.

The family was unable to complete the identification process due to administrative problems, although they accepted the girl's death. Despite this limitation, progress was made in the family's grieving process, and the case remains under monitoring. Collaboration with the authorities also keeps the way open for a future definitive confirmation.

3. H. M. – Morocco

This young man was one of the victims of a shipwreck that occurred on November 6, 2024, off the coast of Lanzarote. The rubber boat carried 60 people on board, including 12 women and several young Moroccans. His body was found floating in the sea after five days missing. His brother, of Belgian nationality, was informed by the survivors and quickly traveled to Lanzarote, where he was able to undergo the DNA test and complete all the identification procedures. Our organization facilitated mediation between the authorities and the family, providing psychosocial and informational support.

Thanks to the cooperation and the implementation of efficient protocols with the hospital, the Institute of Legal Medicine, and the Civil Guard, the body was repatriated to Oujda, his hometown, where the funeral was held. The brother was also able to recover his personal belongings.



HUMANITARIAN ACTION

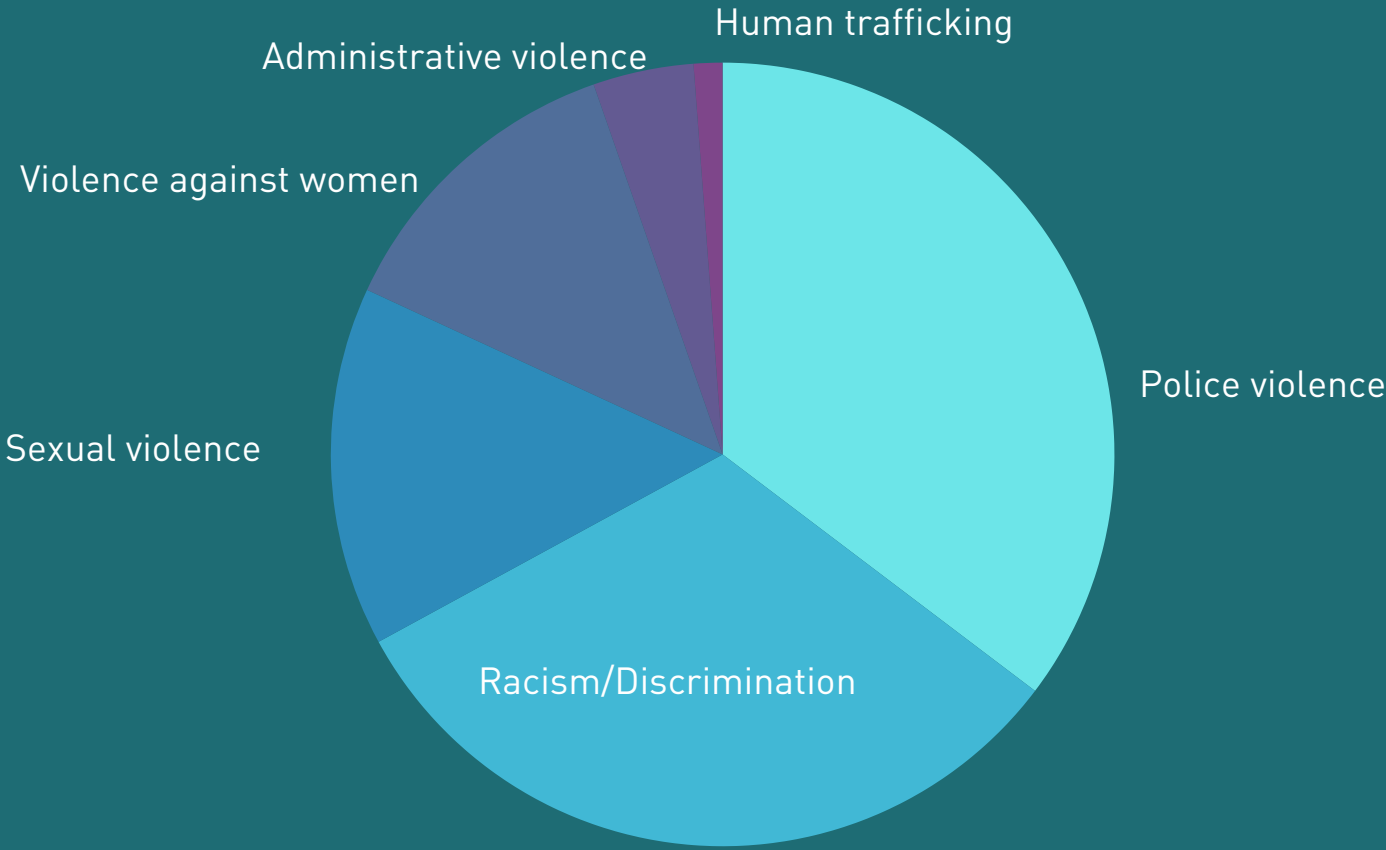
Our humanitarian work accompanies victims of violence to ensure dignified conditions for their recovery.

In 2024 we served:

952 people accompanied

301 Total women recipients
229 total children recipients
422 total men recipients

Types of violence recorded:



COMMUNICATION

Impact in 2024:

29.430

media appearances

45.859

new social media followers

80.867

website page views

781.859

total followers including Helena Maleno's networks

To change things, communication is necessary, although not enough. In 2024 we have used this tool for awareness and social mobilization with very important results in terms of reach and engagement.

Up to 29,430 appearances on websites and in the media, and more than 780,000 followers across all our social networks reflect the impact of our activities. Furthermore, the founder of the collective, Helena Maleno, was awarded the **Infolibre Prize for Social Commitment** this year, further evidence of the relevance of our work in the public sphere.



NETWORKING WORK, ORGANIZATIONS AND INSTITUTIONS

In 2024 we have had intense institutional activity that has allowed us to present our work to figures such as Pope Francisco and institutions like the European Parliament.

In addition, we have continued our networking work with up to 25 human rights organizations from different countries.



WORKSHOPS, TRAININGS, AND CONFERENCES

We have defended our values in a series of conferences, workshops, and trainings related to the defense of human rights in different fields.

13 workshops, conferences, and meetings

Main events:

UNESCO Chair on Citizenship, Coexistence and Pluralism of the Public University of Navarre

First International Congress on Missing Persons organized by the QSD (Quién Sabe Dónde) Foundation

Round Table organized by UNHCR to discuss search and rescue operations in the Central Mediterranean

2 Master classes at the University of the Balearic Islands

Antiracist Festival of Athens



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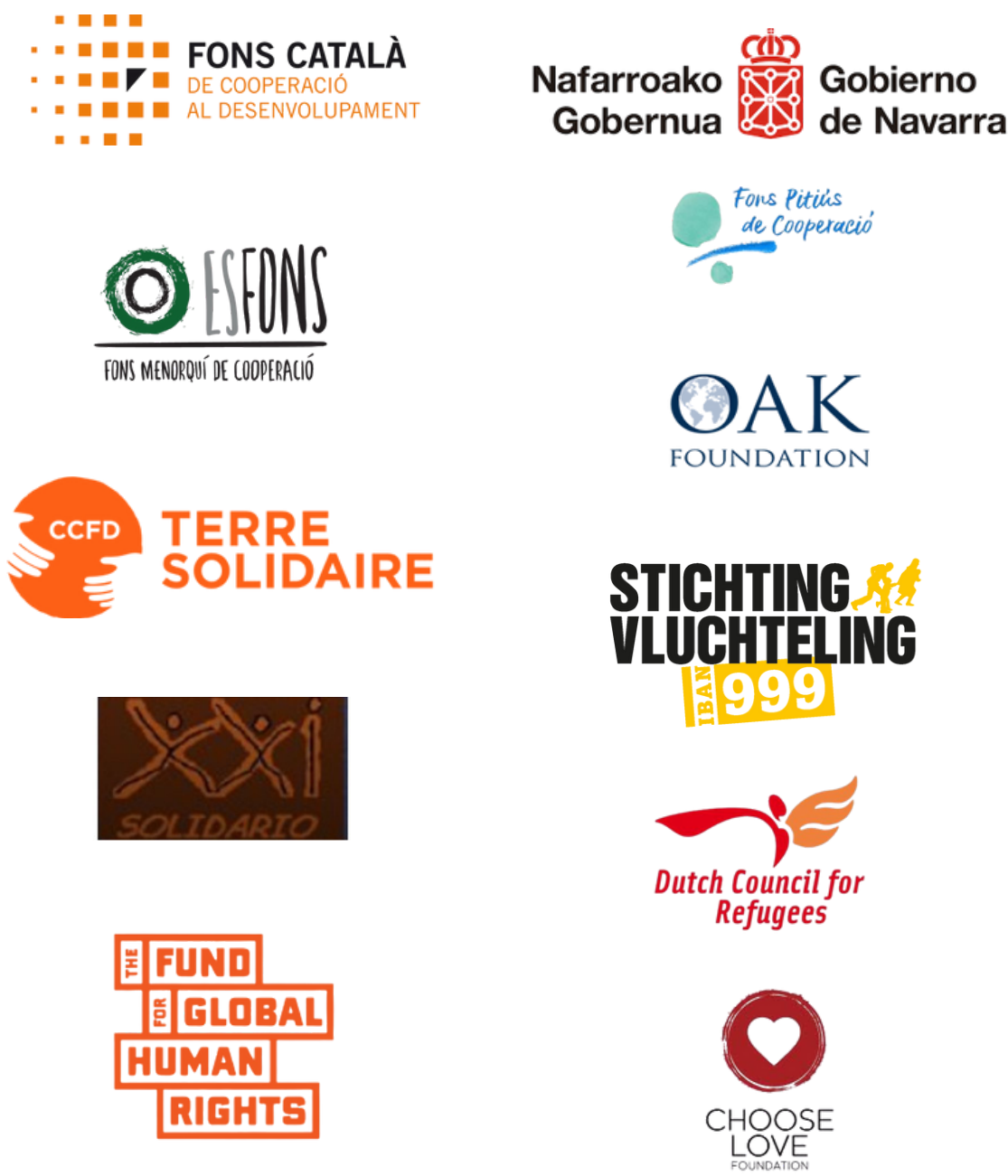
Workshops in Ibiza and Formentera



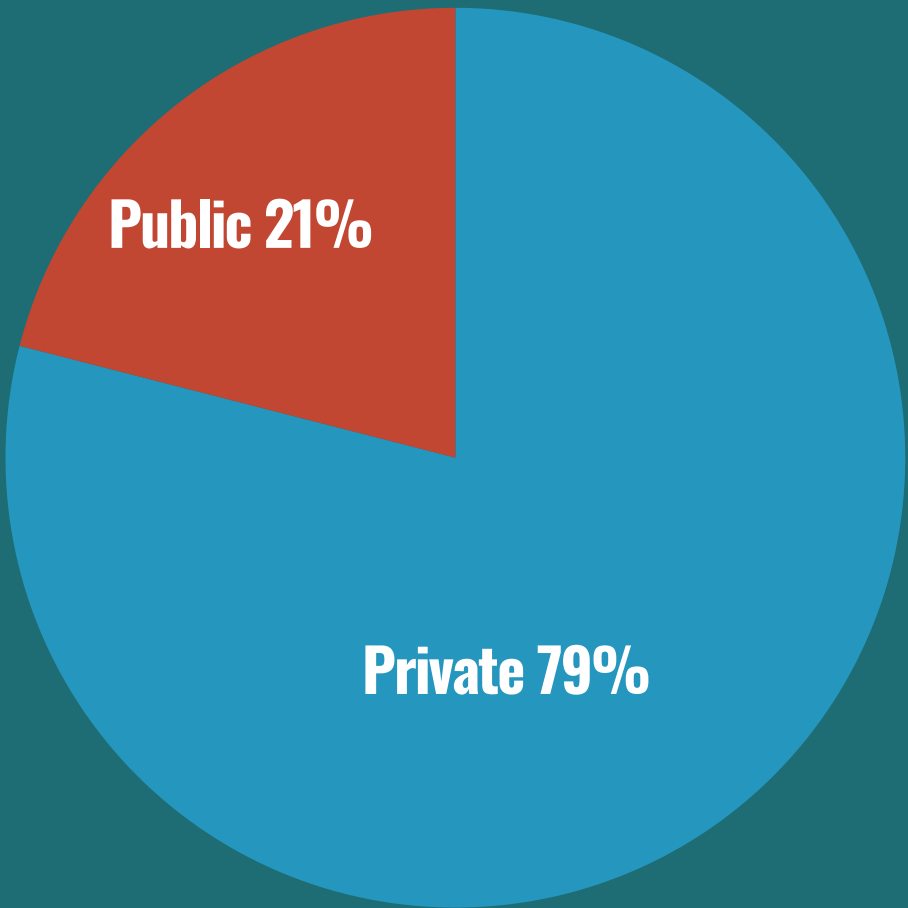
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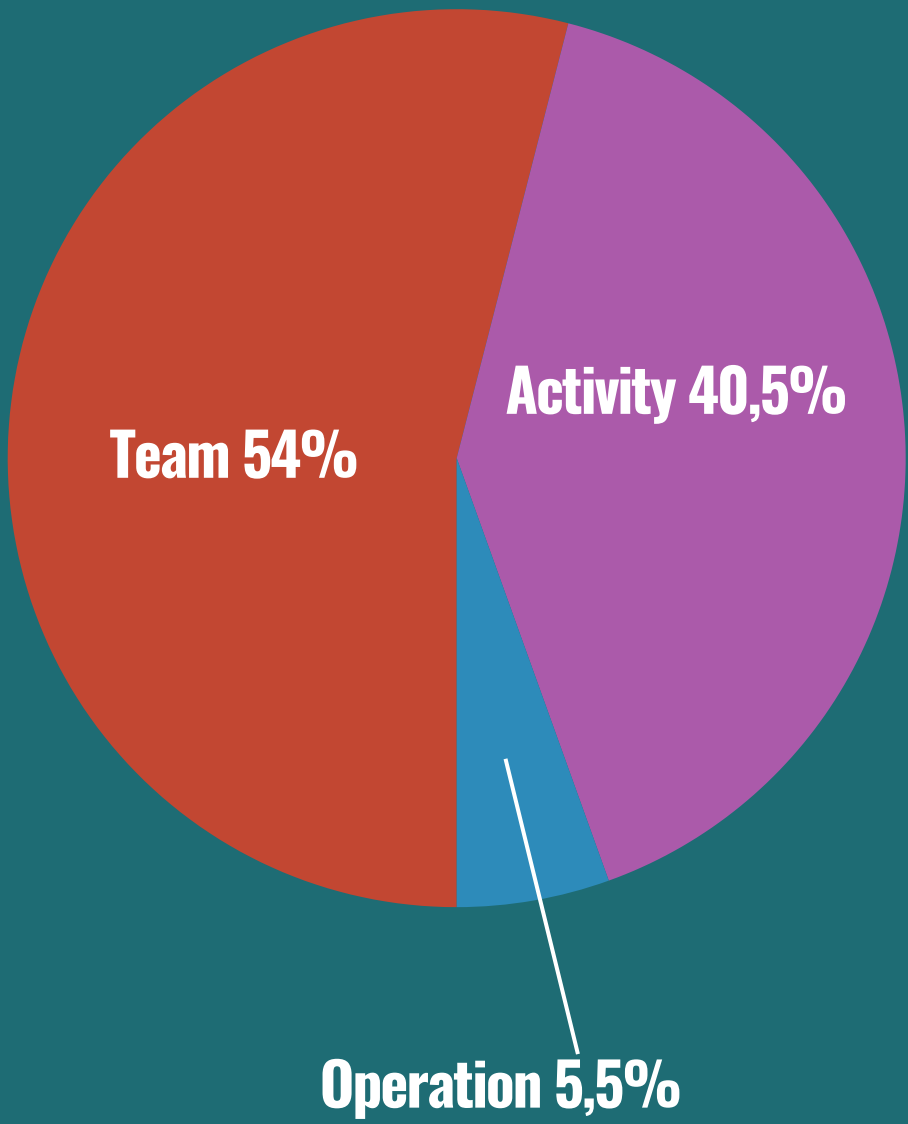
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