

The SETA Project Transformative Anti-Racist Education Systems in Brazil



The problem

Your history and culture are not taught at school, you don't see yourself in textbooks, and your teachers expect less of you.

Endemic structural racism in the public education system in Brazil sets up black, indigenous and quilombola students to fail.

The challenge

Gaps between white children and black, quilombola and indigenous children across all basic education indicators are persistent and are particularly acute for 11-17 years old. At this age, they are more likely to drop out, have higher exclusion rates, and lower educational attainment, whilst white students internalise the racial inequalities they are exposed to in schools and replicate them as adults.

Vision and mission

The SETA Project is an innovative powerful new alliance of black, indigenous, and quilombola movements.

We want to create the world's first anti-racist public education ecosystem in Brazil built on the principles of racial and social justice, where every person can access their right to a quality education.

Our mission is to TRANSFORM the public education ecosystem in Brazil and institutionalise a racial equity approach in policy and practice.



The approach

We are not starting from scratch. The SETA project builds on participatory research, advocacy, training, and campaigning work by black, quilombola and indigenous movements and education networks over decades. This work has systematically promoted the voice, agency and leadership of these groups and people in Brazil and has the potential to inspire similar initiatives worldwide.



Transformational change

We will train 740,000 educators across 49,000 schools, build and strengthen networks of black, quilombola, and indigenous youth, communicators, educators, and researchers to tell their own stories and lead racial equity work.

We will reach 50 million people nationwide through innovative communications and campaigning work and catalyse a national education system change.

The SETA project will drive change across 10 strategically chosen states and 13 cities and will also engage in extensive national communication and advocacy work to drive a federal system change from a combination of bottom-up pressure and engagement at municipal and state level and top-down changes to policy, financing and management.

Impact



\$1M

A gift of \$1M will train 800 black leaders in developing powerful, anti-racist messaging and content and run a nationwide Anti-Racist Education campaign

\$5M

A gift of \$5M will build networks of black, indigenous and quilombola researchers across Brazil producing compelling evidence and anti-racist learning resources

\$10M

A gift of \$10M will train 370,000 Brazilian teachers in anti-racist education to deliver transformative education programmes

