

Launch of the “*Perfil das Organizações da Sociedade Civil no Brasil*” (Profile of Civil Society Organizations in Brazil)

The publication, “*Perfil das Organizações da Sociedade Civil no Brasil*” (Profile of Civil Society Organizations in Brazil), published by the Institute of Applied Economic Research – IPEA, was launched on 16 August 2018, at the auditorium of the Getúlio Vargas Foundation in São Paulo. Three ISTR members were part of the advisory group to support the data analysis: Aline Gonçalves Souza, Lais Vanessa de Carvalho Figueiredo Lopes and Patricia Maria E. Mendonça.

The study shows that there were approximately 820,000 CSOs in Brazil in 2016. Most of them are concentrated in two areas: advocacy and development (41.3%) and religion (25.4%). There is a great capacity for action of CSOs with practically all Brazilian municipalities having at least one CSO. The survey also shows that most organizations are small, with no formal work links. Formal job posts show a higher percentage of professionals with higher education than the national average. The negative point is the presence of gender, race and disability inequalities, similar to those found in other sectors.

The low number of formal professional links may provide clues for future research to better investigate the role of volunteer work in these organizations. Brazil is part of a group of countries that has undertaken to regularly

measure the extent of voluntary work and the economic contribution that this practice brings to the production of national wealth before the International Labor Organization.

The IPEA publication also mentions a decrease in federal public resources received by Brazilian CSOs. At the same event, the working paper “Economic Sustainability of Civil Society Organizations: Challenges of the Current Brazilian Legal Environment” was presented by researchers Aline Gonçalves de Souza and Eduardo Pannunzio. This paper is about private financing for organizations, producing complementary analysis to the trends captured from the IPEA research.

The “*Perfil das Organizações da Sociedade Civil no Brasil*” connects with a collaborative electronic site, the “*Mapa das Organizações da Sociedade Civil no Brasil*” (Map of Civil Society Organizations), which seeks to integrate databases of states and municipalities, as well as encourages self-reporting of information by CSOs.

These and other highlights were discussed at the launch event of the survey. Publications can be accessed at:

“*Perfil das Organizações da Sociedade Civil no Brasil*” - IPEA

<https://bit.ly/2sHVStP>

“*Sustentabilidade Econômica das Organizações da Sociedade Civil: desafios do ambiente jurídico brasileiro atual*” - FGV Direito SP

<http://bibliotecadigital.fgv.br/dspace/handle/10438/24576>

