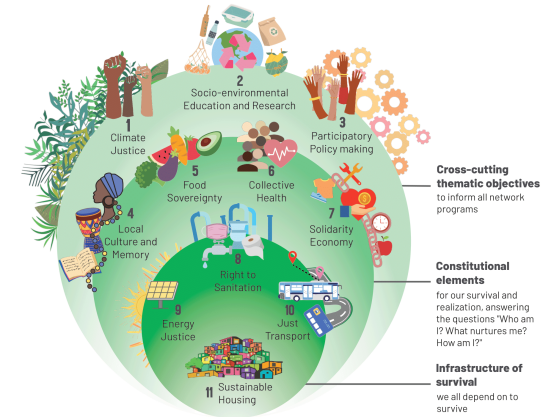


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The Sustainable Favela Network: Mapping hybridities of people, places, and projects to develop a model of sustainability from the margins

Not only can favelas be sustainable, they can be sources of innovative solutions for the world. Yet, how do these solutions travel? How do informal communities, defined as socially and spatially marginalized, come together to share ideas? What can we learn from visualizing these information flows? This research explores the Sustainable Favela Network (SFN), a collective of 195 community leaders facilitated by Catalytic Communities — a Rio de Janeiro-based nonprofit — which creates online and in-person spaces to exchange information on sustainable practices emerging from informal communities. The SFN brings together residents from 185 favelas in and around Rio de Janeiro to foster exchanges on socio-environmental practices providing a model for sustainable development. Projects include community gardens, circular economy trash collection and recycling programs, rooftop solar energy, and biodigesters.

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