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**Acceso
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**Annual
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Director's Message

Dear friends,

We are pleased to share Acceso PanAm's 2025 Annual Report. We hope you enjoy this overview of the activities we carried out across the different countries where we work.

We have many exciting developments to share. Among them is the great news that we have begun working in Uruguay and Ecuador, with Regional Directors now representing Acceso PanAm in both countries, as well as many projects underway to further advance our mission throughout Latin America. We face many challenges, including ensuring the sustainability of our organization within a regional context that is often unfavorable to conservation and increasingly focused on activities that are environmentally unsustainable. Although reality can sometimes feel overwhelming, it is also a source of motivation and creativity as we seek ways to address the different challenges we aim to help solve.

Our community continues to grow year after year, which brings us great joy. We see environmental awareness increasing, and above all, we see younger generations deeply committed to protecting the environment and ensuring its long-term sustainability.

Our commitment remains strong, and we invite you to support our projects, whether as donors or volunteers, so that we can continue to grow and support the local organizations working on the front lines to protect our environment.

We keep moving forward!

Esteban Degregori

Partnerships and Organizational Strengthening

During 2025, Acceso PanAm strengthened its strategy of building long-term partnerships with companies, foundations, and other stakeholders connected to climbing and conservation. Our goal was to move toward a more sustainable and predictable funding model based on strong institutional relationships and multi-year collaborations, while progressively reducing our dependence on one-off opportunities and short-term projects.

One of the year's main achievements was the consolidation of our partnership with Black Diamond, with whom we secured three years of funding covering the 2025–2027 period. This support allows us to continue implementing a regional strategy aimed at strengthening organizations, communities, and leaders working on responsible access, conservation, and climbing across Latin America, while also providing Acceso PanAm with greater predictability for institutional planning.

During the first year of this collaboration, we implemented the "Climbing and Conservation: Voices from Latin America" program, an initiative designed to share knowledge, strengthen capacities, and foster connections among people and organizations throughout the region. In 2025, three virtual talks were held on key issues related to the sustainability of climbing organizations: organizational management, strategic communications, and conservation policies. These sessions provided participants with access to experiences, tools, and lessons applicable across different Latin American contexts, while also helping strengthen Acceso PanAm's visibility and regional positioning.

The partnership with Black Diamond represents not only financial support but also an opportunity to develop a sustained collaboration, expand the reach of our initiatives, and build a more connected regional community. Funding continuity through 2027 allows us to plan new activities, support organizational strengthening processes, and deepen relationships with local stakeholders in different countries.

We were also able to renew the support of the Petzl Foundation in 2025 to continue our climbing development project in Patagonia Azul Park, in the province of Chubut, Argentina. This second phase built upon the work carried out in previous years and focused on expanding access to climbing opportunities, strengthening local capacities, and promoting community participation.

The continuation of Petzl's support is a particularly significant result of the institutional strategy we have developed over recent years. Our sustained relationship with the foundation allowed us to move from an initial collaborative experience into a new phase of the project, expanding its outcomes and strengthening mutual trust between both organizations.

During the year, we also continued diversifying our funding sources and exploring new international partnerships. We submitted the project "Mountains for Life: Learning from the Mountain to Care for Our Planet" to the National Geographic Society's Future of Learning call for proposals.

We also submitted an application to the Global Climbing Initiative Fall 2025 Grants program, seeking to continue expanding funding opportunities for projects related to access, conservation, and climbing development throughout the region.

As part of our institutional strengthening strategy, we secured funding for Acceso PanAm's Regional Office in Peru. This support enabled us to further consolidate the organization's presence in both the country and the broader region, strengthen coordination with local stakeholders, and create better conditions for providing sustained support to access and conservation initiatives.

We also began developing a specific strategy for individual donors. As part of this effort, we worked on the creation of Friends of Acceso, a donor circle designed to engage individuals with the capacity to make significant contributions and an interest in supporting the organization's mission in a close and sustained way.

This initiative seeks to broaden Acceso PanAm's support base, strengthen the sense of belonging within our community, and generate a new source of income.

In parallel, we implemented a social media campaign for Giving Tuesday 2025, aimed at raising awareness within our community, showcasing the impact of Acceso PanAm's work, and encouraging individual donations.

The campaign represented a first step toward developing a stronger culture of giving and deepening our direct relationship with individuals interested in supporting conservation and responsible access to climbing areas.

Taken together, the agreements reached with Black Diamond and the Petzl Foundation, the renewal of our Regional Office in Peru, the creation of Regional Offices in Ecuador and Uruguay, new applications for international funding, and the development of an individual donor strategy reflect a more comprehensive approach to institutional sustainability.

Throughout 2025, Acceso PanAm combined the consolidation of its main partnerships with the search for new sources of support, laying stronger foundations for the continuity and expansion of our regional work.



Argentina

Throughout 2025, we carried out a range of efforts related to new projects, fundraising, and advisory support for several climbing access conflicts across the country.

We also continued contributing to the process being led by the Piedra Parada Protected Natural Area to regulate climbing and address the different points of conflict between the climbing community and the area's administration.





Argentina

Patagonia Azul Project

The second phase of the project was implemented with support from the Petzl Foundation and Rewilding Argentina Foundation.

The Acceso PanAm Argentina team spent one week in the park carrying out a range of activities, including the development of 15 new climbing routes using stainless steel hardware in El Sauce, a climbing course for park staff with eight participants, and two open climbing days for residents of the town of Camarones, with 20 participants.

Climbing equipment was also donated so that the park can independently organize its own climbing activities. The donation included complete equipment for three climbing teams, meaning that from now on the park has both the necessary training and equipment. The project continues, and the next goal is to organize a climbing festival to introduce the area and bring together nearby climbing communities so that they can continue developing climbing within the park.

Patagonia Azul is a recently protected area, established in 2024, with enormous recreational potential. Camarones, a town of 1,634 residents, previously had very limited recreational engagement with its coastal surroundings.

The project is helping to change this: trained park rangers are now able to run programs for children, while the local community — particularly women — has access to an organized outdoor sport within their own territory for the first time.





Bolivia

Route Setters and Judges Course

During the first week of April, two highly important courses were held in Santa Cruz, Bolivia, contributing to the strengthening and growth of climbing in the country: a Competition Route Setting Course and a Judges Course.

Both events were carried out in collaboration with CBED and FASA, with funding from Acceso PanAm.

We are very pleased with the results and proud to continue contributing to the development of climbing in Bolivia.





Bolivia

Children's Day

On April 14, Mujer Montaña Bolivia, with support from Acceso PanAm, celebrated Children's Day in Pomani with a morning of rock climbing — a sport that is often inaccessible to Indigenous communities, even where climbing infrastructure exists nearby.

This is the second year we have supported this initiative, which forms part of the Mountains for Life program. Through outdoor sports, the program seeks to foster connection with, appreciation for, and protection of natural environments.

More than 20 children participated, together with parents and teachers.

This was the first of three events planned by Mujer Montaña Bolivia.





Bolivia

New Routes at Laguna Taquiña, Cochabamba

In June, the climbing route development project at Laguna Taquiña was completed. Following the route bolting course previously held there, 30 new routes were added to the area.





Bolivia

First Gathering of Women Mountaineers and Climbers

On September 6 and 7, an important gathering of women mountaineers and climbers from across the Bolivian community took place, with representatives from several organizations connected to rock climbing and mountaineering.

The event was organized by GSMP Bolivia with support from Acceso PanAm.

Its purpose was to connect, strengthen, and bring together the women's mountain and climbing community through activities including storytelling, art, knowledge exchange, and shared climbing experiences.

Through personal and collective stories, these activities provided an opportunity to explore identity, opportunities, and the challenges faced by this community.

The gathering represents an important step toward consolidating a more connected and collaborative community capable of promoting future projects focused on women's climbing and mountaineering in Bolivia.





Bolivia

Mountains for Life – Student Day

On September 21, Mujer Montaña Bolivia joined the children and families of Pomani in celebrating Student Day and the arrival of spring.

It was a gathering where climbing and the story Tita la Vizcachita became ways to connect, share, learn, and appreciate the natural environment around us.

More than 30 children and parents participated, together with ten volunteers from Mujer Montaña and Llama Climber.





Bolivia

Level 1 Route Bolting Course in Oruro

For the second consecutive year, we held a Level 1 Route Bolting Course in Bolivia, contributing to the sustainable growth of climbing across the country.

The course took place on October 3, 4, and 5 in Rummy Campana, Oruro, with the participation of 14 climbers committed to developing safe and accessible climbing areas for the community.

This year, Esteban Degregori, from the FASA Capacita program, served as lead instructor, with valuable support from Josue Colque Marca of Escaladores Oruro as assistant instructor.

During the course, 15 new routes were established and nine older routes were rebolted, replacing aging hardware and strengthening this climbing area located close to the city, which is an important site for the continued development of local climbing.





Bolivia

Development of the New Paka Uta Climbing Area

On November 29, the new Paka Uta ("House of the Eagle") climbing area was inaugurated in Aranjuez, La Paz.

The initiative began in partnership with Terraclimb, a climbing club from La Paz, with the initial goal of rebolting several routes originally equipped in 2010 by Chris Clark.

During this process, additional sectors with significant potential were identified and three new routes were established.

A beginner area was also developed, along with spaces for meetings and other climbing activities.

We are very pleased to have supported this project and would especially like to thank Osnar Ascurinada and all the volunteers who contributed their time, commitment, and dedication.





Chile

Pacto por los Andes: End of the Lippi-Acceso PanAm Partnership (2018–2025)

After seven years of partnership, the new Marketing Department at Lippi Outdoor informed us of its decision to bring to an end the agreement under which the company had been collaborating with Acceso PanAm.

Lippi expressed its intention to continue supporting APA's work in Chile, but through individual projects rather than ongoing institutional funding.

This change had a significant impact on the planning of our Regional Office, as the partnership had allowed us to provide permanent compensation for the Regional Director.





Chile

#QueremosTupungato Campaign (2019–2025)

During the first half of 2025, decrees were submitted to expand Santiago Glaciers National Park and create the Olivares–Colorado Multiple-Use Conservation Area (ACMU).

The latter would add 43,640 hectares of protected mountain territory to the 96,487 hectares now encompassed by the National Park following its expansion.

Although the administrative process for creating the ACMU has been delayed by bureaucratic issues associated with the transition to a new Chilean government administration, the Acceso PanAm Chile Regional Office considers the campaign — launched in 2019 in partnership with other organizations — a complete success.

As a result, in October 2025 we decided to step down from our position on the Board in order to focus our time and efforts on new projects.





Chile

Route Bolting Course in Arica and Timalchaca

From the beginning of the year, the Regional Office focused on developing a sport climbing area in the Timalchaca Gorge, in the Arica and Parinacota Region.

Because of the area's geographic and administrative characteristics — it is located on land administered by an Aymara community — the Regional Office worked alongside the Arica climbing community to develop the site according to sustainability criteria.

In October, a route bolting course was held to train a group of local climbers in the techniques and criteria required to develop a long-term project in the area.

The aim is for the site to become a driver of mountain tourism in the region and a pilot project for the development of new climbing areas focused on tourism and guided by sustainability principles.





Chile

Film Series: Focus on the Mountains

During July, we organized a four-session film series at the Coyhaique Cultural Center, together with the University of Aysén.

Ten films were screened, creating an opportunity to reflect on the development of mountain communities through different sports connected to these landscapes, the challenges of tourism, opportunities associated with community management of sports infrastructure, and approaches to prevention and preparedness for the different challenges faced by host communities.





Ecuador

New Regional Office

We are pleased to introduce our new leadership team in Ecuador.

We are very excited to work with Maribel and Miguel, both of whom have extensive experience in climbing, mountaineering, training, and community development in Ecuador and throughout Latin America. Several projects are already underway to continue contributing to the sustainable development of climbing in Ecuador, with more news coming soon.

Maribel Padilla is a communications professional and social development manager, as well as a climber, mountaineer, and yoga instructor. She has training in wilderness rescue, personal protective equipment inspection, and climbing area development. She is the founder of PsicoRutas, a project that brings together psychology, nature, and movement. Miguel Villacís, "Cuervo Negro," holds a degree in Ecotourism, is a climbing and mountaineering instructor, and is the founder of RavenRock. He has more than 16 years of climbing experience, 12 years of experience as a mountain guide, and more than ten years as an instructor. His areas of specialization include rescue, safety, route bolting, and training.





Perú

Signage Installation – Coporaque, Arequipa

This activity focused on improving access and wayfinding conditions in the Coporaque climbing area through the installation of signage.

The intervention helped organize use of the area, make climbing-related spaces easier to identify, and strengthen conditions for safe and responsible climbing.

The initiative forms part of Acceso PanAm's efforts to improve supporting infrastructure in climbing areas while promoting a positive relationship among climbers, local communities, and the surrounding territory.





Perú

Kuntur Sayana Park Climbing Gathering

The climbing gathering at Kuntur Sayana Park provided an opportunity to bring together and strengthen the climbing community in the Cusco region.

The gathering also included concrete actions to develop the area, including a route bolting workshop and the establishment of 16 climbing routes.

An important community component was also included, focusing on improving the bases of climbing routes, installing two toilets, and upgrading the camping area.

The event therefore promoted climbing while also improving the conditions in which visitors use and stay in the area.





Perú

Climbing Festival – 10 Years of Ch'aqo Wayllasqa Park

The climbing festival celebrating the 10th anniversary of Ch'aqo Wayllasqa Park marked a decade of development at this climbing area and strengthened its importance as a climbing destination.

Held in Pitumarca, the event further consolidated the relationship between the climbing community and the territory while continuing the work of promoting and developing climbing areas throughout the Cusco region.





Perú

Training of Route Bolting Instructors and Route Developers – Southern Region

This initiative represented one of the main technical training and capacity-transfer activities carried out during 2025.

In Coporaque, two national instructors from the southern region were trained, creating a specialized pool of human resources capable of continuing future training processes in route bolting.

At the same time, a route bolting course was delivered to 12 participants, resulting in 10 new trained route developers.

As a practical outcome of the training process, 15 climbing routes were established.

The activity also involved the local community, reinforcing a development model based on training, technical intervention, and community participation.





Perú

Training of Route Bolting Instructors and Route Developers – Northern Region

As part of our strategy to decentralize technical capacities, a second route bolting instructor training activity was held in Antacocha, with the aim of strengthening local capacity in the northern region of the country.

The program trained two instructors from the northern region and 11 new route developers, creating a group of trained individuals able to continue developing and maintaining climbing areas.

At the same time, 12 climbing routes were established, and two pitches of La Clásica were rebolted, combining theoretical and practical training with concrete improvements to climbing infrastructure.





Perú

Route Bolting and Rebolting Activities – Antacocha and San Roca

This initiative allowed us to expand climbing area development activities into new parts of the country. In San Roca, Tarapoto, the first organized climbing development activity was carried out in the area, representing an initial step toward the development and consolidation of climbing in the San Martín Region.

Eight routes were equipped using stainless steel hardware, and all pitches of La Clásica were rebolted. These actions improved the technical conditions of existing routes while creating new opportunities for climbing.

The activity also established an initial Acceso PanAm presence in Tarapoto, opening possibilities for future training processes, local organization, and further development of the area.





Perú

Mountain Day Cleanup – Pichu Pichu

The cleanup activity held to mark International Mountain Day was one of the main conservation and community responsibility initiatives carried out during 2025.

The initiative was co-organized and brought together 25 volunteers, involving different stakeholders connected to the area. It was the first large-scale cleanup activity implemented through collaboration among the community, public authorities, and businesses. This initiative reflects Acceso PanAm's comprehensive approach: climbing development is not limited to bolting and maintaining routes, but also includes protecting natural areas, promoting community participation, and building partnerships among different stakeholders.





Uruguay

New Regional Office

We are pleased to introduce our new Regional Director for Uruguay.

We are very happy to be working with Ceci, and several projects are already underway to contribute to the sustainable development of climbing in Uruguay. More news will be coming soon.

Cecilia Gasparutti was born in Córdoba, Argentina, and has been living in Uruguay for the past four years. She holds a degree in Kinesiology and Physiotherapy, is an osteopath, and has a Master's degree in Clinical Psychoneuroimmunology.

She has been passionate about high-altitude mountaineering and climbing for more than 17 years. She has completed several training programs in sport climbing and rescue, is also a competition route setter, and has established several outdoor climbing routes.

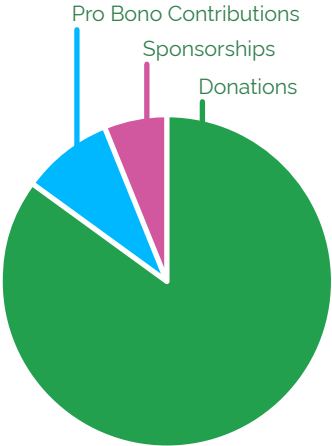
She is the mother of Giuliana, now 20 years old, and a member of the Board of the Uruguayan Climbing Association.



2025 Financial Overview

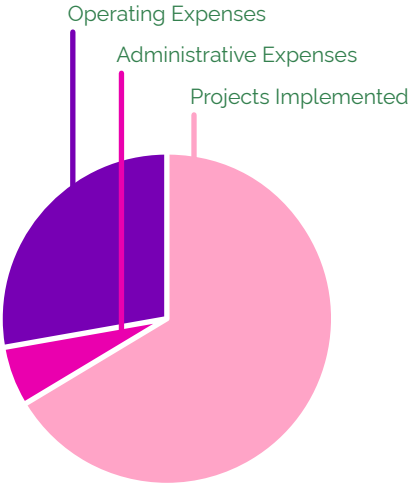
Income

Donations	U\$S 58.100	84.1%
Pro Bono Contributions	U\$S 6.000	8.6%
Sponsorships	U\$S 4.990	7.3%
Total	U\$S 69.090	



Expenses

Operating Expenses	U\$S 18.000	27.8%
Administrative Expenses	U\$S 3.780	5.8%
Projects Implemented	U\$S 43.000	66.4%
Total	U\$S 64.780	



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