GTA Weaving Criteria

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The purpose of this document is to provide elements about the criteria used in Crianza Mutua Mexico.

Vikalp Sangam and Crianza Mutua Mexico share some assumptions about the current situation and a radical critique of patriarchy, capitalism, the democratic nation-state and anthropocentrism. These assumptions and critiques nourished the creation of GTA and determine the shape of the criteria to identify and weave “alternatives”.
Participants

Entramados Comunitarios—Two or more people, groups, communities, collectives and organizations.

“Entramado” can be translated as framework, but it is not; it rather alludes to fabric, tapestry, an intimate weaving. “Comunitario” can be or not community. A few people can constitute an “entramado”; the qualification alludes to the communal spirit of the fabric.
How we weave in Crianza Mutua?

Identifying groups that have broken with the dominant regime and taken a new path

Documenting their experience sharing documents, radio programs, encounters, etc

Facilitating their interaction to learn from each other
How we weave in Crianza Mutua?

Articulate them for mutual solidarity to inspire the discontent with the current situation by giving visibility to what can be done.

Organizing by themes (spheres) and each one has a weaver that is in contact with collectives that share actions around that same topic.

The process includes Physical gatherings to share practical activities Virtual gatherings to share the context we are living and how we are building the alternatives in the different themes.
Criteria

Have been created and act by their own accord. The entramados could have been born by the initiative of one person, even by someone who does not belong to the entramado, but those who constitute it are there by their autonomous decision and shared motives.

Dissolve, in their concrete practices, any hierarchy in the relations between those belonging to the entramado and in their interaction with other peoples or groups.

Their basic attitude and action is focused in taking care of life, adopting behaviors that are respectful to Mother Earth and all living beings.
Openly challenge all forms of racism and sexism, with their attitudes and behavior within the entramado and in its surroundings.

Break with dependencies on the market and the State, through the construction of autonomy and joyous creativity. The rupture is never complete, not even in the sphere of the everyday life from which the entramado emerges.

Avoid shaping their activities as commodities and try to reduce production and consumption of commodities in all areas of everyday life.
Within Crianza Mutua México, the frameworks have been addressed considering 5 spheres that are lived in an integral way in community life. To address them the groups decided to make a separation without losing sight of the fact that all them are united in the daily life.

• Eat
• Heal
• Learn
• Live - Territory
• Communicate
The Entramados...

- tend to suppress hierarchies in everyday activity—which implies dissolving power, command, and control structures though forms of coordination are maintained and legitimate hierarchies respected;
- adopt in practice the principle of sufficiency, though they might not call it by that name, which means they try to have and use what is enough (sufficient) to live well;
- construct autonomy in at least one sphere of everyday life, but tend naturally to extend it to other spheres.
- the glue that nurtures them is affection and friendship. It is not mere ‘sentiment,’ but ways of relating to each other that have become political categories.
Next Steps
2022
Who are participating in Crianza Mutua?

• Update the information with all of us who are participating today.
• Find those who for some reason have moved away to invite them to participate again
• Invite new groups, starting from our own networks
Continue documenting our walk?

• Sharing Documents
• Photos
• Videos
• Interviews – Radio
• Mapping our experiences in collaboration with GTA
• etc
How do we meet?

• Face-to-face
  • Regional
  • Theme
    • Who invites you to know your walk?
    • Who is interested in learning about an experience?
    • What does it imply in terms of organization, time, resources, etc?

• Virtual
  • General
  • Individuals between groups that have a common interest or that want to know another thematic axis that they work on.
How to visualize the alternatives?

- Sharing information about Crianza Mutua with our contacts
- Inviting other groups that share the criteria
- Talking about Crianza Mutua with journalists or local media so that it can serve to inspire the disaffected – Alternative Media
- Creating Crianza Mutua website and Facebook page
  - As a link between us
  - Share who we are through texts, photos, videos, etc.
  - Be a window of hope
Weaving experiences with other in the GTA

- India – Colombia in relation to the encounter of December organizing the encounters of the different spheres of life. (Proposal in march sphere of heal)
- Nurturing the process of Criteria and Alternatives
- Participating in the World Social Forum and visit to Oaxaca
- Publishing and Visualizing experiences