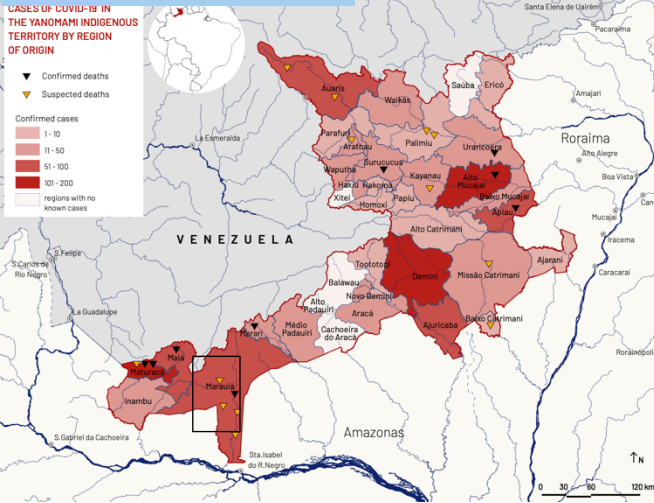


Map from the Xawara report tracing Covid amongst the Yanomami, conducted by the Instituto Socioambiental in 2020.  
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# The Yanomami Children's Advocacy Bulletin



We would like to encourage readers to sign up to the mailing list of the incredible NGO, Survival International, and if possible, support their work through any donations possible. This organisation is an incredible activist charity working alongside the Yanomami to ensure the protection of their rights. In particular, the latest article on Yanomami healthcare outlines Survival International's "Six-point plan" which is an emergency call to stop the genocide of the Yanomami population through imminent government action.



*This issue welcomes readers and builds on new data released about the reality Covid-19 has had on Yanomami youth.*

Photograph of an eight-year-old girl taken in the village of Maimasi in 2021 which has become a global symbol of the chronic malnutrition Amazonian children face. Original source: <https://English.elpais.com/usa/2021-05-21/eight-years-old-and-12-kilos-the-child-who-has-become>



## New data highlights the tragic effects COVID-19

### has had on the Yanomami.

The Brazilian Government released and manipulated much news about the effects COVID has had on its Indigenous population. We seek here to share the truth and provide links to new data which challenges the censored information shown on the news. For example, the Instituto Socioambiental (ISA) is an incredible NGO which has undertaken extensive research into Yanomami welfare and government policy making during COVID. ISA revealed that in 2020 the budget for Indigenous healthcare was the lowest it had been in the last eight years and that there was a massive underreporting of cases amongst the Yanomami (2020). Their studies showed it was elder and youth age groups most vulnerable to COVID and lack of protection and that "the fatality rate by Covid-19 among the indigenous population in the Amazon is 150% higher than the national average," (ISA, 2020, p.3)

### President de Silva declares to overturn Bolsonaro's unethical policies.

We can now confirm Bolsonaro ignored over 50 letters imploring for help during the Covid crisis from Yanomami communities and representatives. This tragically has had immediate effect on the Yanomami population with a report that at least five hundred and seventy Yanomami children died from untreated diseases during Bolsonaro's term in office. Newly inaugurated President, Luis Lula da Silva, however has vowed to make reparations for the legislature changes and corruption which inhibited the Yanomami peoples achieving their right to health.

## Can we stop childhood malnutrition in the Amazon?

New reports have uncovered increasing rates of malnutrition amongst the Yanomami youth which have significantly spiked in the last few years. This year the Guardian found that the only pediatric hospital in the Amazonian state had fifty-nine indigenous patients; forty-eight of whom were from Yanomami communities. A lack of resources and viable food sources has been exacerbated due to an increase of illegal miners under Bolsonaro's ruling, the dangerous levels of mercury in rivers near Yanomami territories and the effects on biodiversity which have occurred as miners encroach further into the Amazon.



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