

## March in Brazil for the day of Afro-descendant women | News

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Black and Afro-descendant women marched this Monday in several Brazilian cities to commemorate their International Day, in the midst of a situation of profound prevailing discrimination.

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Brazilian local media detailed after an applied survey that only half of that female segment of 48.8 million women of working age obtained jobs in the labor market during the first quarter of 2022; and when they did, they were paid very low wages and in very poor conditions.

This study carried out by the Getulio Vargas Foundation (FGV) deepens that, among white and yellow men, there was 72.2 percent in the employment market.

Hence, in order to survive, about 43 percent of black and mestizo women work in informal jobs; in which they earn, on average, less than half of what white men earn, and the equivalent of 60 percentage points of the median earnings of other women.

In this sense, the economist Janaína Feijó, expressed that “the black woman will bring together two social problems: the problem of race and gender inequality. I think we can say that, in general, they represent a more vulnerable group when we analyze the behavior of labor market indicators”.

So much so that six out of ten households headed by black or brown people suffer from food insecurity, according to research carried out by the Pensaán network.

That is why in Brazil, as in other Latin American and Caribbean nations where these phenomena are pronounced, women raise their voices to eradicate racial violence; as well as to make visible and combat the ethnic, economic and social inequalities that expand on them.

Regarding the issue, the researcher and second deputy mayor of the Ecuadorian district of Quito, Gisela Chala, stated that it is a question of placing in a priority order the freedom needs of this community of women in breaking the chains of oppression that for hundreds of years they have been flogged.

At the time that he delved into it, it is a day of resistance, of fighting against everything that undermines his just right to life in equality.

On July 25, the International Day of Afro-descendant Women is commemorated, as a reference to the meeting that took place in the Dominican Republic that day in 1992; and in which black women from 32 countries in Latin America and the Caribbean decided to make their struggles visible, and define political strategies to confront racism from a gender perspective.