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SUSTAINABILITY BOND REPORT 2021



A LETTER FROM OUR CFO PEDRO ARNT

Over the past 22 years, supported by technology and continuous innovation, we have tirelessly pursued the goal of democratizing commerce and financial services to transform the lives of millions of people in Latin America.

The global turning point marked by COVID-19 reinforced this purpose: our mission drives every action we take. We strive every day to generate a positive and transformative impact.

With this in mind, in early 2021, we issued our first Sustainable Bond, raising USD 400 million. This bond marks a milestone for us not only because it allows us to accelerate our sustainability agenda but also because it does so in a collaborative way, allowing investors to actively participate in this transformation process. Together, we are collaborating to develop solutions that enable us to effectively address some of the biggest economic, social, and environmental challenges of our time.

In just one year since its issuance—with 15.56% of proceeds already allocated—we have made significant progress in the priority investment areas we set out to address: reduction of our environmental footprint, financial inclusion of SMEs, and social development and empowerment through education. Within the main areas of investment, we are excited to share the following advances with you:

- In support of the logistics required for transition of e-commerce to sustainable mobility, approximately USD 1.32 million were allocated for the operation of more than 115 electric vehicles, which allowed us to deliver more than 1.85 million packages via electric mobility solutions.
- Contribute to global efforts to fight climate change by regenerating and protecting our region's iconic biomes. We created the Regenera America Program, which seeks to finance projects that protect biodiversity and ecosystem services as well as sequester carbon from the atmosphere. During this first year, we invested USD 7.8 million to develop and implement two projects focused on the restoration of the Brazilian Atlantic Forest, one of the most threatened biomes in Brazil.
- Accelerate financial inclusion—a key instrument for combating poverty, promoting formality, and generating economic and social development throughout the region. Approximately USD 31.95 million of the proceeds were used to grant 15,244 loans to certified SMEs and entrepreneurs, most of whom did not have access to other forms of financing before.
- In light of the relevance of technology in any 21st-century educational agenda and existing gaps—a situation worsened by the Covid-19 pandemic—, USD 3.14 million of the proceeds were invested in different programs to develop skills for the jobs of the future. “Certified Tech Developer,” launched in alliance with Digital House and Globant, accelerates the insertion of thousands of young Latin Americans in the technology industry; “Conectadas” seeks to bring girls between the age of 14 and 18 closer to the world of technology so that they can plan a future in it; and our “Redes al Futuro” program is training more than 1,000 young people from the communities near our Distribution Centers in Argentina, Brazil, and Mexico.

The last few years left us with innumerable lessons, many of which we are only just beginning to understand. But for sure one of them is that we are facing one of the deepest and most accelerated transformation processes in our history. We have an enormous responsibility to act now so that this process is not at the expense of society or the planet.

This bond is a further demonstration of our long-term commitment; of the importance of acting today, so that the best can come.



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We act today, so the best can come

We are driven by the purpose of transformation, something we know that the world needs. Through innovation and technology, we seek to drive a new economy in which generating economic value creates social and environmental value.

Equalizing opportunities between large companies and small entrepreneurs and reducing geographic and economic distances is at the core of our business.

WE ACT TODAY, TRANSFORMING LATIN AMERICA BY FOSTERING ITS ENTREPRENEURIAL ECOSYSTEM.

Mercado Libre is today the main source of income for almost 900 thousand families in the region and facilitates trade for almost 500 thousand SMEs.

- We generate financial inclusion by granting loans to micro, small and medium-sized unbanked companies.
- We train and bring entrepreneurs closer to e-commerce.
- We promote formalization.
- We encourage impact entrepreneurship by offering consumers sustainable product alternatives and by supporting entrepreneurs whose projects contribute to environmental, social, and economic objectives.



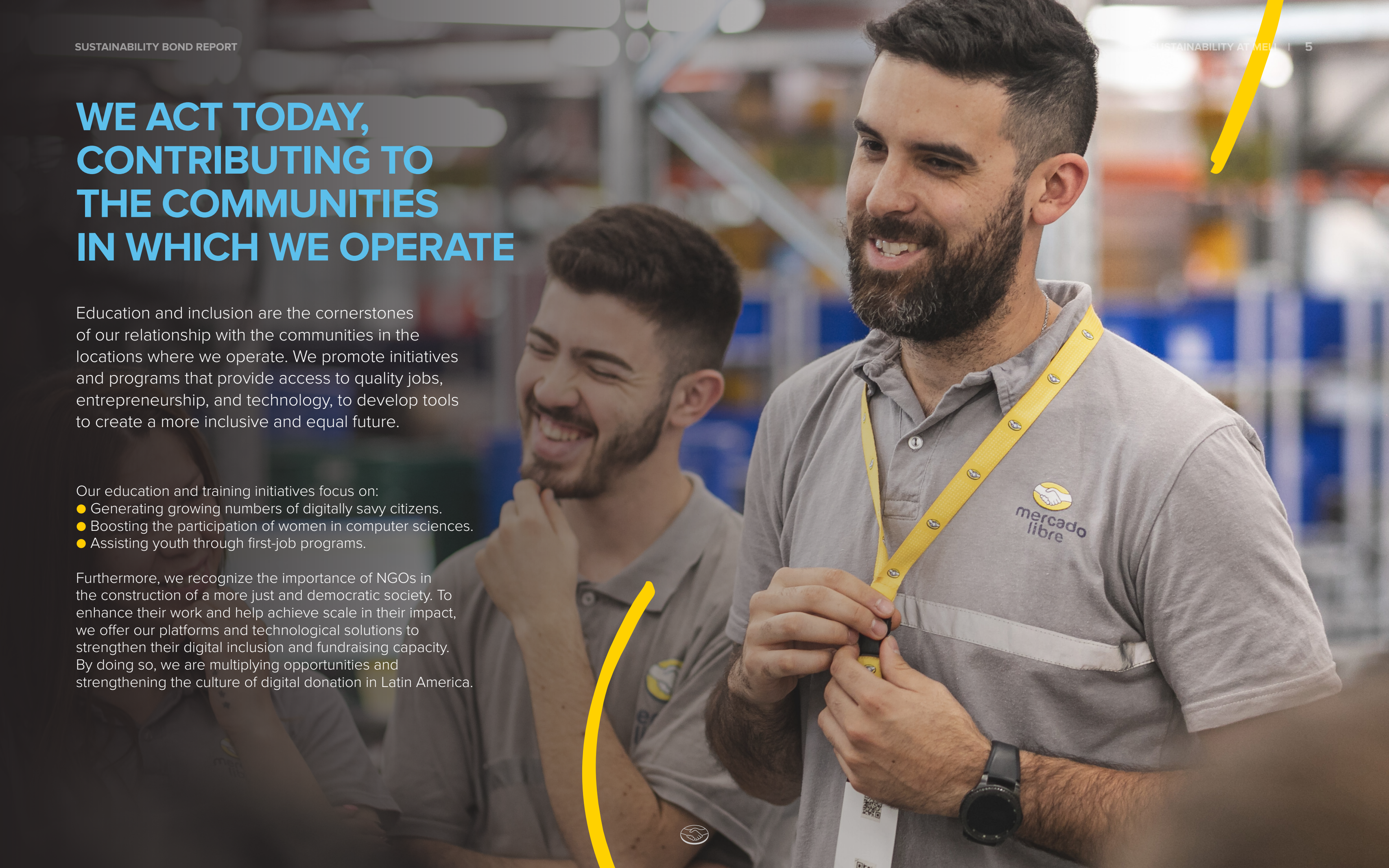
WE ACT TODAY, CONTRIBUTING TO THE COMMUNITIES IN WHICH WE OPERATE

Education and inclusion are the cornerstones of our relationship with the communities in the locations where we operate. We promote initiatives and programs that provide access to quality jobs, entrepreneurship, and technology, to develop tools to create a more inclusive and equal future.

Our education and training initiatives focus on:

- Generating growing numbers of digitally savvy citizens.
- Boosting the participation of women in computer sciences.
- Assisting youth through first-job programs.

Furthermore, we recognize the importance of NGOs in the construction of a more just and democratic society. To enhance their work and help achieve scale in their impact, we offer our platforms and technological solutions to strengthen their digital inclusion and fundraising capacity. By doing so, we are multiplying opportunities and strengthening the culture of digital donation in Latin America.



WE ACT TODAY, REDUCING OUR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

We seek to promote innovative and more efficient solutions so that our business can grow in harmony with the planet, reducing our environmental impact, and leading the transition of e-commerce toward a low-carbon economy.

At Mercado Libre, environmental management is based on a process of continuous improvement that accompanies the sustainable growth of our business. By measuring our carbon footprint—a cornerstone of our strategy—we can identify and implement reduction actions with agility, accompanying the growth of our business.

OUR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STRATEGY HAS FOUR PILLARS:

REGENERATION

Combat climate change and contribute to the protection of biodiversity in the region by investing in regeneration projects and conservation of iconic biomes in the region, enhancing the regional carbon credit market.

ENERGY

Increase our energy efficiency and consumption of energy from renewable and clean sources, with the goal of migrating 100% of the electricity consumption of our distribution centers.

MOBILITY

Reduce the impact of our logistics operations, focusing on increasing our electric fleet and promoting the adoption of innovative solutions throughout our value chain.

PACKAGING AND MANAGEMENT OF WORKING MATERIALS, RESIDUAL MATERIALS AND WASTE.

Packaging and management of working materials, residual materials and waste. Implement processes for the recovery of materials and goods generated in our operations. Test and implement innovative and scalable e-commerce packaging solutions to reduce the impact of material use.





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ABOUT OUR SUSTAINABILITY BOND



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We issued our first Sustainability Bond in January 2021: five-year, USD 400 million notes that offer a fixed rate coupon of 2.375% per annum.

The offering’s net proceeds have been and will continue to be invested in Sustainability Projects, which we’ve outlined below. This report describes Mercado Libre’s use of proceeds to date, and the expected impact of these investments. We expect to allocate the full amount of proceeds within 36 months of the date of issuance.

SUSTAINABILITY BOND DETAILS	
ISSUER	Mercado Libre
ISSUE DATE	January 14, 2021
CURRENCY	USD
TENOR	2021-2026
ISSUED AMOUNT	USD 400 million
NET PROCEEDS	USD 398.712.500
USE OF PROCEEDS	To finance or refinance ongoing or new projects with an economic, social, or environmental impact.
FIXED COUPON RATE	2.375% per annum



THE BOND FRAMEWORK

We expect to use the proceeds to finance or refinance ongoing or new projects with an economic, social, or environmental impact.

Among our sustainability projects are investments and expenditures financed up to 24 months before the issuance of the Sustainability Bond. Our green projects include investments and expenditures made by us or any of our subsidiaries that contribute to environmental goals such as clean transportation, land conservation and preservation, energy efficiency, or pollution prevention. Our social projects involve investments and expenditures that aim to address or mitigate a specific social issue or seek to make a positive impact in the communities where we operate.

With the proceeds of our 2026 Sustainability Bond, we want to increase our investment in three priority areas:

REDUCTION OF OUR ENVIRONMENTAL FOOTPRINT

Greater implementation of renewable energies, energy efficiency projects, sustainable packaging materials, and zero-emission mobility.

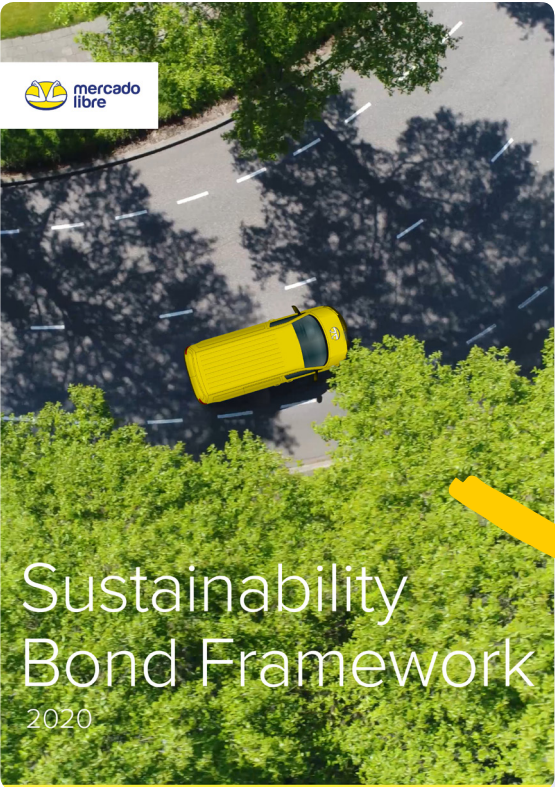
FINANCIAL INCLUSION

Loans for SMEs and entrepreneurs.

SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND EMPOWERMENT

Education initiatives to reduce the digital gap and promote the inclusion of young people in the job market.


















We want to contribute to the sustainable prosperity of Latin America, accelerating the transformation towards an economy that is in harmony with society and the planet.



Access the full version of the framework [HERE](#).



SUSTAINABILITY PROJECTS

PROJECT	ELIGIBLE CRITERIA	SDG CONTRIBUTION
REDUCTION OF OUR ENVIRONMENTAL FOOTPRINT		
Clean Transportation	Procurement, maintenance, and operation of electric trucks and vehicles as well as associated infrastructure.	  
Land Conservation and Preservation	Nature regeneration projects with highly trusted conservation organizations, with a focus on key biomes of Latin America, to achieve third party tech-based verifications of the carbon capture results.	
Renewable Energy	Generation capacity and procurement of renewable energy including on-site wind and solar projects and power purchase agreements (PPAs) with renewable energy providers, including wind or solar projects and small hydro projects.	
Eco-efficient Sustainable Materials and Circular Economy Processes	Procurement and development of sustainable packaging materials.	 
Green Buildings	Design, construction, maintenance, or refurbishment of buildings that improve the environmental performance of our distribution centers and office facilities.	 
Energy Efficiency & Smart Metering	Improvement and optimization of energy efficiency through smart metering systems.	 
Waste Reduction Strategies	Waste reduction strategies as well as recycling programs or waste management optimization designed to reduce waste destined for landfill facilities.	 
FINANCIAL INCLUSION		
Access to Finance	Support SMEs communities in Latin America, providing entrepreneurs access to finance.	 
SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND EMPOWERMENT		
Socioeconomic Advancement and Empowerment through Education	Education initiatives to reduce the digital gap and promote the inclusion of young people in the job market.	   






WORK TO ENSURE TRANSPARENCY

We have established a Sustainability Finance Committee responsible for identifying, evaluating, and selecting the sustainability projects based on the eligibility criteria laid out in our framework to ensure alignment.

The Sustainability Finance Committee—which reports directly to the Chief Financial Officer—tracks and keeps a record of the net proceeds from the sale of any sustainable bond spent on eligible projects. Pending allocation or reallocation, net proceeds are temporarily invested in cash, cash equivalents, or other short-term marketable securities, under the Company’s liquidity management policy

REPORTING

- Second-Party Opinion from Sustainalytics aligned with our framework and the International Capital Markets Association (ICMA) recommendations as specified in the ‘Handbook - Harmonized Framework for Impact Reporting (April 2020).’
 - Annual report on the use of revenues up to their full allocation, including the progress of net revenue allocation and selected impact metrics, accompanied by a management statement on the net revenues allocated to sustainability projects.
 - Independent auditor issues an assurance report regarding the management’s statement.
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ALLOCATED PROCEEDS & IMPACT REPORTING



SUSTAINABILITY BOND ALLOCATION

TOTAL ALLOCATION

USD 62 M

15.56%

8 ACTION PILLARS



CLEAN TRANSPORTATION

USD 1.32 M

2.14% of a total allocation

115+ electric vehicles in Meli Net.
120+ tn CO₂e avoided.
1,850,000+ delivered packages via electric mobility solutions.



ACCESS TO FINANCE

USD 31.95 M

51.5% of a total allocation

15,244 SMEs/Entrepreneurs loans provided.
Breakdown per region:
8679 MLBrazil - 5829 MLMexico - 736 MLArgentina.



RENEWABLE ENERGY

USD 0.18 M

0.29% of a total allocation

4300+ MWh Off site renewable energy sourcing.



WASTE REDUCTION STRATEGIES

USD 0.56 M

0.91% of a total allocation

20,000+ tn waste diverted from landfills.



LAND CONSERVATION
AND PRESERVATION

USD 7.8 M

12.6% of a total allocation

2967 hectares of land conserved or regenerated.
724,086 estimated CO₂e metric tons sequestered or avoided (25 year span)



ENERGY EFFICIENCY
AND SMART METERING

USD 0.15 M

0.25% of a total allocation

7 buildings with smart metering devices.



SOCIOECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND
EMPOWERMENT THROUGH EDUCATION

USD 3.14 M

5% of a total allocation

5000+ people trained.
54%+ employability rate of people trained.



SUSTAINABLE MATERIALS
AND CIRCULAR ECONOMY

USD 16.91 M

27.3% of a total allocation

100% Spend assigned to FSC-certified paper purchased.
More than 30% recyclable content in packaging material.



REFERENCES

- Clean transportation
- Land conservation and preservation
- Access to finance
- Sustainable materials and circular economy
- Renewable energy
- Waste reduction strategies
- Energy efficiency & smart metering
- Socioeconomic advancement and empowerment through education

Allocation per country

45.95% ALLOCATION

USD 28.5 M

MEXICO

45.46% ALLOCATION

USD 28.21 M

BRAZIL

5.36% ALLOCATION

USD 3.33 M

ARGENTINA

2.28% ALLOCATION

USD 1.41 M

CHILE

0.95% ALLOCATION

USD 0.59 M

COLOMBIA

We are driving triple-impact projects in 5 countries in the region.



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FEATURED PROJECTS
AND THEIR IMPACT



REGENERA AMERICA, OUR LAND CONSERVATION AND PRESERVATION PROGRAM

In March 2021, we launched the Regenera America Program, an ambitious initiative focused on financing projects that protect biodiversity and capture carbon from the atmosphere.

The project promotes the regeneration and conservation of the iconic biomes of Latin America, contributing to carbon capture, which is essential to mitigate the advance of the climate crisis. This science-based strategy is one of the most efficient ways to face climate change by helping to recover and protect our forests and other natural biomes, which play a fundamental role in the well-being of people and the planet.

During the first year, we invested USD 7.8 million in the development and execution of two projects focused on the restoration of the Brazilian Atlantic Forest, one of the most threatened biomes in a country that represents one of the most threatened ecosystems in Latin America. The projects aim to restore an area of around 3000 hectares than 3,000 hectares, in collaboration with two organizations that have extensive experience and knowledge in the field: The Nature Conservancy (TNC) and the Institute for Ecological Research (IPÊ).

We partnered with the technological start-up Pachama to ensure the projects' traceability. Pachama is developing innovative solutions using artificial intelligence for real-time monitoring of conservation and reforestation projects based on satellite data, providing greater traceability and transparency in a more scalable way. In addition to increasing the traceability of Regenera America's environmental projects, Mercado Libre will be contributing to accelerate the technological developments that are necessary to guarantee the scalability of new projects throughout the region.

2967

HECTARES OF LAND
CONSERVED/REGENERATED

724,086

ESTIMATED CO2e METRIC
TONS AVOIDED (25 YEARS SPAN)

7.8 M

TOTAL SPEND (USD)



We focus on Latin America not only because it is our home but because it is home to around 40% of the planet's biodiversity. We started with the Atlantic Forest in Brazil—a country known for its important hydrographic basins and the location of our biggest operation.



MANTIQUEIRA

Sierra da Mantiqueira is an important area of the Atlantic Forest that extends across the southeastern region of Brazil. It covers 10 million hectares, including 284 cities. It has five main river basins, some responsible for supplying water to more than 20 million people in the country's two largest metropolitan areas, and home to several endemic animal and plant species, some of which are in danger of extinction. People living in this area depend directly on the ecosystem services provided by this biome to survive

IMPACT

BIOME

Atlantic Forest - Brazil

REGION

Mantiqueira

PARTNER

The Nature Conservancy (TNC)

OBJECTIVE

Restoration of forests with the plantation of native species, contributing to the protection of watersheds that supply the two main metropolises of Brazil.

GOAL

Restoration of more than 2,717 hectares

CARBON TO SEQUESTER

601 thousand tons of CO2 over 25 years

PEOPLE BENEFITED

300 families/producers benefited (approximately)

NATURAL REGENERATION

Equivalent to 6 million trees

WE CREATE PAYMENTS FOR ECOSYSTEM SERVICES TO PRODUCERS.



CORRIDORS FOR LIFE

Pontal do Paranapanema is a region in southeastern Brazil that covers more than 18,000 hectares that encompass 32 cities west of São Paulo. Over the past 50 years, the region has experienced extensive deforestation and forest fragmentation. The Institute for Ecological Research (IPÊ) works to help recover and conserve the diverse fauna and flora of the region. With the Corridors For Life program, IPÊ creates wildlife corridors throughout the region by restoring native forest ecosystems in degraded areas.

IMPACT

BIOME
Atlantic Forest - Brazil

REGION
Pontal do Paranapanema

PARTNER
Institute of Ecological Research (IPÊ)

OBJECTIVE
Create biological corridors between remnants of virgin forest, regenerating 250 hectares of land through the planting of native trees in degraded areas.

GOAL
Direct planting of 400,000 trees. Natural restoration of the biome equivalent to 350,000 trees

CARBON TO SEQUESTER
122,000 tons of CO2 in 25 years

NATURAL REGENERATION
250 hectares reforested

Income generation for 50 local families, who have doubled their regular income for 36 months

Enhance the business of 10 community nurseries in the area that generate income for families who work there growing native trees.

- About the IPÊ**
- 15 million trees planted
 - 5000 hectares regenerated.
 - Generation of USD 10 million in income distributed to local families.
 - Protected animal species: jaguar, puma, ocelot, tapir, and black marmoset.



CLEAN TRANSPORTATION

The growth of e-commerce requires the permanent expansion of logistic solutions. As part of that process, we are fully committed to finding ways to reduce our emissions and the environmental impact of our shipments.

We are working hard on expanding our electric fleet and charging infrastructure, partnering with the major players in the market to accelerate the logistics development process in the region. We know that we play a key role in this transformation, creating strategies to reduce the environmental footprint of our growing operations.



By the end of 2021 we had reached a fleet of 548 electric vehicles, 115 of which were financed by this Bond, for an approximate value of USD 1.32 million. Out of the total units acquired, 59 are in Brazil, 15 in Mexico, 25 in Colombia, 15 in Chile and 2 in Argentina. Since we began the transition to sustainable mobility, we have delivered 1.85 million packages via an electric fleet. We continue with plans to scale this practice in the coming years throughout the region.

115+

ELECTRIC VEHICLES IN MELI NET

120+ tCO2e

ANNUAL GREENHOUSE GAS
EMISSIONS AVOIDED

1.85 M

PACKAGES DELIVERED
VIA ELECTRIC MOBILITY SOLUTIONS

1.32 M

TOTAL SPEND (USD)



RENEWABLE ENERGY

We are in the process of migrating 100% of our operations toward renewable energies. With the goal of migrating our facilities to fully clean energy consumption over time, we have embarked on a multi-year program to install on-site clean energy infrastructure (solar and wind) to power our operations, as well as to source our incremental power needs through off-site PPAs. Moreover, we are making progress toward our goal to supply our main distribution centers and offices with renewable energies.

4300+
MWh

OFF-SITE RENEWABLE ENERGY SOURCING (MWh)

0.18 M
TOTAL SPEND (USD)



MELICIDADE

Melicidade is our first facility supplied with 100% renewable energy. Our offices in Osasco, São Paulo, have more than 1,800 solar panels that supply 20% of our consumption with the remaining 80% supplied from different renewable energy sources (solar and wind) via an off-site energy contract.

SP02 DISTRIBUTION CENTER IN SÃO PAULO

Our SP02 distribution center is our first logistics operation in the region to be powered by 100% renewable energy. Located in Cajamar, São Paulo, Brazil, it is supplied by four different renewable energy sources: solar, wind, small hydroelectric, and biomass.



ENERGY EFFICIENCY & SMART METERING

Thanks to our smart metering strategy, we have a very fine-tuned remote monitoring of our consumption. The deployment includes the installation of IoT (Internet of Things) sensors to monitor energy consumption online and access detailed usage information at any time of the day. This data enables us to manage energy resources more efficiently. With smart sensors and real-time dashboards, we can make quick operational decisions to improve energy efficiency.

In Argentina, we have already implemented IoT sensors with very positive results and identified reduction opportunities of up to 10%. And we have recently installed the same solutions in several distribution centers in Brazil and Mexico.

Additionally, we are implementing projects to architecturally modify some of the buildings where we operate to optimize natural air circulation and achieve a comfortable temperature while reducing the demand for HVAC equipment, which will bring consequent savings in energy consumption.

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BUILDINGS WITH SMART
METERING/ENERGY
EFFICIENCY

0.15 M
TOTAL SPEND (USD)

WASTE REDUCTION STRATEGIES

We implemented a zero-waste landfill approach. All our distribution centers already have a material recovery rate above 50%, reaching more than 80% in some cases.

We also apply circular economy principles to reduce waste generation and recover and recycle key materials in our distribution centers and offices to reinsert the resources used back into the production cycle.

20,000+ TNs
WASTE DIVERTED FROM LANDFILLS (TONS)

0.56 M
TOTAL SPEND (USD)



SUSTAINABLE MATERIALS AND CIRCULAR ECONOMY

Our Sustainable Purchasing Policy (SPP) guides us toward achieving a more sustainable value chain by granting preferential treatment to certified suppliers in procurement processes. This includes entrepreneurs working with a purpose of environmental and/or social impact—like B Corporations, cooperatives, and NGOs—that produce goods and services to address poverty, unemployment, and labor exclusion situations, among other issues.

Loyal to our continuous beta mode, we are constantly looking for new technologies and sustainable packaging innovations to mitigate our impact and manage resources more efficiently. Our boxes have a minimum content of 30% of recycled material. Moreover, 100% of the cardboard used in our packaging is Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) certified or is in the process of certification, ensuring traceability throughout the value chain. We are also increasing the use of home compostable packing envelopes with a high content of recycled plastic and new material alternatives.

30%+

RECYCLABLE CONTENT
IN PACKAGING MATERIAL (%)

16.91 M

TOTAL SPEND IN
FSC-CERTIFIED PAPER (USD)



ACCESS TO FINANCIAL SOLUTIONS

We believe that all people have the right to fully participate in their country’s economy. Democratizing financial services ensures that everyone, regardless of their origin or economic status, can obtain accessible and safe products and services, taking control of their financial lives.

Access to financial solutions is a key instrument in fighting poverty, fostering formality, and generating economic and social development.

15,244

SMEs & ENTREPRENEURS LOANS GRANTED

31.95 M

TOTAL SPEND (USD)

SMEs & ENTREPRENEURS FINANCING

Mercado Crédito is a critical source of credit for Latin American entrepreneurs who do not have access to financing. By leveraging information about the entrepreneur’s activity on Mercado Libre’s e-commerce platform, Mercado Credito can make an informed assessment of an SMEs & entrepreneurs’ credit risk profile. Moreover, Mercado Credito uses certain financial risk-sharing strategies through FIDCs (in Brazil) and trusts (in Mexico) to leverage our portfolio and raise additional capital to further grow this lending activity.

USD 31.95 million of the proceeds were destined to deliver 15,244 loans to SMEs and entrepreneurs that, for the most part, did not have access to financing.



SOCIO-ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND EMPOWERMENT THROUGH EDUCATION

Education and inclusion are the main pillars of our work with communities throughout the region. We promote initiatives and programs that support access to quality jobs, entrepreneurship, and technology as tools to promote a more equitable and inclusive future.

Our education and inclusion programs have the goal to develop technical and socioemotional skills to enable inclusion through work and professional development in the different parts of our value chain.

5000+
PEOPLE TRAINED

54%
EMPLOYABILITY RATE
OF PEOPLE TRAINED

3.14 M
TOTAL SPEND (USD)



CERTIFIED TECH DEVELOPER

Certified Tech Developer is an educational initiative co-created by Digital House, Mercado Libre and Globant to train developers in line with the highest standards of the technology industry. In the program, students incorporate the technical knowledge and soft skills in demand by the most disruptive companies in the market. The goal is to encourage more people to study programming and other digital disciplines (frontend, backend, infrastructure, databases and quality among others) required by organizations linked to the development of the knowledge economy in Latin America.

Certified Tech Developer already has more than 3200 students including 2500 scholarships from Mercado Libre and Globant with more than 150,000 applicants in Argentina, Colombia and Brazil since the program's launch.

REDES AL FUTURO

Redes al Futuro is a program that aims to train young people from the communities where we operate to help them get their first job. It provides them with training in technical skills for their insertion into the working world along with socioemotional skills that complement the training, preparing them for formal employment.

We do this with the support of the Forge Foundation (Argentina and Mexico) and the Aliança Institute (Brazil), two non-profit organizations dedicated to training people, organizations, and communities in sustainable human development.

This program is implemented in La Matanza (Argentina), Tepotzotlán (Mexico) and Ciudad de Lauro de Freitas (Brazil). Many of these young people join our teams at the Storage Centers in these cities. In this way, we not only take an active role in local development, but also generate a consistent and long-term connection with the communities in the area.

In 2021, we reached 1000 young people in the communities near our Storage Centers. Over half of them (54%) are now working.



CONECTADAS

Conectadas is a free online initiative, promoted by Mercado Libre in partnership with Chicas en Tecnología and Reprograma, that seeks to bridge the gender gap in digital fields by bringing young women from Latin America closer to technology. The program aims to promote the learning of digital skills covering topics like digital transformation, problem-solving, UX research, business development and digital marketing. As part of the program, the participants learn technology-based solutions with a social impact. During the meetings, the young women meet with specialists from different areas of Mercado Libre and interact with peers from the region. The target audience is girls from 14 to 18 years old, an age at which they begin to think about their future. For this reason, it's a good moment to generate a positive perception of what they can achieve with technology by exposing them to technology-related activities.

In its first year, Conectadas reached 1,200 women from more than 300 locations in Argentina, Brazil, Uruguay, Chile, Colombia, Mexico and Peru.



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PURPOSE OF ASSIGNMENT

We issue a limited assurance report on whether the Sustainability Bond Allocation stated in the Sustainability Bond Report 2021 (“the Report”) issued by MercadoLibre, Inc. (“the Company”) was performed in accordance with the Use of Proceeds described in the Company’s Sustainability Bond Framework 2020 (“the Framework”).

Out of a total net proceeds of USD 398 million from the issuance of the Sustainability Bond on January 14, 2021, for the period ended as of December 31, 2021, USD 62 million have been allocated to Eligible Projects in accordance with the Use of Proceeds stated in the Framework.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF COMPANY’S MANAGEMENT

Company’s Management is responsible for collection, preparation, and presentation of the relevant information included in the Report in accordance with the Framework by establishing the basis and criteria for the preparation of the Report as well as defining, adapting, and maintaining the management and internal control procedures in place on the supporting systems from which the information was obtained.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT

We are responsible for planning and performing the engagement to obtain limited assurance on the Sustainability Bond Allocation included in the Report (Section 04, page 13); forming and reporting our independent limited conclusion based on the procedures we have performed and evidence we have obtained by the application of certain procedures described and summarized in the following paragraph.

PROFESSIONAL TASK

This limited assurance report has been prepared in accordance with the terms of our engagement letter dated 13 April 2021 addressed to Mercado Libre SRL to provide, on behalf of MercadoLibre, Inc. (Issuer of the Bonds), limited assurance on the Sustainability Bond Allocation stated in the Report, as of 31 December 2021, concerning the Use of Proceeds described in the Framework.

Our examination was conducted in accordance with section V.A of Technical Resolution No. 37 issued by the Argentine Federation of the Professional Council of Economic Sciences (hereinafter, “TR 37”) and consisted in applying certain procedures, insofar as we considered it necessary in the circumstances, in order to obtain limited assurance as to whether the contents of the Sustainability Bond Allocation included in the Report was prepared and presented in accordance with the provisions of the



Framework and is free from material misstatements. TR 37 requires that we comply with the ethical requirements, as well as that we plan and execute our work in a way that allows us to issue this limited assurance report. The TR 37 adequately reflects the International Standard for Assurance Engagements (ISAE) 3000.

A limited assurance engagement consists of making inquiries, primarily of persons responsible for preparation of the Report and for the management of the bond proceeds and the process of selections of Eligible Projects, and applying other evidence gathering procedures to the information, as appropriate. The procedures performed in a limited assurance engagement vary in nature and timing from and are less in extent than for a reasonable assurance engagement. Consequently, the level of assurance obtained in a limited assurance engagement is substantially lower than the assurance that would have been obtained had we performed a reasonable assurance engagement. Accordingly, we do not express a reasonable assurance opinion about whether the Report has been prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with the Framework.

Procedures described below have been applied to the records and supporting documentation that were provided to us by the Company. Our task was based on the premise that the information provided is accurate, complete, legitimate, and free from fraud and other illegal acts, for which we have considered its appearance and formal structure.

For the purpose of our limited assurance work we performed the following procedures:

- Examined the requirements set out in the Sustainability Bond Framework 2020.
- Obtained the internal listing of projects allocated for financing from the Framework.
- Interviewed members of management of the Company responsible for processes, related to project evaluation and selection.
- Interviewed key personnel in charge of collecting the data and preparing the contents of the Report.
- Verification of established procedures implemented by the company for each Project Category.
- Analysis of the selection criteria applied to define eligible beneficiaries.

- Validation of the monitoring of KPIs by project; including, review of calculation methodology, supporting documentation and scrutiny of information sources.
- Validation of supporting documentation by project, through analytical tests and other verification procedures.
- Monitoring of management and administration of proceeds.
- Percentage analysis of allocated proceeds informed in the Sustainability Bond Report 2021.

USE OF REPORT

Our responsibility in performing our assurance activities is to the Management of MercadoLibre, Inc., reporting to Stakeholders, only and in accordance with the terms of reference for this engagement as agreed with them. We do not therefore accept or assume any responsibility for any other purpose or to any other person or organization. Any reliance any such third party may place on the Framework is entirely at its own risk. No statement is made as to whether the criteria are appropriate for any third- party purpose.

LIMITED ASSURANCE CONCLUSIONS

Based on the procedures performed and evidence obtained, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the Sustainability Bond Allocation included in the Report, has not been prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with the Use of Proceeds defined in the Framework.

City of Buenos Aires, Argentina, January 14, 2022

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