

## Abcred releases 2023 results

**Abcred associates disbursed R\$1 billion in 2023, strengthening the country's microentrepreneurs.**

The Brazilian Association of Microcredit and Microfinance Operator Entities (Abcred) annually publishes the results of a survey conducted with its associates to understand market demand and compare microcredit volume with previous years.

Based on data from the 31 associated institutions that participated in Abcred's survey, it was revealed that in 2023 a significant amount of R\$1 billion was disbursed in 159 thousand microcredit operations. This investment was crucial in boosting various micro-businesses in the country, demonstrating a 13.8% increase in loan value compared to 2022, reflecting the institutions' continued commitment to economic and social development. The NGOs concluded the year with an active portfolio of over R\$798.4 million.

Highlighting the productive microcredit product, which represented 86% of the total amount disbursed, underscores the targeted support for activities such as working capital and investments. Another highlight is the housing and renovation credit line, which lent over R\$35.7 million during the year.

The average loan size showed a growth of 10.4%, with the overall average being R\$6,348.97. The Southern region had the highest average loan size, indicating a robust entrepreneurial potential in that area of the country. On the other hand, the Northeast stood out with the highest number of solidarity groups, highlighting the diversity of approaches to economic empowerment in different regions.

The numbers continued to grow, with institutions closing the year with over 146 thousand active clients, also notable was a 7.3% growth compared to the previous two years. The institution reaffirms its commitment to providing equal access to financial resources for all. "The values are quite modest compared to those recorded by the financial system. But experience shows that these are loans that change people's lives," says Isabel Baggio, president of the organization.

The president also comments on the importance of client profiles and the methodology that serves as the basis for credit release analysis. "The data shows that Abcred has contributed to increasing the number of people with access to microcredit in the country. This is crucial, but we can do even more." Among the relevant data, it is highlighted that 56% of clients are women, 59% are informal, 50% were carried out by individuals working in the trade sector, 53% are 41 years or older, 71% have income up to 3 minimum wages, and 23% have education up to the 1st grade.

Given these results, Abcred associates reaffirm their commitment to continue being a force for Brazil's economic and social growth, investing in the entrepreneurial potential of each individual and community.