



*SOCIAL CONTROL AND
PARTICIPATION IN
THE SOCIAL ASSISTANCE
POLICY*

*NATIONAL COUNCIL OF SOCIAL
ASSISTANCE - CNAS*

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REGULATORY FRAMEWORK

- The **1988 Federal Constitution (art. 204)** establishes social participation in the social assistance policy as **guideline** for its organization with a view to **policy formulation and control of actions in all levels**;
- The **Organic Law of Social Assistance (LOAS) – Law 8.742, of 07/12/93** defines:
 - the **social assistance councils** as **decision making fora** of a decentralized and participatory system of social assistance (**article 16**);

REGULATORY FRAMEWORK (LOAS)

- establishes the **National Council of Social Assistance (CNAS)** (article 17);
- defines that the States, the Municipalities and the Federal District Councils will be established, respectively, by the States, the Municipalities and the Federal District by means of specific laws (article 17);
- establishes the **National Councils of Social Assistance** as fora with the purpose of **evaluate the situation of social assistance and propose guidelines for system improvement.**

CHARACTERISATION OF THE COUNCILS

National Council of Social Assistance (CNAS)

- **Higher collegiate decision-making organization, subordinated to the structure of the Federal Public Administration Organization responsible for the coordination of the National Policy of Social Assistance;**
- **It has an executive secretariat and the structure is organized by the executive power;**
- **It is a permanent organization and consists of an equal number of government and civil society representatives;**
- **Consists of 18 members and alternates nominated by the President of the Republic. Each one with a 2 year mandate.**

CHARACTERISATION OF THE COUNCILS

National Council of Social Assistance (CNAS)

- **It is composed by :**
 - **09 government representatives: 07 Federal Government representatives, one States' Representative and one Municipalities' representative;**
 - **09 civil society representatives, from users' or users' organization representative, institutions and organization of institutions and of Social Assistance workers, selected during specific fora and supervised by the Public Federal Ministry.**

RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE COUNCILS

National Council of Social Assistance (CNAS)

- **Approves the National Policy of Social Assistance;**
- **Regulates the actions and public and private provision of social assistance services;**
- **Establishes procedures for issuing registry concession and certificates for charity organizations of social assistance, to private institutions that provides services and social assistance advisory;**

RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE COUNCILS

National Council of Social Assistance (CNAS)

- **Issues registry and certificate to social assistance institutions;**
- **Oversees the decentralized and participatory system of social assistance;**
- **Evaluates and approves budget proposals;**
- **Approve federal resources sharing criteria for States and Municipalities;**

RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE COUNCILS

National Council of Social Assistance (CNAS)

- **Supervises and evaluates resource management, as well as social gains and the performance of approved programs and projects;**
- **Establishes guidelines, evaluates and approves annual and multi year programs submitted to the National Fund for Social Assistance;**
- **Summon National Conferences of Social Assistance;**

RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE COUNCILS

Councils of the States, of the Federal District and of the Municipalities

- **Enrol institutions and organizations of social assistance (except the state councils) at the national registry;**
- **Supervises the enrolled institutions;**
- ***The characterisation and attributions of the State Councils, the Federal District Council and the Municipal Councils follow, in general, the same as the CNAS, adapting to the federal entity to which they are linked.***

OTHER FORMS AND PARTICIPATION ORGANIZATIONS AND/OR SOCIAL CONTROL IN OR OF SOCIAL ASSISTANCE POLICY

- *National, State, Federal District and Municipalities Fora, (two types: civil society or a combination of civil society and government);*
- **Parliamentary Movement to Defend Social Assistance (National Congress) e State Movements (Legislative Assembly);**
- **Public Ministries of the Union and of the States;**
- **General Audit Office and States Audit Offices (Tribunais de Contas da União e Estaduais).**

ONGOING ACTIONS TO INCREASE/IMPROVE SOCIAL CONTROL OF THE SOCIAL ASSISTANCE POLICY

- **Establishment of the Commissions of Councils within the CNAS;**
- **Preparation of the Councils Supervision Plan by CNAS;**
- **Establishment of a counsellors' training policy (MDS/SNAS and CNAS);**
- **Strengthening of the Councils' executive secretariats;**

ONGOING ACTIONS TO INCREASE/IMPROVE SOCIAL CONTROL OF THE SOCIAL ASSISTANCE POLICY

- **Contract of studies and research: *LOAS + 10, Fotografia da Assistência Social (Social Assistance Photograph)*;**
- **Preparation of papers to provide assistance to discussions, annals of conferences, guide folders in partnership with other organizations;**
- **Meetings and debates with other councils of social policies and defence of rights;**

ONGOING ACTIONS TO INCREASE/IMPROVE SOCIAL CONTROL OF THE SOCIAL ASSISTANCE POLICY

- **Preparation of broad and decentralized meetings of CNAS;**
- **Priority given to the debate on attribution, composition, work of Councils through the organization of fora, workshop, broad meetings and conferences on *Participation and Social Control*, with a view to build a model of a more participatory and competent council, representative of social segments and demands.**



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