LUTO PARA NÓS É VERBO

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The video is based on the recording of three meetings of mothers and relatives of victims of state violence; in São Paulo (2016), Rio de January (2017) and Salvador (2018). The script was developed having as reference the very protagonists of this struggle, who politically mobilize women in the different states of Brazil. The video reveals the demands of these movements of mothers of victims of State violence; the networks of solidarity and affection between the mothers as an inseparable part of the struggle; the different experiences of engagement with state racism; the relationship between the passage of time and the demands for justice as well as the challenges of consolidating a standpoint from the intersections of gender / race / class / place of residence.
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