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GENDER JUSTICE PROGRAM

Programa Justicia de Género

COMBINING KNOWLEDGE AND THOUGHTS TO PREVENT AND ERADICATE VIOLENCE AGAINST INDIGENOUS WOMEN IN GUATEMALA

Uniendo saberes y pensamientos para prevenir y erradicar la violencia contra las mujeres indígenas en Guatemala



CAMPAIGN "FOR THE RIGHT TO THE LIFE OF WOMEN"

Campaña "Por el derecho a la vida de las mujeres"

The status and position of women in Guatemala are determined by social, political, economic relations and cultural patterns that reproduce inequalities, inequities and hierarchies.

OF TEN WOMEN



SEVEN ATTEST TO HAVING SUFFERED VIOLENCE AT SOME POINT IN THEIR LIVES



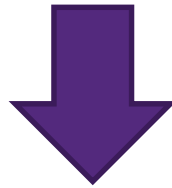
Ethnic discrimination and territorial exclusion are added up and combined with gender discrimination, to limit in a more widely and structural manner the enjoyment of human rights and indigenous women opportunities.



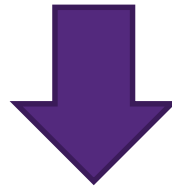
Given the gravity of the situation of violence against indigenous women, it has prioritised objective contribute to the enforceability of rights, allowing a life free from all forms of violence. The program uses an integrated approach to the issue of violence against indigenous women, promoting the recognition and strengthening of the community mechanisms of prevention and eradication of violence against women. The program incorporates indigenous communities' traditional practices and own worldview ensuring the inclusion of ethnic and cultural diversity into its strategies to change imaginaries, ideas and beliefs.

From the Community

Training for personal and collective empowerment of indigenous women so they can define their strategies to stand against violence.



Processes of healing with women indigenous/formation of self-help groups to strengthen their leadership and live free from violence.



Training to community leaders for support to women victims of violence.



Training for personal and collective empowerment of indigenous women.

Through the processes of training indigenous women have managed to be recognized as subject of rights and have acquired knowledge for its enforceability. The main achievements have to do with changes in the ideas and practices of the indigenous women and the exercise of their autonomy to make its voice heard at the community level.



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Processes of healing/creation of self-help groups

So women victims can be recognized as a full subject of rights and demand them and access to justice, it is necessary to advance in a process of emotional recovery, with ethnic relevance, allowing them to recover their personal, family and community life project.

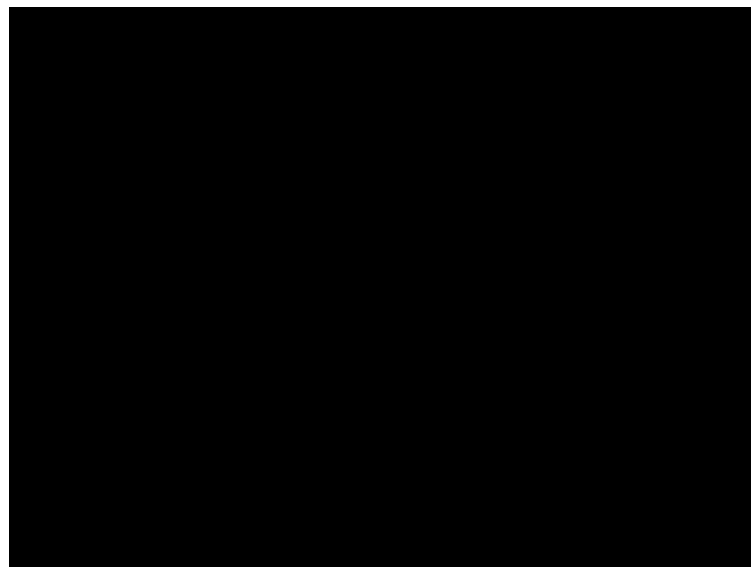
They aim to heal traumas that have been expressed in the life history of women who suffered from violence and that greatly affect the exercise of their leadership and their role in the family, organizations, and communities. Main achievements: women apply knowledge, take care of themselves, and mutual support against acts of violence.



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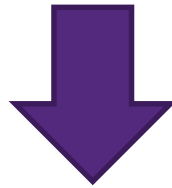
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They have managed to form women aware of its being and its surroundings, with knowledge and a clear commitment to themselves and other women to build a world without violence. The trained leaders are women who have a community role, legitimacy and most of them have been victims of violence which makes them persons of reference. Training reinforces its referential role and gives them knowledge detection, orientation and referral of cases of violence against women.

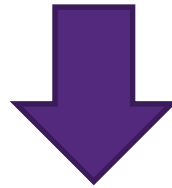


From the Community

Processes of awareness with ancestral and community authorities on the concept of violence against women.



Critical analysis of experiences of ancestral and community authorities in the prevention and treatment of violence against women.



Construction and implementation of community plans for prevention of violence against women



Processes of awareness with ancestral and community authorities

To transform ideas and oppressive gender norms that reproduce violence against women it is fundamental to involve local authorities, ancestral authorities and leaders, because they are allies in the communities, and their transformation becomes an important factor to generate changes in the whole community



Critical analysis/review of the experiences of ancestral and community authorities in the prevention and treatment of violence against women.

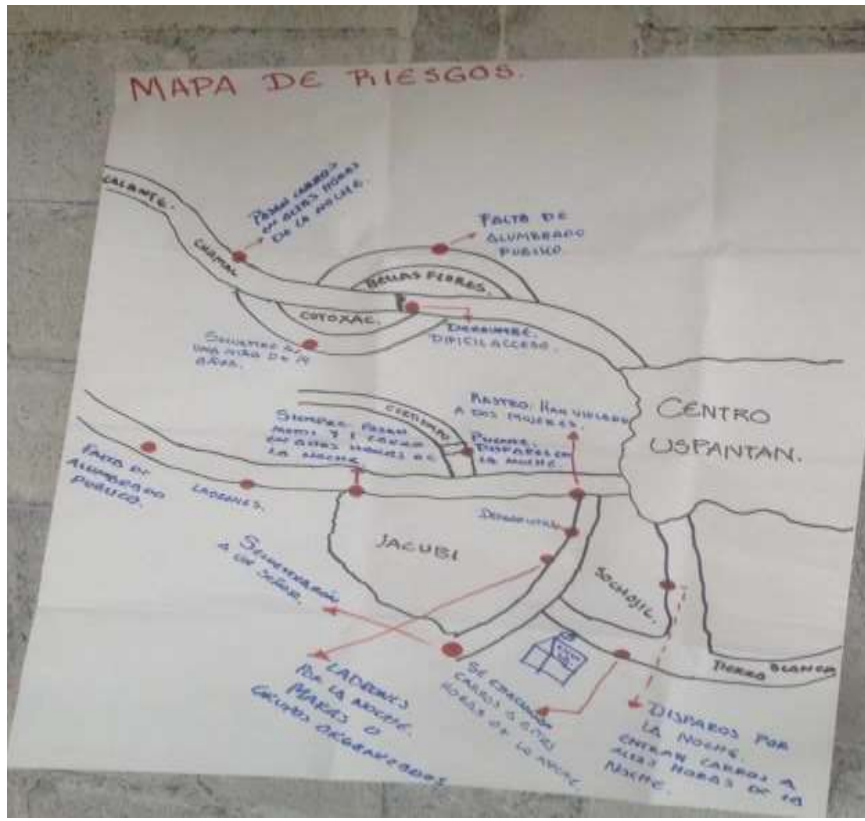
In order to recognize achievements and limitations, the community mechanisms of prevention and treatment of violence against women; starting from the premise that the ancestral and community authorities play an important role in the life and community dynamics, are decisive in the case of women victims of violence who come to them for access to justice.



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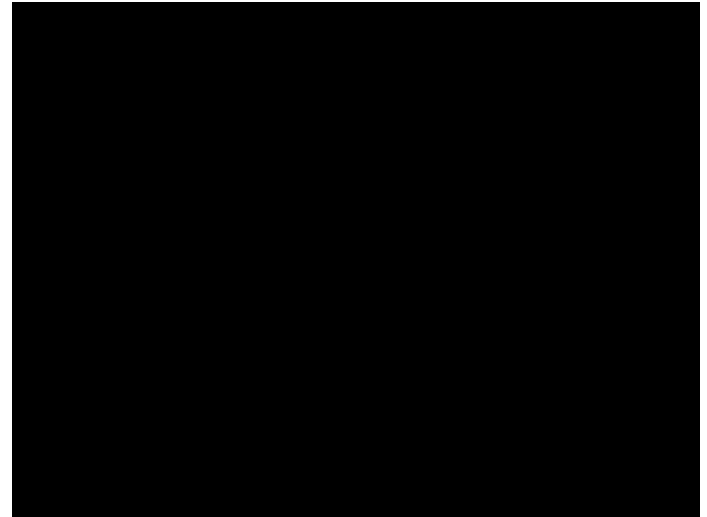
Community dialogues for the co-construction and implementation of community plans to prevent violence against women with strategies of protection and self-protection for women.



- Protection measures
- Route of denunciation at the community level
- Support to women victims of violence.

Educational and awareness-raising actions aimed at adolescents and young people

The awareness strategy with young people aims to change patterns of socialization in social environments where discrimination and violence against women are reproduced and create new references of non-violent masculinities.



Communication and awareness

The objective of the Communication/awareness strategy is to denature violence against women and girls, and overcome their acceptance and social impunity.

It has developed a national campaign "For the right to the life of women"



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