



Women and Habitat Network for Latin America and Caribbean Network -WH LAC Network-



Introduction

The Women and Habitat Network for Latin American and Caribbean – WH LAC - is formed by NGOs, women's organizations and women's rights activists that are dedicated to advocating for greater gender equality in the sphere of habitat, local territories and the city. This is a network with more than 30 years of experience in conducting research projects, providing technical support, offering training and educational services, and coordinating social programs and projects.

The main objectives of the Women and Habitat Network for Latin American are the following:

- **To produce and disseminate knowledge, rooted in a gender-based perspective**, on issues related to access to land and housing, urban services, increased safety in cities, and local development and planning. An emphasis is placed on how women are affected by poverty and inequality.
- **To make gender equality a priority in the design and implementation of public policies and programs** through initiatives to build awareness and strengthen the capabilities of governmental entities, educational institutions and women's organizations.
- **To improve women's quality of life** through programs and projects developed via dialogue and collaboration with local governments and community organizations.

Among their thematic lines of action, you find:

Some of the most relevant lines of action of the Women and Habitat Network are the following:

- **Coexistence and safety in the city:** violence against women in private and public spaces.
- **Housing and urban development:** access to land and the right to housing.
- **Everyday life and urban infrastructure:** the use of time and urban services.
- **Climate change and risk management:** natural disasters and community resilience.

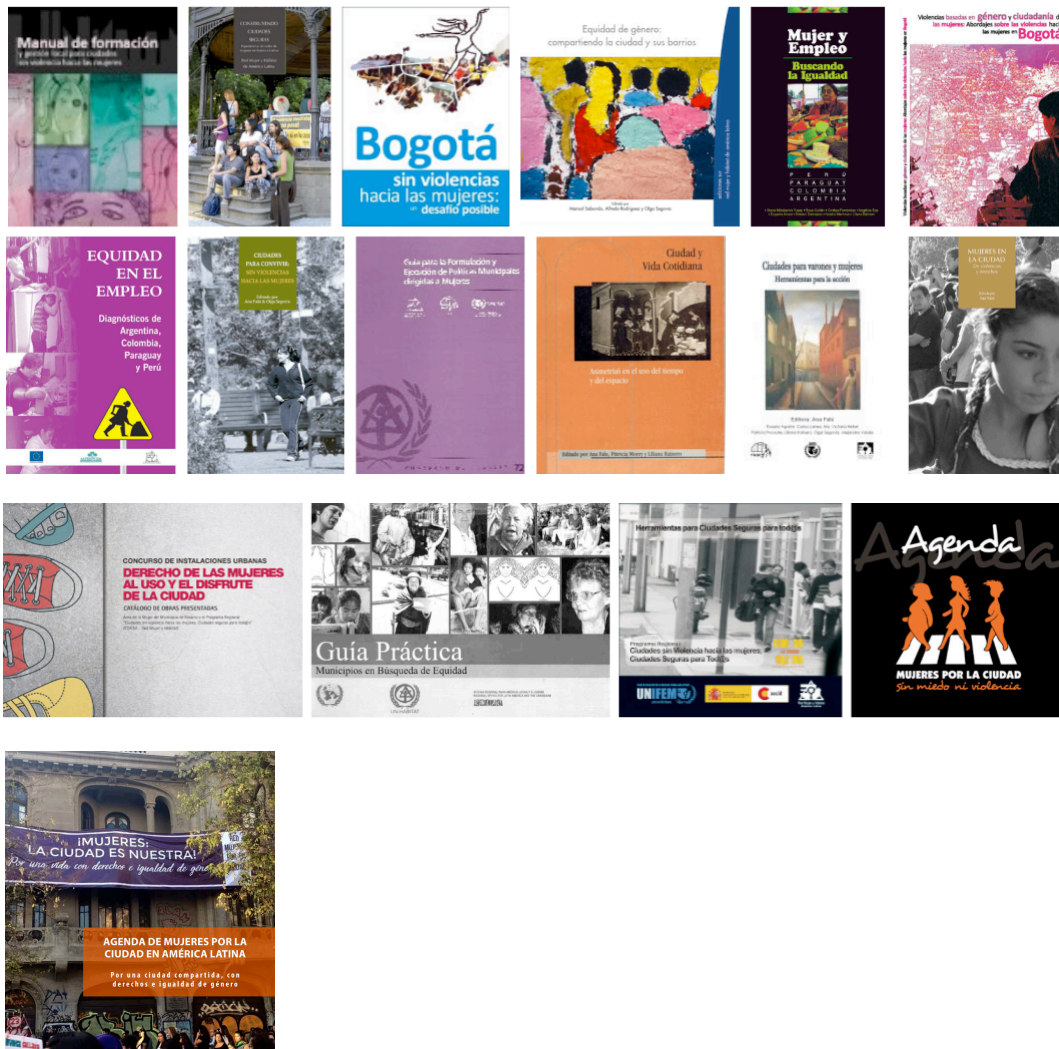
Programs and projects implemented on a regional scale

- Project “Women building Movements in Diversities”. Supported by the Southern Women's Fund (2019-2021).
- Project “Voices of Diverse Women for Safe, Inclusive and Sustained Cities”. Supported by the Southern Women's Fund (2017-2018).
- “A Step Forward in the Implementation of Policies to Tackle Violence Against Women: Collaboration with the Law Enforcement Sectors in Colombia, Chile and El Salvador for Safer Women”. Project financed by the United Nations Trust Fund to End Violence Against Women (2013-2016).
- “Cities without Violence Against Women, Safer Cities for All”. Regional Program implemented in Argentina, Brazil, Colombia, Chile, Guatemala, Peru and El Salvador. Coordinated by the Regional Office for Brazil and the Southern Cone of the United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM). Financed by the Spanish Agency of International Cooperation for Development (2006-2012).
- “The Gender Inclusive Cities Program”. Financed by the United Nations Trust Fund to End Violence Against Women. Coordinated by Women in Cities International (2009-2012).
- “Safer Cities” Global Initiative, UN Women. In partnership with the Huairou Commission and Women in Cities International (2008-present).
- “Regional Initiative for the Equality of Women in Employment”. Project coordinated by PARES. Financed by the European Union (2007-2009).
- “Urban Gender Indicators – Tools for Urban Governance”. Project financed by UNIFEM (2000- 2003).
- “Local Governments and Women’s Rights. A Guide for Local Governments”. Project financed by UNIFEM (1998-2000).

Knowledge production, training, and activities in local territories

- Regional Observatory “Cities, Violence and Gender” (www.ciudadesygenero.org).
- Online postgraduate course “Urban Violence, Insecurity and Discrimination: Towards a Shared Existence in the City from a Gender Perspective”.
- Online and in-person course “Law Enforcement Officials and Women’s Right to Violence-Free Cities”.
- Online Course “The Gender Impact on Climate Change on Agriculture and Food Security”.
- Courses on municipal policies and gender.
- Academic programs on leadership in local territories.
- Gender-based plans for territorial management and violence prevention; Equal Opportunity Plans that incorporate a dual focus on gender and safer cities; local agendas for women’s rights; local committees on women’s safety; gender-based design of public spaces.
- Action Protocols for security employees and police officers in order to prevent violence against women.
- Awareness raising campaigns on women’s right to the city and a free from violence life (www.mujeresporlaciudad.org).

Publications 2000-2019



- *Latin American Women's Agenda for the City* (2019)
- *Manual de formación y gestión local para ciudades sin violencia hacia las mujeres* (Bogotá: AVP, Red Mujer y Hábitat AL, 2012).
- *Training and local management manual for cities without violence towards women* (Bogotá: AVP, Red Mujer and Hábitat AL, 2012).
- *Building safer cities: Experiences of women's networks in Latin America* (Santiago: Red Mujer y Hábitat AL, UNIFEM, Ediciones SUR, 2011).
- *Bogotá without violence towards women: a possible challenge* (Bogotá: AVP, Red Mujer and Habitat AL, UN Habitat, Mayor's Office of Bogotá, D.C., Ajuntament de Barcelona, 2010).
- *Gender equity: sharing the city and its neighborhoods* (Santiago: Red Mujer and Hábitat AL, UNIFEM, Ediciones SUR, 2010).
- *Mujer y empleo: buscando la igualdad* (Lima: CMP Flora Tristán, Red Mujer y Hábitat AL, 2009).
- *Women in the City. On Violence and Rights.* (Santiago: Latin American Women and Habitat Network, UNIFEM, Ediciones SUR, 2009).
- *Violence against women in security policies* (Córdoba: CISCsa, Red Mujer and Hábitat AL, 2008)
- *Living Together: Cities Free from Violence Against Women* (Santiago: Latin American Women and Habitat Network, UNIFEM, Ediciones SUR, 2007).
- *Guide for the formulation and execution of municipal policies aimed at women* (2nd ed.). (Córdoba: CISCsa, Red Mujer y Hábitat AL, UNIFEM, UNDP, UN Habitat, 2002).
- *City and daily life. Asymmetries in the use of time and space* (Córdoba: CISCsa, Red Mujer and Hábitat AL, 2002).
- *Cities for men and women. Tools for action* (Córdoba: CISCsa, Red Mujer and Hábitat AL, 2002).

The Women and Habitat Network for Latin American is dedicated to disseminating and exchanging experiences related to its work on gender issues via participation in events and conferences, publications and its website (www.redmujer.org.ar). It has created an online catalogue that details numerous publications, where books, working documents and audio-visual materials can be accessed. A significant proportion of the publications available in a digital format can be downloaded, free of charge. In addition, these publications can either be partially or entirely reproduced when the source is correctly cited. In the case that a publication cannot be downloaded, a request to purchase the material, or for a reproduction, can be sent to the Women and Habitat Network for Latin American at: difusion@ciscsa.org.ar

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By participating in diverse networks, the Women and Habitat Network for Latin America and Caribbean – WH LAC – promotes rich relations based on cooperation and collaboration. Some of the partners with which the Latin American Women and Habitat engages are the following: The Huairou Commission (www.huairou.org) as a founding network; Habitat International Coalition (HIC) (www.hic-net.org); and the Iberoamerican Union of Municipalists (UIM) (www.uimunicipalistas.org). It also plays an active role in spaces of debate and international advocacy coordinated by the United Nations, such as the World Urban Forum and the Commission on the Status of Women, as well as others.