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WHAT IS REDAL?

Networks and Alliances Free of Violences (REDAL) is the oldest Program of Fondo de Mujeres del Sur, with more than ten years of implementation in Argentina, Paraguay and Uruguay. REDAL was created in the beginnings of FMS and is representative of everything we want to be: a fund that supports the foundations of the women and feminists’ movements in the countries where we work. A fund that contributes to widening the social basis of these movements by supporting organized women from different locations, raising the voices of the diversity that make up complex societies.

The Program focuses on the prevention of violence against women through two strategies: support to frontline women defenders; and support to women’s organizations crossed by different identities.

Support for frontline women defenders means strengthening the work of women’s organizations, which are the first to come into contact with cases of violence, and provide accompaniment and guidance. These organizations often work under extreme pressure and with very few resources, even though their role is fundamental to defenseless women.

Support to organizations made up and led by diverse women. Due to their sexual, cultural, racial, or socioeconomic status, women face multiple discrimination and exposure to different types of violence. From FMS, we seek to provide financial and technical resources to migrant women, black / afro-descendent women, indigenous, peasant and rural women, young women, women living with HIV / AIDS, lesbians, and women from marginalized urban areas, who strive to end violence against women.

The Program aims at the eradication of all types of violence against women and girls in the targeted countries, promoting respect for women’s autonomy.
GRANTEES OF REDAL

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Asociación Mujeres “Brazos Unidos”

Observatorio Feminista Catamarca

Asociación OPUMI (Organizadas Por Un Mismo Ideal)

Mujeres Activando

Unidas por Un Futuro

Casa Comunidad, Espacio de No Violencia

Grupo de Mujeres de Santa Rosa de Lima

Colectivo de Vecinas y Vecinos La Pitanga

Mujeres de Frontera

Centro Integral de la Mujer Marcelina Menenses

Colectiva Mujeres

Colectiva Feminista Las de Abajo
Location: Alfonso Kue, Horqueta, Concepcion, Paraguay.

Project: Training, Integration and Consolidation of the Group for the Women of Alfonso Kue.

Description of the organization: Asociacion de Mujeres Brazos Unidos is a rural women’s association that began to organize in 2007 to know their rights, build dignity and join the struggle of women in the country. The main goal of the group is to fight for their rights as rural women and the value of their agricultural work. They work with issues related to violence, political participation, and the role of women in social and peasant movements and food sovereignty.

Context: Alfonso Kue is located in an area known for its serious problems of land tenure, the advance of transgenic monoculture, agrochemical spraying, and social inequality. The tension and violence led to the militarization of the area, and put at risk human rights, especially those of women. The FMS support helps to develop a feminist local force from which to act in the defense of their rights.

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“We could buy a gazebo, which overshadows each open-door activity we can carry out with the grant of FMS.”

Awkasisa - Flor Guerrera-
Source: Narrative Report of their grant.
FLOR GUERRERA – AWKASISA

Location: San Salvador de Jujuy, Jujuy, Argentina.

Project: For a Popular and Educational World without Violence.

Description of the organization: They are young feminists from the Alto Comedero neighborhood of the city of Jujuy. Since 2009, motivated by situations and personal backgrounds, these women began to organize to build a society free of violence. They set up workshops in educational institutions and in their office for young people and neighboring women. They also accompany cases of violence, from the prevention to the search for justice, in response to the demands of a community alarmed by this problem. Their contribution is essential to make visible the violence against women, and advocate for justice in cases of femicides in their community.

Context: Alto Comedero neighborhood, also identified as the “New City”, emerged from a housing plan in 1986 and had a high population growth from people of the province of Jujuy and the neighboring country Bolivia, in the neoliberal 90s of Argentina. At present, its population represents some 21% of the population of the city.

With the support of the FMS, they want to reach each sector of the neighborhood so that more neighbors know what to do and how to act in situations of violence, in the adolescent stage mainly, through secondary schools and other public institutions.

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Project: Territorial Promoters against Gender-Based Violence.

Description of the organization: Casa Comunidad is a space of accompaniment, emotional containment, legal counseling and temporary shelter for women and children who face violence. Since 2016, they have been bringing tools for the prevention and accompaniment of situations of gender-based violence in the city of Cordoba and other locations of the province, reaching more than 500 people. They also develop prevention and awareness campaigns on gender-based violence, recreational-cultural-educational workshops, therapeutic assistance, and promote the incorporation of women in productive projects that favor their economic autonomy.

Context: Cordoba has one of the highest femicide rates in the country (National Registry of Femicides of the Supreme Court of Justice of the Nation, 2016). The State policies to address the problem are insufficient and women face numerous difficulties when reporting or requesting preventive measures. Although violence affects all social classes, the popular sectors are the hardest struck.

With the support of the FMS, they link their actions with people gathered in different neighborhood spaces such as social canteens, neighborhood centers, work and housing cooperatives, etc. Thus, they aim to consolidate a network of territorial promoters, mainly women (cis and trans), from different neighborhoods in the city of Cordoba.

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Location: Ezpeleta, Quilmes, province of Buenos Aires, Argentina.

Project: “NOGA CANI” (I am): Workshops on the rights of migrant women.

Description of the organization: The organization was founded in December 2014 in Ezpeleta, to promote the access of migrant women to their basic rights, with special interest in cases of gender-based violence against migrant women. The name of the group refers to one of the most regrettable cases of xenophobic violence in the country: the murder of Marcelina Meneses, a young Bolivian woman who, along with her 10-month-old baby, was thrown off the tracks of a moving train in 2001. The group was founded after a long journey in the claim of justice.

Context: They are organized as migrants facing inequalities, as a result of disinformation, institutional violence and lack of accompaniment. Women are the most affected, since they suffer a double disadvantage: they are part of the migrant population and they are women. The women that make up the Integral Center for Women (CIM, for its Spanish acronym) Marcelina Meneses seek to establish the importance of the rights of migrant women in the local political agenda, and to strengthen migrant women resistance in the face of racism and violence of patriarchal societies, in their home countries as well as in Argentina.

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Project: “Activate against Violence” - Promotion of the rights of women and prevention of gender-based violence through art and culture.

Description of the organization: Mujeres Activando was created to provide a space of contention and recreation for women. The group emerged motivated by the fight against violence, especially in the Villa Bustos neighborhood of the city of Cordoba. They seek to promote a great network of women organized in peripheral neighborhoods of the City, in coordination with academic and professional institutions.

Context: The area of the city where they live lacks public spaces for them, (the closest police station does not take reports of violence) and the remoteness of the city center does not allow them to access other institutions that should respond to their demands and needs.

With the support of the FMS, the group contributes to prevention campaigns against gender-based violence in schools, and provides useful information for building autonomy and integral health. They produce and spread artistic creations that show different possible ways of “being-woman”.

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Location: Southern Zone, Departamento Central, Paraguay.

Project name: Empowered Women Inspiring a Society Free of Violence.

Description of the organization: The OPUMI Association emerged in 2009 due to the need to promote a specific space for leadership and empowerment of women living with HIV. At present, it is the only community-based organization led by and for women living with HIV, who seek to play important roles in decision-making spaces of the civil society and the State. The main goal of the group is to contribute and advocate for the implementation of public policies with a gender approach that guarantee the development of women.

Context: According to the People Living with HIV Stigma Index in Paraguay, by 2017, 64 percent of women living with HIV reported having been victims of violence by their partners in the last year. Most of the group is not aware of a gender perspective, or the Law for the Integral Protection of Women against All Forms of Violence (approved in 2016 in Paraguay), or the areas of intervention for response of gender-based violence.

With the support of FMS, they seek to work in the urban and peri-urban areas of Asuncion, demanding political participation of women living with HIV, and inspiring them to be multiplying agents of social change with their peers and their context.

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Observatorio Feminista Catamarca

Location: San Fernando del Valle de Catamarca, Catamarca, Argentina.


Description of the organization: The group emerged from the need to make visible and denounce the multiple injustices and gender-based violence that women experience in the province of Catamarca. They act upon sorority, bringing women together, crossed by networks, from which to act collectively in defense of their rights to life and to the sovereignty of their bodies.

They carry out public interventions and support extreme situations of gender-based violence and vulnerable conditions, together with grassroots organizations of the province.

Context: The way of interpreting the problem of violence against women Catamarca is limited to the data recorded in the media and State reports which is limited to femicide rates. The information provided does not consider the multiple forms of violence, or the impact on women in Catamarca.

With the support of FMS, Colectiva Feminista aims at creating a provincial observatory of gender violence to produce and systematize information, and bring to light sexist, racist, classist, discriminatory and real stereotypes, as well as monitor State practices in the area of women’s care.

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Location: Colonia del Sacramento, Colonia, Uruguay.

Project: Projecting Freedoms.

Description of the organization: “Las de Abajo” refers to the feminist struggle from the basis, from the streets and from the social mass mobilization, taking up the slogan: “A struggle that revolutionizes the squares, the streets, the beds”. The goals of the group are to strengthen the voice and the collective power of dissenting women and feminisms, to favor the deconstruction of patriarchal mandates, stereotypes and personal relationships; as well as the elimination of the barriers that limit full access to rights, opportunities and a life free of sexist violence. In addition, they promote local, national and regional advocacy networks with other feminist organizations.

Context: In Colonia, situations of physical and sexual violence are reported daily. The local authorities have not responded to this problem through the design, development and evaluation of public policies for preventing, punishing and eradicating violence against girls, adolescents and adults, or specific programs for transgender women. Through the audiovisual projection, Las De Abajo seeks to generate meetings to contribute to critical analysis, with the attempt to discuss feminism linked to bodily autonomy and sexuality, as well as the right to a life free of violence.

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MUJERES DE FRONTERA

**Location:** Río Branco, department of Cerro Largo, Uruguay

**Project:** Stronger by Weaving Networks.

**Description of the organization:** Mujeres de Frontera is a women’s group working at a binational level, on the border between Uruguay and Brazil, seeking to influence public policies that guarantee the rights of women in the area.

They have held binational dialogue meetings (Border Dialogues); articulated with Ministries, Consulates and Chancelleries, and elaborate documents to present to governmental authorities, to build effective mechanisms for the prevention of all types of violence.

**Context:** The border is characterized by the lack of control in situations of risk, violence and sexual exploitation, and trafficking of people, mainly adolescents and girls.

With the support of the FMS, the group builds strategies within the legal field, strengthen the work in the area of scope in terms of awareness, orientation and accompaniment to situations of violence, and introduce young people in schools for the prevention of domestic violence.

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UNIDAS POR UN FUTyro

Location: Rio Muerto, Figueroa, Santiago del Estero, Argentina.

Project: Social and Political Participation of women through Health Promotion.

Description of the organization: Unidas por un Futuro is a group of rural women who began to learn about sexual and reproductive health, in order to work with their community in the prevention of unplanned pregnancy, mainly among young people. Then, they began to develop awareness actions in other aspects of women's health, such as the prevention of gender-based violence. Over the years, they have become benchmarks for women's rights in the area.

Context: There are serious problems and deficiencies in health in rural areas. Medical care does not reach the community, women face discrimination and there is violence, especially to young women, and even more so in the case of pregnant women.

With the support of FMS, they seek to contribute to the participation of women in the newly created local Municipal Commission, learn and promote local organization in order to improve women wellbeing.

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Project: Women Gaining Autonomy.

Description of the organization: Colectiva Mujer aims at strengthening the education and full exercise of the rights of girls, adolescents and Afro-descendant women throughout the country. This implies the recognition of a personal and collective identity, which is a cross-cutting dynamic construction between gender and class.

Little by little, they have built links with Afro-descendant women from within the country, seeking to influence on policies that guarantee their rights, including the right to land and housing. The possibility of establishing a decent house to live in is directly related to the prevention / exit of situations of gender-based violence.

Context: In the Afro-descendant population, exclusion is more aggravated than in other social communities. The northern departments of the country - Rivera, Artigas and Tacuarembo - are the ones with the highest proportion of the Afro-descendant population, followed by Montevideo (Inmujeres, 2010).

With the support of the FMS, they seek for women to gain greater power over their lives, to truly exercise their rights, to relate beyond economic dependence, and to advance emotional and affective autonomy.

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"With the grant of FMS we could reach inside the country and strengthen the networks we have with other afro-descendant women."

Colectiva Mujeres

Source: Narrative Report of their grant.
“The grant represents for us a RELIEF in this phase of the organization. Receiving “something” from the State means a rigidity and anticipation that does not contemplate the reality of the small groups accustomed to managing their actions “tying with wire”. Territorial work is surprise, life, things that arise without expectation and as a collective we need to receive them, work with fluency and our hearts.”

La Pitanga

Source: Narrative Report of their grant.
Location: Montevideo, Uruguay

Project: Strengthening Our Group for Future Projections.

Description of the organization: La Pitanga aims to strengthen relations among neighbors in order to build equity relationships along with women and men in its territory. They seek to build a collective and visible position against violence against women and denounce its consequences. They support, individually and collectively, women in situations of gender-based violence and their children (including women in situations of unplanned pregnancy).

With the publication of the Manual: “My neighbor lives a situation of violence: what to tell her, what to do, how to help her?”, they made a leap as a benchmark organization for the prevention of gender-based violence. They were interviewed in radio and television, set up workshops in polyclinics and feminist spaces, and participated in the congress of community medicine in the interior of the country.

Context: The area of scope of La Pitanga includes neighborhoods and settlements located on the section of Route 8 that runs from Villa García to Punta Rieles. It is characterized mostly by dwellings of blocks with sheet metal roof, without sanitation, in flooding zones, and the settlements are in process of regularization. The population is mostly young with a significant predominance of children and adolescents. It has a population of approximately 10,000 people, with high rates of poverty, unemployment and underemployment, especially among women.

With the support of the FMS, they aim to consolidate the work done in the area of prevention of violence, with the leading roles of the neighbors of the area. They carry out
workshops that combine sharing experiences with approaches from bodywork and art as opportunities for enjoyment and tools to overcome wounds, empower themselves and achieve a freer and happier life.

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MUJERES DE SANTA ROSA DE LIMA

Location: Santa Fe, Santa Fe, Argentina

Project: Meeting of Women of Santa Rosa de Lima.

Description of the organization: Mujeres de Santa Rosa de Lima is a group of grassroots women who have been working together for more than 15 years. After many years of learning, they began to look for ways to do something else with that knowledge and speak for themselves. Since then, they started a radio program to reflect on all the social, political, economic and cultural issues they face as “women from the suburbs”, from a gender perspective. The femicide of Cecilia Retamoso, a woman from the neighborhood, was a driven force to bring accompaniment in the demands for justice; the group became recognized in the city of Santa Fe. After much effort, they obtained a life sentence for the murderer, a police officer named Ricardo Daniel Fernández, in December 2017.

Context: In 2003, the largest water emergency occurred in the history of the city of Santa Fe. The city was flooded and the neighborhood of Santa Rosa de Lima was one of the most affected. The members of the group lost everything. From that moment, they are organized as Mujeres de Santa Rosa de Lima (Women of Santa Rosa de Lima), to participate actively in the transformation of the social reality of their area.

The purpose of their project financed by the FMS is to communicate and generate debate about problems they face as women and community builders in their neighborhood.

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Each of these organizations has an average of 25 members and their actions reach around **400 women and girls each**, a total of more than **7,000 beneficiaries a year**.

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10 years mobilizing resources towards women’s movements