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We are very grateful for your support !

From the team of the Centro de Derechos Humanos Fray Francisco de Vitoria O.P., A.C we appreciated the trust placed in our work as human rights defenders, so that we share to you with love the work that we have developed along these months. This work drives us to gamble for a collective and social transformation.

After more than 6 months of accompanying the political training process for young people affectionately named La Escuelita del Centro Vitoria, on October 22 we closed the 20th generation, in which we accompanied 37 young people.



During this process, three face-to-face intergenerational meetings and 25 virtual sessions were held, seeking to address the problems of our realities as young people, recognizing our paths of resistance that allow us to continue walking to enable dignified and just lives. We celebrate these 20 years of knowledge construction from this pedagogical political project!



We fight for the human rights of women to live a life without violence, so that we continue to give advice and legal representation and psychosocial accompaniment to women that have been victims of gender based and femicide violence. Similarly through our social networks we started in September a campaign called "Memories" where we shared women stories where they shared about her experience being defenders of life and joy. Most of them belong to networks that fight against gender based violence.



Also we continued the fight for food sovereignty, so that we were part of the "Corn Fair" that was held in the centre of Mexico city. We celebrate the right to defend our native corn in the framework of the International Day Corn. In that fair, the pronouncement of the National Campaign Without Corn There is No Country of which we are part was read; we participated in the management and moderation of two talks: "Threats of the reform to the Federal Law of Plant Varieties" and "Women and food sovereignty: Guardians of seeds and territory"; a recreational space was provided to children and youth around corn; and the workshop "Children sowing sovereignty" was given. The voice of the youth is here!

Through talks with communities during these months, we address the importance of the territory and its defense for a dignified life and the common good, weaving knowledge and reflections from different geographies that allow us to strengthen the fight. In the same way, we accompanied the Muralist Day "A flower called freedom" and the "Internationalist Work for freedom" in the community of Eloxochitlán de Flores Magón, Oaxaca, gestated by relatives of prisoners and politically displaced persons from the Sierra Mazateca to make visible and raise awareness about this struggle, art being a form of resistance.



From the Institutional Strengthening area of the organization, we continued developing training and reflective critical spaces in order to provide to the youth theoretical and practical tools on human rights issues. We want to improve our process of accompaniment and advocacy with various populations, so that we promoted the programa "Youth Defenders and Promoters on Human Rights" in the modalities of social service, professional practices and volunteering.

Indeed we promoted monthly the book club on human rights issues that is open for all the people who are interested in reflecting on these social problems from literature and poetry.

Finally we continued with our training process on psychosocial tools for human rights defenders, this project let us strenght our team and the accompaniments we give.



**Les enviamos
abrazos solidarios
desde el corazón.**

Thanks for your accompaniment in this pursuit of social justice. Although it remainn plenty thing to do we believed that colectivity and solidarty is the way to transformation.