Fondo Semillas: 30 years
SOWING GENDER EQUALITY
Fondo Semillas is a feminist organization that for 30 years has worked towards a country where all women have access to education, health, decent employment, making their own decisions, and to justice and happiness.

**HOW DOES IT WORK?**

As the only women’s fund in Mexico, Fondo Semillas provides financial support, accompaniment, and capacity building to organizations, grassroots groups, and women’s collectives that work for gender equality in Mexico. Instead of providing a short-term solution to the conditions of injustice and inequality experienced by women in Mexico, Fondo Semillas works to combat these situations at the structural level in order to modify them. Women identify their needs, organize themselves and propose solutions; Semillas Fund provides them with financial resources and training, as well as outreach to other donors, networks, alliances and strategic opportunities.
The organizations work directly on different issues and identify the actions to address them. Semillas Fund offers them flexible financing so that they can define the best use for the resources to ensure the continuity of their work in the medium and long term.

**IMPACT**

Over the course of 30 years Fondo Semillas has supported **526 organizations**, benefiting over **700 thousand women** directly and **2.9 million people** across the country.
The Network of Trade Union Women (RMS) managed to include 11 points in the reform enacted on May 1, 2019, to ensure that the prospect gender, until then non-existent, be considerate.

La Sandia Digital held a meeting for territory defenders from 16 states across Mexico, among them several groups and networks that we finance. The intention was to connect more women who are fighting for life with the arrival of extraction industries.
In the framework of the COVID-19 pandemic, in Chiapas the organization CAMATI, (Mujeres Construyendo desde Abajo AC, in Spanish) has used all health protocols to safely attend the labor and deliveries of Mexican women and women migrants without other possibilities of accessing health services.

**IDENTITIES**

- In 2019, Fondo Semillas financed organizations that support women and girls in migration situations by providing:
  - Legal support against arbitrary detentions and for the reunification of separated families
  - Human rights workshops for women who migrate and their families
  - Advice on obtaining identity documents for the enrollment of girls and boys in school
The Xasasti Yolistli State Association of Indigenous Rural Women united a group of women to rebuild stoves and ovens that were lost in the 2017 earthquake. Through participatory workshops, neighbors and acquaintances created working groups to rebuild 11 stoves and six kitchens, learned about their rights and made it possible for more women to value their contributions.
**SOME OF THE GROUPS WITH WHICH FONDO SEMILLAS WORKS**

- **DOMESTIC WORKERS** searching for recognition of their work
- **YOUNG WOMEN** working against gender-based violence
- **INDIGENOUS LEADERS** working to prevent maternal mortality
- **INDIGENOUS WOMEN** defending their territory rights
- **WOMEN REBUILDING THEIR COMMUNITIES**
- **FACTORY WORKERS** demanding equal pay as men for the same work
- **WOMEN’S COOPERATIVES** developing economic autonomy projects

**WHAT DOES FONDO SEMILLAS NEED TO CARRY OUT ITS MISSION?**

Semillas Fund is a non-profit organization that obtains financial resources from institutional, national and international donors, companies and the community of individual donors. By mobilizing resources, Fondo Semillas promotes a relationship of parity between organizations and donors.


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