


Fund for Gender Equality

GENERAL PROGRAMME INFORMATION				
Project Information			Dominican Republic	
Project Name	Genderizing National Strategy for the Information Society in the Dominican Republic: e-Dominicana		Programme Type: Catalytic	
Lead Org	Centro de Investigación para la Acción Femenina (CIPAF)		Grant ID: 772	
Co-lead Org				
Thematic Area(s)	Political Empowerment			
Thematic Sub Area(s)	Gender Response to Sectoral Policy (National Strategy for e-Learning and Knowledge)			
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Partner Agencies	
Government	
Civil Society	

Programme Summary
<p>The primary objective is to increase women's participation in the Dominican Republic's Information Society, as outlined in the National Strategy, e-Dominicana (2007-2010), a policy currently under revision and review for extension. The strategy has the potential to redress several gender-specific dimensions of the digital gap, and to increase the potential of information technologies to improve women's economic and socio-political exclusion.</p>

Expected Programme Outcomes
<p>Outcome 1: 60% of the members of the National Commission for Information Society and Communication (CNSIC) (government ICT policy makers, businesses related to telecommunications and civil society) are actively supporting gender mainstreaming in e-Dominicana.</p> <p>Outcome 2: 60% of the largest women's NGOs and grassroots women's organizations, Ministry of Women and the Gender Working Committee have participated in developing the Plan for Equal Opportunities for Women in Society Information (PIOM-SI).</p> <p>Outcome 3: Project experiences have been systematized and affirmative actions have been taken by the State and/or private sector as models to develop public policies, programmes and projects aimed to bridge the digital gender gap in the Dominican Republic.</p>

Main Achievements
<p>The programme has developed an assessment on the gender digital gap and developed innovative, demonstrative experiences which will inform the revision of e-Dominicana in the coming months. The assessment on the gender digital gap includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mapping of public policies, programmes and projects related to ITC from a gender perspective. • Analysis of Household Surveys ITC 2005 and 2007 from a gender perspective. • Statistical analysis on the presence of women in ITC grades and private sector services on ITC • Questionnaire on access, training and use of ITC in 36 organizations and women's NGOs. <p>The preparation and development of demonstrative practices includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Three summer camps for 93 girls and adolescents in math, science and technology, aimed at motivating them towards pursuing careers in Science and Technology. More than 15 schools have asked to be part of the programme. • Launch and development of math, science and technology clubs for girls, a pioneer activity in the region, and participation in the campaign for Non-Sexist Education. <p>Besides these main strategies, the programme has also implemented the following activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elaboration and implementation of a training programme on gender and ITC for women's NGOs, women's organizations, teachers and staff from the Dominican Institute for Telecommunications (INDOTEL) • Preparation of a memorandum of understanding with the American Technology Institute with the goal of retaining more female students in ITLC courses and degree programmes.

Key Highlights

E-Dominicana is expected to be reviewed in the coming months, and the programme is well positioned to contribute to this revision through its innovative, demonstrative experiences and its assessment of the digital gender gap.