


Fund for Gender Equality

GENERAL PROGRAMME INFORMATION				
Project Information				El Salvador
Project Name	Strengthening Public Institutions in favor of Equality and to Combat Discrimination			Programme Type: Catalytic
Lead Org	Asociación de Mujeres por la Dignidad y la Vida LAS DIGNAS			Grant ID: 2201
Co-lead Org	Asociación Movimiento de Mujeres Mélida Anaya Montes LAS MÉLIDAS			
Thematic Area(s)	Political Empowerment			
Thematic Sub Area(s)	Promote legal reform			
Grant Amount	\$500,000	Grant Start Date	December 18, 2009	
Additional Gov't Funding		Grant End Date	December 31, 2011	
Total Budget	\$500,000			

Partner Agencies	
Government	50 women organizations, 20 parliamentarians, ISDEMU , Consejo de Igualdad
Civil Society	Asociación de Mujeres Flor de Piedra; Asociación de Mujeres Rurales (AMR); Asociación para la Autodeterminación y Desarrollo de mujeres Salvadoreñas (AMS); Centro de Estudios de Género de la Universidad de El Salvador (CEG-UES); Comisión de Mujeres Sindic

Programme Summary
The primary objective is to help bring about the passage of a national gender equality law that enables public institutions to improve their gender sensitivity and practices. This programme proposes support for legislation that mandates the integration of gender-specific considerations and provisions in all public policies, as a step towards securing further, more specific rights.

DETAILED PROGRAMME INFORMATION				
Contribution to Law(s)				
Name of Law	Law Type	Year Implemented	Type of Contribution	Expected Level of Contribution (High or Low)
Gender Equality Law	Law	2010	Creation	High

General Programme Goal
Help reduce gender inequalities, allowing the exercise of full citizenship for women, through the proposal, adoption and implementation of the Equality Law

Expected Programme Outcomes
Outcome 1: The Legislative Assembly has drafted a law to promote equality between women and men, proposed by various women's organizations
Outcome 2: Strengthened partnerships and alliances to promote the law's approval .
Outcome 3: Public institutions, national and local authorities have tools and training for the future implementation of the Equality Law

Main Achievements
Women from parliament, Supreme Court of Justice, government and 22 women's organizations drafted and presented to the legislative assembly a Gender Equality Law which obtained wide political consensus. The law passed 17 March 2011
The programme help strengthen alliances to support the approval process for the law.
The programme helped provide national and local public institutions with tools and skills necessary to facilitate the law's future implementation.
The programme launched a massive public campaign to support approval of the Gender Equality Law.

Key Highlights

The programme is considered a model on how to build strong partnerships between women's movement, parliamentarians and national organizations and agencies.