

Who we are

COOPERACCIÓ is an international cooperation association created in 1994, to contribute, with our actions to empower women to fully exercise their rights, and achieve gender equity, as essential conditions to reach social justice, sustainable human development and peace.

Our association commenced one year before the Beijing Platform for Action was approved. During all this time, we have dedicated a good part of our resources and energies to promote development initiatives, advocacy, training and awareness in favour of women rights and gender equity.

The follow up carried out in the agreements of Beijing, by feminist and women movements, shows that, even though during these years some countries have progressed in policies and laws in favour of their rights, women's lives have hardly improved since the 12 areas of consensus expressed in the Beijing Platform for Action were introduced into the agenda of governments.

The gendercide and other extended ways of violence against women; increased job instability, and renewed ways of over-exploitation, particularly in the export manufacturing sector; the transnationalization of care, and discrimination against immigrant woman; setbacks in the recognition of sexual rights, among other indicators, show the fragility and limits of the progress carried out during the last decades.

This is, to a large extent, a result of androcentric and neoliberal policies that put the interests of few people before general welfare, and the interests of men before women.

Policies that destroy the planet for the benefit of capital that conceives the democracy as a mere formal representation. Policies that have led us to the various crisis facing the world today (economic, energy, food, climate and social) that impede progress in women's agenda, in particular, in human rights in general.

Therefore, we assume as:

OUR VISION

Women and men who set up COOPERACCIÓ think that our international cooperation work has to be at the service of a greater and better compliance of human rights. We also believe that the transformative potential of our actions will be greater the more we advance in the recognition and exercise of human rights of woman, as we understand that the lack is one of the main obstacles for achieving a more fair sustainable human development.

Our experience shows that it is the feminist and women movements who really manage to put the agenda of women in public policies and international agreements which are involved in the most effective interventions, those who strive to learn what works and what does not. Women organizations that move from local to international level, promoting development strategies with a huge potential and transforming androcentric and neoliberal models in which we are all immersed.

That is why we have decided to give priority to our efforts and resources in order to support and collaborate with the agendas and proposals of feminist and woman movements, recognizing them as social and political actors capable of considering alternatives of radical change to combat an economical, political, social, and cultural model that we do not share.

THE REASON WHY

From a feminist perspective, contribute to the empowerment of women, to fully exercise their Human Rights, and to achieve gender equity, as essential conditions to reach social justice, sustainable human development, and peace.

We are aware that non recognition and full exercise of human rights of women, as well as the inequality between women and men in accessing resources and power, constitute major obstacles in achieving justice and peace in the world, as well as developing real democracies. Therefore, we propose to work to overcome all the existing ways of inequality between women and men, and eliminate the obstacles that prevent women from having full exercise of their human rights, through the promotion of values, ideas, social policies and practices towards gender equity, from local to global level.

Mainly, we work from the proposals of feminist and women organizations, with whom we share the approach that only by empowering women we will achieve progress in the exercise of their rights and gender equity, supporting them in their efforts to overcome the unequal distribution of resources and power between women and men that hinder the achievement of human development and social justice.