

“Leading Resilience” Webinar Series



Migrant Women Resisting the Crisis of COVID-19

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Welcoming the panelists and participants, members of New Women Connector, Manuela Fernandez and Ana Lucía Olivos. Ms. Razan is attending as an observer.

Ana Lucía Olivos, presented New Women Connectors as an initiative led by refugee and migrant women who wanted to bring a perspective shift, from integration to inclusion and from support to opportunities, for the refugee and migrant individuals and communities.

She said NWC responded to the absence of migrant's voices in policy and decision-making process. They highlight perceptual mistakes and understanding gaps due to not taking into account-specific socio-cultural backgrounds, skills, needs, desires and priorities of refugees and migrants especially women.

The voices of refugee and migrant women draw minimal attention in policymaking debates. The platform offering spaces for highlighting the concerns, needs and challenges of refugee and migrant women have further receded by the COVID-19 pandemic. Nevertheless, it also opens up possibilities to re-evaluate our priorities as a society.

Challenges and opportunities of Covis: theoretical framework

Larisa Lara Guerrero, researcher in migration and political science at the University of Paris and the University of Liège. She has a degree in International Relations. Lara made an analysis of the evolution of migratory processes in Europe.

She explained the phases of the conflict and the management of these conflicts on an the international level.

Lara also explained the impact of covid for migrants in general; emphasizing the impact of the covid crisis on the female migrant population in europe.

FASES DEL CONFLICTO Y ENFOQUES DE LA GESTIÓN DE CONFLICTOS BERTCOVITCH (2007)



Entities of migrant women in Europe

Portugal: MigrARTE

It is a transnational action, through collective art, that aims to ease migrant people's trauma of being away from home and family.

France: Un Gramito de Harina

The objective of this project was to collect food in order to distribute it to the most vulnerable group of Mexican origin

Thamara Cruz, Siempre NGO

Thamara Cruz, lives in Belgium since 2010, has a professional studio in textile design, with training in social development of community projects and 10 years of experience in rural development in intersectional and gender perspective to promote the development of rural, community projects and design. Siempre NGO, is to make Latino women of different diasporas living in Belgium visible. This organization is autonomous and of citizen participation.

Sara Cuentas Ramírez, journalist, social researcher and decolonial feminist. Coordinator of the Decolonial Feminist School of the Migration, Gender and Development Network. Consultant on issues of migration, interculturality, gender and intersectionality. Sara explained the initiatives that emerged with migrant women in Barcelona. He explained the importance of resistance boxes and how they have helped the most vulnerable women.

Patricia Viviana Ponce, Argentinian Feminist, has a Master's Degree in Equality and Trained in Advocacy and Human Rights at Human Rights Education. *Haurralde Fundazioa* is a NGDO whose objective is the development of the most disadvantaged communities in impoverished countries and the awareness of our society for social justice, solidarity, gender equality and sustainability. Its priorities are to strengthen the focus on human and gender rights in the associative fabric of the territory through training processes and the promotion of new associations, platforms and networks, especially of young people, the fight against gender violence and accompaniment of the immigrant population, mainly women and participation in advocacy spaces at the local, national and international levels. Patricia also explained that in the north of Spain, migrant women have lived through very difficult situations, and emphasized the situation of women victims of gender violence.

The Otherness: Unpacking Resilience

At the end of the meeting, we opened the turn to questions, where the rest of the participants also explained their experiences and the proposals for change that together could be worked on. Many of them stated that they want to continue to be linked to the actions of new woman connectors to continue working as a network.

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**Solidarity and collaboration form the core essence of
New Women Connectors, a step further and share
the space to imagine and build together 'The New
Normal' during and post COVID-19**

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