

# Health Equity Network in the Americas

Webinar: April 25, 2018 8 AM PDT / 11 AM EDT





# VOICEBOXER





## Today's Meeting Outcomes

- Information Exchange
- Gender Equality Breaking it down
- Network Activities and Developmental Progress



## Agenda

- Welcome
  - Introduction to VoiceBoxer
- ACTION Items from March Webinar
- Network Members' News
  - GESMujer Ximena Avellaneda
- Gender Equality: Discussion
  - What gender equality means for Network efforts
  - Identifying priorities within this field
- Network Activities
  - Governance / Structure Committee Rocio Saenz
  - Advocacy / Communications Committee Eugenia Tarzibachi
  - Health Inequality Measurement Tool Webinar M Rodriguez





## ACTION Items from Last Webinar

- PAHO Commission Summary
  - To be submitted to UCL Institute by May 1
- Network 1.0 Fact Sheet
  - Now available in Spanish and English
  - Suite of communication tools to be developed, reflecting Network growth and activity





## Network Members' News

Ximena Avellaneda GESMujer Rosario Castellanos Women's Study Group Oxaca, Mexico





- ✓ Empowerment of girls, youth and women
- ✓ Defense of women's rights
- ✓ Perspective of gender equity with an intercultural vision
- ✓ Strengthening indigenous and Afro-Mexican leaderships through community work

#### **WEARE:**

- ✓ Advisory civil organization of UN Women Mexico
- ✓ Member of the State Group for the Prevention of Teenage Pregnancy
- ✓ Inter-institutional Group in sexual and reproductive health
- ✓ Committee for a safe motherhood
- ✓ Citizen Observatory for the Justice Centers for Women
- ✓ Advisory Council of the Local System for the Protection of Children and Adolescents of Oaxaca

# Diplomas and Seminars for young community leaders focused on:

- Teen pregnancy prevention
- Dating violence prevention
- Community
   management and
   organization
- Sexual and reproductive health and rights
- Maternal health



#### Directed to:

- Manage, organize interventions with local partners (e.g., fairs, contests, film discussions, sporting and cultural events.
- Establish coordination with community, health and educational authorities.

### GATES-MISK GRAND CHALLENGE PROPOSAL

• **Objective:** Develop a model of multisector and transnational collaboration among civil society, academia, government, community to eliminate barriers and achieve equity in access to health.

#### • Characteristics:

- Replicable model, low cost
- Applied in parallel with Oaxaca/Santa Barbara, Calif.
- Use of cell phones and platforms to exchange information
- Training in: gender equity and health and sexual reproductive rights
- Development of community youth actions

#### Collaborators:

- University of California Global Health Institute
- Health Equity Network in the Americas





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Institutional video

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cf3AHQWd3Wk

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## **Gender Equality**

- Defining what we meanIdentifying specific priority areas





### **GENDER EQUALITY DEFINITIONS**

## WHO: INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY STATEMENT

 A world where every woman and girl has access to quality and affordable health care, a world in which women and girls can freely exercise their sexual and reproductive health rights, and one where all women and girls are treated and respected as equals.

## UN EDUCATIONAL, SCIENTIFIC AND CULTURAL ORG (UNESCO)

- Women and men have equal conditions for realizing their full human rights and for contributing to, and benefiting from, economic, social, cultural and political development.
- The equal valuing by society of the similarities and the differences of men and women, and the roles they play. It is based on women and men being full partners in their home, their community and their society.



# Dimensions of Gender Equality for Network Action

#### Focus on women, men, girls and boys

Men's and women's rights, responsibilities will not depend on whether they are born male of female.

Interests, needs and priorities of both women and men are taken into consideration, recognizing the diversity of different groups of women and men.

Gender equality is not a women's issue but should concern and fully engage men as well as women.

Equality between women and men is seen both as a human rights issue and as a precondition for, and indicator of, sustainable people-centered development.



Issues / Policies related to Gender Equality , with focus on women



# Women's Rights Being Addressed by Women's Global Network for Women's Reproductive Rights (36 partners)

### Institutional Violence

- 1. Denial of the right to access safe and legal abortion services
- 2. Forced or coerced sterilizations
- 3. Obstetric violence
- 4. Denial of access to contraceptives including emergency contraception

## EXISTING WORK

# ASSOCIATIONS FOCUSED ON WOMEN'S RIGHTS ACROSS THE AMERICAS

#### **NORTH AMERICA**

- OXFAM Canada
- Doctor's Without Borders
- Canadian Women's Health
   Network
- UN Women
- WHO
- Plan International
- Women Deliver
- CHANGE Center for Health and Gender Equity
- PAHO
- Taller Salud

#### **CENTRAL AMERICA**

- Casa de la Mujer
- CIDE: Sexual y Reproductiva
- Grupo Medico por el Derecho a Decidir en Colombia
- Organizacion de Mujeres Salvadorenas por la paz

#### **SOUTH AMERICA**

- FEIM
- Equipo Latinoamericano de Justicia y Genero
- Coordinadora de la Mujer
- Catolicas pelo Direito de Decidir
- Equipo de Communicion Alternativa con Mujeres
- Reprolatina
- RSMLAC
- Kuna Roga de Encarnacion
- Mujer y Salud en Uruguay
- CLADEM
- PROMSEX

## FOCUS AREAS

# PROGRAMMING AND ADVOCACY AT MULTIPLE LEVELS

### International

- Chronic disease
- Reproductive and sexual health
- Maternal health / maternal morbidity

## Regional

- Maternal health / maternal morbidity
- Mental health

### National

- Sex education
- Trafficking persons
- Human rights
- Women's rights
- Gender equality

### Local

- Unplanned teen pregnancy
- Child, early and forced marriage

For details, refer to meeting support materials.

## **NETWORK ACTIVITIES**



## Governance Committee

 Maria del Rocio Saenz, MD, MPH Universidad Nacional, Costa Rica



## **GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE FOCUS**

## **Network Membership**

- Membership policies being established:
  - Types of memberships and benefits
  - Eligibility
  - Membership expectations and renewal.
- Enrollment form to formalize membership in the Network

## **Priority Areas**

- Creating structure for Network
- Defining working groups in the Committee
- Developing a strategic plan and timeline for the Network.

## **NETWORK ACTIVITIES**



# Advocacy and Communications Committee

Eugenia Tarzibachi, PhD
 University of Buenos Aires and
 National University of San Martín



### **NETWORK ADVOCACY AND COMMUNICATIONS**

- Committee development
   12 members, including three new members
- 2. Strategic Advocacy and Communications Planning
  - General Communications (Branding, etc.)
  - Dissemination
  - Targeted Advocacy Campaigns
- 3. First Meeting: Apr 25 at 11:30 PDT

## WATCH FOR REGISTRATION INFORMATION



## Health Inequality Measurement Tool Informational Webinar

Malgorzata Miszkurka, PhD Margo Greenwood, PhD

> Friday, May 25, 2018 9 AM PDT / 12 PM EDT





### **ACTION!**

- Register and attend Informational Webinar on May 25
- 2. Submit your membership enrollment form
- 3. Send specific policies to be addressed in your nation.
- 4. Share your News and Activities
- 5. New email address: HealthEquidadNetwork@mednet.ucla.edu







## THANK YOU!

NEXT MEETING: WEDNESDAY, MAY 30, 2018 8 AM PDT / 11 AM EDT



