Health Equity Network in the Americas

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

- 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

✓ 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
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.
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
Webinar: Health Equity Network in the Americas

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www.gesmujer.org

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

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Gender Equality

• Defining what we mean
• Identifying specific priority areas
GENDER EQUALITY DEFINITIONS

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.

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.
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 or 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
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

Women’s Rights Being Addressed by Women’s Global Network for Women’s Reproductive Rights (36 partners)
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 Salvadoreñas por la paz

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

Governance Committee

• Maria del Rocio Saenz, MD, MPH
  Universidad Nacional, Costa Rica
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.
Advocacy and Communications Committee

- Eugenia Tarzibachi, PhD
  University of Buenos Aires and National University of San Martín
1. 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
Health Inequality Measurement Tool
Informational Webinar

Malgorzata Miszkurka, PhD
Margo Greenwood, PhD

Friday, May 25, 2018
9 AM PDT / 12 PM EDT
ACTION!
1. 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