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Policy and Practice

HOGARES ECOLÓGICOS: SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT WITH A FOCUS ON DOMESTIC WORK

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

Context

Hogares Ecológicos is a project designed and developed by the unions Unión Nacional Fenamutra Trabajadoras del Hogar (UNFETRAH), the Asociación de Trabajadoras del Hogar (ATH), and the Sindicato Nacional de Trabajadoras Domésticas (SINTRADOMES), to train and promote that the domestic workers of Villa Juana, Villa Agrícolas, Villa Consuelo, and their employers to transform their traditional homes into ecological homes.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, where we have had to adapt to a new lifestyle and care, the project promotes environmental education, entrepreneurship, and financial independence based on the proper management and use of solid waste.

Objectives

The main objective of the project is to provide tools to promote participatory governance in solid waste management.

The implementation of the recycling program in the communities and the environmental education program addresses the use of recycling to encourage entrepreneurship and creativity and reduce idleness in families in ecological households.

Approach

The project uses the ecofeminism approach, a "theory and social movement" that seeks to achieve justice for women and transform the human relationship with other living beings and ecosystems in search of a culture of equality.



Solid waste training held at FENAMUTRA's place.

The work was proposed from the approach of ecological homes, "Hogares Ecológicos," because all the factors that are part of their construction respect nature and improve the living conditions inside. They take advantage of natural resources, use ecological products and materials, and their maintenance is ten times cheaper than a conventional house".

Methodology

Training meetings were held on three main topics: solid waste, recycling, handicrafts, and ecofeminism.

These meetings sought to provide the women with tools to improve waste management in their homes. They also sought to use recycled materials to make handicrafts, obtaining products to sell and generating additional income.

Impacts

- Forty-five women domestic workers acquired skills in solid waste management, recycling, handicrafts, and ecofeminism.

- Design of the methodologies of the three courses.
- Entrepreneurship was fostered in 45 women domestic workers through the sale of objects produced in the workshops.
- Organization of an eco-fair.
- Sensitization of public institution actors on gender violence and environmental policies.
- Drafting a proclamation against gender violence against women entitled "No me agredas!: Un grito a favor de la madre naturaleza."
- Organization of four meetings with local authorities and journalists.

Published resources:

[Incidencias del Proyecto GRRIPP en República Dominicana](#)



Training on solid waste carried out at the FENAMUTRA establishment.

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