

GENDER EQUALITY AND INTEGRATION OF THE LGTBIQ+ POPULATION IN LOCAL DISASTER RISK MANAGEMENT FROM AN INTERSECTIONAL PERSPECTIVE

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Context

Despite advances in disaster risk reduction management in Chile, local governments and organised communities need more support and encouragement from national entities to integrate it effectively. The local scale needs more instruments, resources, and partnerships to link and improve the relationship between local development management and risk, and disaster reduction. In addition, mandatory disaster risk management instruments at the national level do not explicitly promote gender equality, the inclusion of the LGBTIQ+ population, or an intersectional approach. As such, there was a clear opportunity to work for risk reduction and prevention from these perspectives.

The aim of this project is to promote the incorporation of these themes in the management of local development to achieve inclusion-related changes in local disaster risk and reduction management.

Such changes are needed to avoid discrimination and the exclusion of diverse populations (migrants, people of diverse gender identities, and persons with disabilities, among others).

Objectives

The project seeks to promote gender equality and the inclusion of diverse populations in local disaster risk management. An intersectional approach will be taken to promote greater resilience of inhabitants and the exercise of human rights. The project aims to enrich the management of the territory towards greater justice, equality, equity, resilience, and harmony. Specifically, it seeks to transform public policies that do not include gender equality or the integration of the LGBTIQ+ population in Chile.

Workshop developed in the Municipality of Lampa as part of the project.

Credits: GRID, Chile



Courses of action

The project focused on three axes to achieve this objective:

- Awareness raising and training of local actors (and thus strengthening the culture of prevention and resilience).
- Developing a methodology for diagnosing disaster risks at the local level from an intersectional perspective.
- Producing and disseminating materials (information capsules and training materials) for awareness-raising and training on the subject.

These aspects are key to strengthening the culture of prevention and self-care over time.

Approach

As an essential part of the work approach, collaboration was forged with local actors, such as the municipalities of Lampa and Tiltil, and especially with the National Network of Municipalities with Offices of Diversity, Inclusion and Non-Discrimination (RED DIVERSA), which connects more than 10% of the country's local governments.

To influence the public policy instruments of the municipalities, as well as to improve the resilience of the communities, the project sought to increase the local capacities of authorities, community officials. and representatives in mainstreaming gender equality and integrating LGBTIQ+ people into local disaster risk management actions from an intersectional perspective.

Impact

The project's development resulted in the realisation and delivery of different activities and products. The first activities were workshops held with local authorities and officials. Training and awarenessraising materials were developed for municipal officials and communities. A methodology was also designed to diagnose local risks, taking an intersectional perspective, and to systematise the experiences collected in the project.

An information campaign on local disaster risk management was designed from an intersectional perspective, and four information packages were created for female and male municipal officials and the public.

As a result of the training provided, local governments have broadened their vision of disaster risk management to include perspectives of justice and equity, as well as looking at populations in a differentiated manner. This enhances the opportunity to see the conditions that generate risk. Based on the trainings, participant municipalities are now generating solutions in a differentiated manner.

Published resources:

- Systematization of the project "Gender Equality and Integration of the LGTBIQ+ population in local disaster risk management from an intersectional perspective in Chile".
- Methodology for local disaster risk analysis from an intersectional perspective for gender equality and the inclusion of the LGTBIQA+ population

Available: www.grripp.net/lacdigitalresources

Gender equality and integration of the LGTBI+ population in local disaster risk management from an intersectional perspective in the province of Chacabuco.

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