As members of the Latin American and Caribbean Women’s Health Network, LACWHN, we will continue to respond to the challenge of forging a new history; one in which relations between women and men are based on equality, respect and peace.

We defend women’s right to live their lives free from all forms of violence and discrimination. We promote and defend their Human Rights, Sexual Rights, Reproductive Rights and their Right to Comprehensive Health at all stages of their lives.

We affirm women’s historic struggle for sexual and reproductive freedom and control over their own bodies.

We affirm women’s full citizenship from a feminist, antiracist and intercultural perspective. We defend the separation of church and state as a requirement for guaranteeing pluralistic, diverse and inclusive societies, and reject all the fundamentalisms.

In 32 years of existence, we articulate 580 national organizations and women’s networks, plus 329 affiliated individually from different countries mainly from Latin America and the Caribbean.

Between 1998 and 2014 we have trained directly over 1000 women representing the same number of organizations which have replicated this content.

For 20 consecutive years, we have supported 3,200 shares of membership under the May 28, International Day of Action for Women’s Health, and November 25, International Day of Non-Violence Against Women.

We have spread information and knowledge through 57 issues of the Women’s Health Journal and 13 issues of the Women’s Health collection both in Spanish and English, as well as 60 regular newsletters distributed among our members since 2002, an webpage that has been active since 1998 and participation in online social networking sites.

We have promoted hundreds of actions at the national, regional and global levels to build solidarity and defend women’s human rights in the face of violations.

We have designed tools for monitoring the implementation of international agreements (Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development, Cairo 1994).

We have created a model of social intervention to change perceptions, attitudes and practices in the area of Violence against Women in Latin America and the Caribbean.

We have established National Links and Focal Points in 20 Latin America and the Caribbean countries, in order to decentralize our institutional structure and strengthen women’s organizations.

Collective processes to strengthen women’s movements in Latin America and the Caribbean and consolidate their political participation.

Mobilizing

Innovative campaigns and initiatives to build forums of citizenship that uphold women’s Human rights by promoting cultural change.

Advocating

To defend women’s political agendas, urging public powers to guarantee that Governments fulfill their commitments.

Training

For the development of knowledge that empowers and legitimizes leadership, strengthening women’s voices and demands for advances.

Informing

LACWHN’s Impact

To disseminate and gain recognition of the different knowledge, cultures and identities of Latin American and Caribbean Women.

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