

Knowledge Bank

SUCCESS STORIES

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COUNTRY WHERE THE ACTION THAT ORIGINATED THIS KNOWLEDGE TOOK PLACE:

Argentina
Brasil
Chile
Paraguay
Uruguay

PHASE OF THE OPERATION CYCLE FOR THIS KNOWLEDGE:

Implementation

ACTORS INVOLVED IN THE GENERATION OF THIS KNOWLEDGE:

Intendencia de Cerro Largo - Uruguay

Municipio de Aceguá - Brasil

Municipio de Candiota - Brasil

Municipio de Peñalolén - Chile

Municipio de Presidente Franco - Paraguay

Municipio de San Bernardino - Paraguay

Municipio de San Isidro - Argentina

CONTRIBUTION TO THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



Implementation of the working agendas linked to the Political Dialogue Meetings

Summary of the case:

Thanks to the project, Thematic Meetings have been designed and carried out to address the subjects prioritised in the Political Dialogue meetings with the political representatives of each partner municipality, considered as a **lesson learned** that can be found in this Knowledge Bank of the ADELANTE Programme. Thanks to the correct identification of the subjects prioritised in the Political Dialogue Meetings by the project's coordination team, several Thematic Meetings were successfully organised, including two of great impact on SDG 5, especially aimed at women entrepreneurs.

After the first meetings of Political Dialogue in Brazil, Paraguay and Uruguay, assistance to women entrepreneurs was identified as a subject to be prioritised. The project's coordination team activated the triangular cooperation mechanisms, taking advantage of the strengths of the partner municipalities and identifying other actors from the academic and the private sector who could provide training, technical assistance and expert advice to various groups of women entrepreneurs. As a result, the **first Thematic Meeting of Women Entrepreneurs** was organised in Paraguay, with the support of the municipality of Peñalolén (Chilean partner with extensive experience in entrepreneurship with a gender perspective) and the Universidad Privada del Este (Paraguayan partner with a strong academic focus). At this meeting, in addition to exchanging information on gender policies, a group of leader women from several partner municipalities were trained and made aware of production, marketing and financial administration techniques.

After the success of this first meeting and given that the topic continued to be a priority for several municipalities, the **second Thematic Meeting of Women Entrepreneurs** was organised, this time taking advantage of the platform of the ADELANTE Programme, with the **collaboration of the EDEM project**. On this occasion, direct technical assistance was provided to women from several municipalities in Uruguay and Brazil and the working techniques developed with entrepreneurs in Mesoamerica were disseminated among the different municipalities.



Main learning and recommendations:

The importance of coordinating local government policies with the needs and interests of the final beneficiaries, creating the necessary conditions for empathic dialogue, involving the greatest number of actors and developing bonds of trust.

Achieved impacts and objectives:

- A strong contribution to **SDG 5** (Gender Equality) has been made by promoting "women's full and effective participation and equal opportunities for leadership at all levels of decision-making in political, economic and public life" (Target 5.5).
- Partner countries have been able to see the success stories (policies, initiatives, tools) of other countries as an opportunity for themselves.
- It has been possible to demonstrate the effectiveness of working together at the political level and at the technical level, contributing to good governance in the partner municipalities.
- It has been possible to strengthen the partners and leave installed capacity among the final beneficiaries.

Key success factors:

- Strong leadership of the project coordination team that was able to translate the challenges raised at the *Political Dialogue Meetings* into adapted solutions through the *Thematic Meetings*.
- A strong commitment of local authorities and leaders in each municipality to the project.
- The successful experiences and strengths of the Mirada Ciudadana project's partners and the involvement of the EDEM project, as well as the other knowledge providers, which have been used by all the actors involved.

The added value of Triangular Cooperation: [\(more information here\)](#)

1. Building ownership and trust.
2. Promoting complementarity and increasing coordination in development cooperation.
3. Sharing knowledge and learning jointly.
4. Co-creating solutions and flexibility.
5. Enhancing the volume, scope and sustainability of Triangular Cooperation
6. Achieving global and regional development goals through strengthened partnerships for sustainable development.

Keywords:

[Peer Review](#) [Peer-to-peer workshops](#)