

BOLIVIA*

Feminist Alliance for Advancing Women's Political Leadership and Transforming Discriminatory Social Norms in Bolivia

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Women's political participation in Bolivia is historically framed under national laws¹, yet patriarchal power relations continue to limit their full implementation. While laws on parity have increased women's presence in legislative spaces, especially at the municipal level, inequalities persist. In the Department of Chuquisaca, only 14.3% of mayoral offices are held by women, reflecting the gap in access to executive roles. Political parties continue to privilege men in key positions within institutions and political parties, through gatekeeping practices and exclusionary dynamics. Indigenous, migrant, young, and LGBTQ+ women face compounded discrimination and exclusion from leadership roles. Achieving parity in decision-making is vital for a dynamic democracy in Bolivia and requires both structural reforms and social norms transformation.

Transform patriarchal social norms that restrict women's political participation in the municipality of Sucre by strengthening the leadership, collective action, and public voice of Indigenous, urban-migrant, youth, and LGBTQ+ women.



Strengthen political leadership, critical awareness, and advocacy capacities among women's organizations through a feminist intersectoral alliance.



Support women to assume active political roles and advocate for the Women's Political Agenda in public spaces.



Generate and disseminate evidence on discriminatory social and cultural norms through participatory research.



Promote evidence-based dialogue with authorities and media to influence public debate.



Implement a communication campaign to challenge social norms and expand women's political agency.

*Sucre Municipality in the Department of Chuquisaca.

¹Main legislative frameworks include the Political Constitution of the State of Bolivia (CPE), Law No. 026 (Electoral Regime), Law No. 1096 (Political Organizations Law), and Law No. 243 against political harassment and violence.

KEY TARGETS INCLUDE

100

WOMEN

women from 10 organizations and collectives strengthened their critical awareness and knowledge of patriarchal norms limiting women's full political participation

30

DECISION-MAKERS

10

MEDIA ACTORS

engaged in dialogues with the women's alliance, based on research findings and the Women's Political Agenda developed during the project

150

CIVIL SOCIETY ACTORS

participated in public dialogues and advocacy spaces to reflect on- and identify solutions to challenge patriarchal norms excluding women from political life

150,000

PEOPLE

reached through an innovative communication campaign addressing social and cultural norms that restrict women's full political participation

PARTNERSHIPS



Club de Madres Distrito 2

Club de Madres Distrito 3

Federación Única de Mujeres Trabajadoras de Pueblos Originarios de Chuquisaca Bartolina Sisa (FUMTPOCHBS)

Federación Universitaria Local (FUL)

Lesbianas Bisexuales Sayariy Chuquisaca (LB Sayariy)

Organización de Mujeres por la Justicia Plural ODEJUP

Organización Juvenil EduActivistas

Organización Juvenil - Tú decides

Promotoras Comunitarias contra la violencia

Sindicato de Trabajadoras Asalariadas del Hogar Sucre (SITRAHOS)

KEY ACTIVITIES

- ▶ Establish a feminist, intersectoral, intergenerational, and intercultural alliance of Indigenous, urban-migrant, youth, and LGBTQ+ women to promote their political participation.
- ▶ Develop training processes on patriarchal social norms and the Women's Political Agenda, with replication activities directed at grassroots members.
- ▶ Promote ownership and public advocacy of the agenda among partner organizations.
- ▶ Create dialogue spaces with public institutions, media, and civil society.
- ▶ Conduct and disseminate a national feminist research study on women's political participation.
- ▶ Organize a national forum for exchange of experiences between women's rights organizations and authorities.
- ▶ Implement an evidence-based communication campaign to influence social norms that limit women's political participation.



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