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FEMIG PROJECT: PROGRESS REPORT

BUILDING FEMINIST MIGRATION POLICY FOR GENDER EQUALITY FROM GRASSROOTS TO GLOBAL

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THE FEMIG PROJECT

The FeMig workshop series adopts an intersectional feminist theoretical and methodological approach, which recognizes a multiplicity of feminisms. The approach seeks to understand not only how gender and sexuality structures migration and displacement, but also how it is articulated and mobilized in a nexus with other social power dimensions, such as race, class, age, ethnicity, or nationality (Herrera, 2013; Llavaneras Blanco, 2022).

The FeMig project supports a global series of workshops, where civil society representatives come together to discuss how gender shapes international mobility experiences of women and LGBTIQ+ migrants; and what they envision feminist migration policy to be. Aimed at building feminist migration policy for gender equality, these workshops amplify the voices of women and LGBTIQ+ migrants and the organizations that work with them in developing a feminist approach to migration from the grassroots to the global.

At each workshop participants are actively engaged in discussion in generating recommendations for developing and enacting feminist policies toward migration, they also have an opportunity to contribute to a video series, with short responses to key questions on how they think migration can support gender equality and what a feminist migration policy might mean for them. In addition, we have lunch an international survey on civil society organizations working with women and LGBTIQ+ migrants in order to create a mapping of organizations at the fore of feminist migration domains. Workshops are led by the Gender+Migration Hub team in collaboration with a local CSO and an academic partner from the region.

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WORKSHOPS DONE TO DATE

1. Bangkok, Thailand	Nov 31st / Dec 1st
2. Mexico City, Mexico	March 18th
3. Bogota, Colombia	July 9th / 10th

IN PREPARATION

For the following countries, we are discussing with partners and considering timing in order to design and carry out the workshops according to the needs and resources available in each one.

1. Kathmandu, Nepal
2. Rabat, Morocco
3. Cape Town, South Africa
4. Quito, Ecuador
5. TBD, Albania
6. Ontario, Canada

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PARTNERS AND COLLABORATORS

Partners

LAURIER
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WIMN
Women in Migration Network

INTERNATIONAL DETENTION COALITION

BALSILLIE SCHOOL OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

Collaborators

CISAN

Universidad de los Andes

UNIVERSITY of the WESTERN CAPE

USFQ UNIVERSIDAD SAN FRANCISCO DE QUITO

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PROGRESS

For the midterm report of activities, three out of the six planed workshops have been completed, with at least three more are in the planning stages with partners on site and the FeMig team.

The final stages of preparation are underway for workshops that will take place in South Africa and Ethiopia in late September, followed by workshops in Nepal and Ecuador that will take place in October and November.

Additional workshops are tentatively being considered for Albania and Canada during the month of November.

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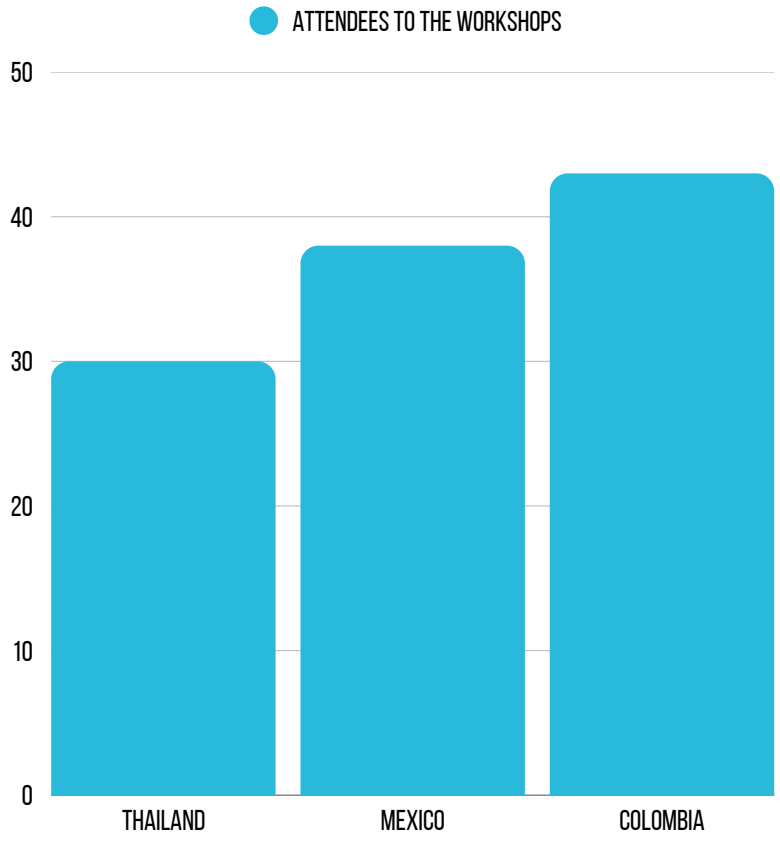
ATTENDANCE OF CSOS

On average, each workshop had an attendance of 38 organizations from each of the countries. All of which work with women migrants or LGBTIQ+ migrants in different processes of their mobility: labour migration, return migration, family reunification, or care chains.

Specifically, Thailand had an attendance of 38 representatives of organizations, Mexico had 38 and Colombia 43.

The expectation is to maintain or surpass the average attendance in future workshops.



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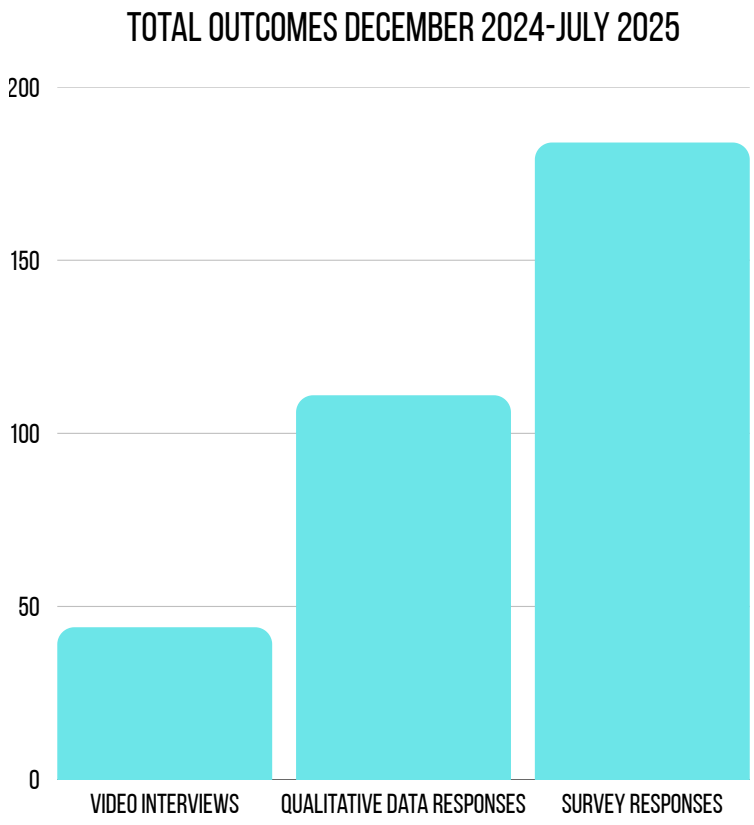
OUTCOMES

Thus far we have had 184 responses to the online global survey, which includes a range of questions, including:

- What makes a migration policy feminist?
- Most effective policy strategies for advancing feminist migration policy in their region
- Examples of feminist or gender responsive migration policies or initiatives

Target sample size for the survey is n=1000 and is being widely circulated online. The survey is available in English, Spanish, French, Albanian and Arabic.



Workshop participants (111 civil society representatives) participated in group discussions and qualitative data has been gathered about gendered realities of migration, the challenges they face in providing services and supports to migrants, key recommendations and the role of civil society in contributing to gender equality in migration.

Finally, all participants have had the chance to participate in short video interviews. A total of 44 representatives from civil society organizations have shared their perspectives on what structural changes are needed to achieve gender equality in the context of migration and what are the components of feminist migration policies.

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TIMELINE OF PROJECT OUTCOMES

Outcome	Available by	
FeMig project webpage (Gender + Migration Hub)	September	2025
Art and video gallery	September	2025
Guidance note on gender-responsive indicators for GCM implementation	October	2025
Feminist Migration Leaders List	November	2025
Policy brief on Building a Feminist Migration Policy from the Grassroots to the Global	November	2025
Mapping of Feminist Migrant Organizations	December	2025
Final financial report	January	2026
Final report of progress	January	2026
FeMig project report	January	2026
Scholarly publications	January - December	2026

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PARTICIPATING CSOS*

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- Platform Zelfbeschikking en Verblijfsrecht (Platform Self-determination and Residence Rights)
- Association for Integration and Migration
- PEACE Trust
- LEFÖ IBF - Interventionsstelle für Betroffene des Frauenhandels
- JusticeMakers Bangladesh in France (JMBF)
- Youth Child Support Initiative(YCSI)
- Alliance Against Trafficking in Women and Children in Nepal (AATWIN)
- Poesía Pintada
- Women's Refugee Commission
- BNSK- Bangladesh Nari Sramik Kendra(Bangladesh Women Workers Association)
- WARBE Development Foundation
- Civil Society Network on Migration and Development (CSOnetMADE)
- ASSAF - Aid Organization for Refugees and Asylum Seekers in Israel
- ISRAR Coalition for Equality and Empowerment
- Yaung Chi Oo Workers' Association - YCOWA
- Colectivo Migrante Monseñor Oscár Arnulfo Romero
- Mex Migrantes
- Albergue Casa Peñas
- Casa de las muñecas Tiresias
- Poch@ house
- Casa Fuentes
- Comisión de Derechos Humanos y laborales del Valle de Tehuacán
- Jesuit Refugee Service
- Scalabrinianas Misión con Migrantes y Refugiados
- Albergue Constitución
- Primeros Auxilios Psicológicos para personas Migrantes, Refugiados y Desplazados
- Comunidad en Retorno
- Sin Fronteras IAP
- Comunidad en Retorno
- CAFEMIN
- Colectiva La Jauría Trans
- Instituto para las Mujeres en la Migración., A.C.
- Fundación Arcoiris
- Poesía Pintada
- Migrantes en México
- Corporación Red Somos Sede Barranquilla
- Mujeres por losderechos
- Corporación Naguara con Voz
- Red de Mujeres Unidas por la Igualdad de Género
- OBC Maschis Entrelazadas

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- Grupo de Acciones Públicas de la Universidad ICESI, , Observatorio de Movilidad Humana y Protección internacional
- Venezolanos en Barranquilla
- Fundacion Ideas para la Paz
- Corporación Red Somos
- Fundación Refugiados Unidos
- Danish Refugee Council
- El Barómetro
- Internacional de servicios publicos
- CJ Mujeres, Universidad de los Andes
- Red jesuita con migrantes latinoamérica y el caribe - RJM LAC
- Mujer: diáspora y retorno
- Confederación General del Trabajo
- Colectiva de Mujeres Refugiadas, exiliadas y migradas
- Dejusticia
- FUNDACIÓN EMPODÉRAME
- Christian Aid
- Red ALAS
- Red de Diplomacia feminista por la Paz
- Fundación Unidas: Mujeres Construyendo Tejido Social
- International Domestic Workers Federation
- Women in Migration Network
- MigrantRights.Org

Projects like this one help us building more collaborative networks between civil society organizations and grassroots organizations

Leader of Machis Comunitaria, Colombia