



ENDA COLOMBIA

# Sustainable urban model of solidarity economy



*“Reflect, dream and build collectively for a sustainable and gender-just world.”*

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ENDA Colombia developed a holistic urban concept in the south suburbs of Bogota with climate-resilient gardening, responsible consumption and the formal recognition of women recyclers as environmental agents of change and public service providers. Thanks to trainings on natural resource management, gender inequalities and masculinities, local public policies and citizen’s initiatives, the beneficiaries have been empowered to exercise their democratic rights, to protect their environment and cultural heritage. This collective project has woven strong solidarity ties among neighbours and generations, contributing to peace building in Colombia.



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## UNIQUE VALUE

### What’s special about this project

- ▶ It showcases an exemplary model of solidarity economy aiming to create a sustainable and gender-responsive city. This unique urban approach, based on local knowledge and resources, has been practiced by girls, boys, adolescents and adults for more than 30 years.
- ▶ Training-of-Trainers (ToT) concept whereby women are taking on leadership roles, increasing their control over production and income. This brings a positive change in gender roles enabling women to lead the replication of the solidarity economy model.



## AWARD IMPACTS

- ▶ The women have gained more recognition within their communities. The organisation has strengthened expertise on advocacy, communication, entrepreneurship and overall management capacities
- ▶ The grant enabled Enda Colombia to overcome difficulties during the Covid pandemic, to launch awareness-raising activities, mental health workshops and support to migrants in need.

## TRANSFORMATIVE OUTCOMES



6,430 direct beneficiaries



26 women recyclers recognized as environmental change agents and public service providers



2 savings and credit initiatives created by and for women with denied access to formal banking



Seed bank forged alliances with indigenous communities to rescue traditional food and native seeds



21 urban terraces for agricultural production supplying healthy and affordable food



20 spokeswomen participate in municipal decision-making processes on environment, gender and local budgets topics

