

WINNER TRANSFORMATIONAL SOLUTIONS

Strengthening women environmental defenders through a digital and advocacy network

Description of the project:

‘Defensoras Ambientales’ empowers women environmental rights defenders from indigenous peoples and local groups in Argentina, Bolivia and Paraguay, with a gender justice perspective. A network of over 1,200 women has been built, and an innovative mobile phone application (PLAC) was launched to inform, connect, protect and communicate efficiently. This supports the protection of territories deteriorated by extractivism, agrochemical contamination and the restriction of local actors’ civic space. A feminist school was established in 2021 to strengthen local knowledge, technical and advocacy skills for climate adaptation and mitigation, with the aim to improve the groups’ resilience and amplify their demands.



TRANSFORMATIVE OUTCOMES

Climate impact	
	Active conservation of natural resources, promoting the right to land, access to clean water, and organic food production via small grants
	Fosters significant climate action through meaningful participation processes using advocacy and systemic transformation
	Rehabilitation of cultural and ancestral knowledge for environmental protection
Gender impact	
	Mobile application to inform, protect, and connect women human rights defenders with each other
	Creation of the Feminist School for Climate Action as an education space for political advocacy
	Strengthening the political participation of women environmental leaders in international human rights and SDG frameworks
Scalability / replicability	
	Network building advocacy alliances in the Latin America region
	Expansion of the PLAC mobile application to other countries

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