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## ADVOCACY AND COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP COURSE:

### FOR A BONDING THAT CROSSES BORDERS

Thanks to the support of the Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration of the State Department of the United States of America, refugee women, Venezuelan migrants, and Colombians from the host communities have the capacity to advocate and position the rights of women in the next local elections.

**187 women** participate in advocacy courses in the Caribbean Coast (Barranquilla, Santa Marta, Cartagena, Soledad) and Nariño (Pasto and Ipiales), of which **88 are migrants**, and 99 are from host communities.

**40 hours** between a practical and theoretical element.  
**Date: April to June 2023**

#### Types of actions:

The practical section will implement an advocacy plan that includes meetings with representatives of the Mayor's Offices and their various entities, to artistic and awareness-raising activities with the communities.

## WHAT ARE ADVOCACY COURSES?

IT IS A 40-HOUR COURSE THAT ALLOWS WOMEN TO CERTIFY THEMSELVES IN POLITICAL ADVOCACY



While receiving support in the formulation, execution, monitoring, and evaluation of an advocacy plan that they will use to **generate actions that have an impact at the territorial and institutional levels**. The central themes of this space were the duties and rights of citizens, the formal and informal participation mechanisms, and the relevance of community organizations for women's participation.



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## CONSTRUCTION OF ADVOCACY PLANS

For the construction of the **advocacy plans** within the framework of the project, 60 women participate (30 in **Pasto** and 30 in **Ipiales**); they are part of the local nodes in Ipiales and Pasto and are advancing in a training process in issues related to **assertive communication**, which facilitates the effectiveness of their interpersonal relationships and with their environment, developing reflexivity and tolerance to change, this through the life stories reported by the women.

Likewise, they have developed skills in **conflict resolution** constructively and creatively using **the problem tree** strategy to identify acts of **gender-based violence** and **xenophobia** affecting their communities, as well as the existing institutional offer in the territory.

THE FRAMEWORK OF THE PROJECT,

60

WOMEN PARTICIPATE

30 IN PASTO AND  
30 IN IPIALES

IN NARIÑO



COSTA CARIBE AND LA GUAJIRA

The course ended on **April 16** with more than 127 women from **Barranquilla, Cartagena, Santa Marta, and Soledad** who identified that insecurity in their communities, **the lack of employability** of women heads of household or **violence against** women were some of the problems that were affecting them the most and for which they carried out an advocacy plan that will have its first actions starting in May.

During June and July, the women are expected to implement the advocacy plan with some **community awareness actions** ranging from murals through fairs and neighborhood sessions.

### IN THE SOCIAL MEDIA...

*Heraldo - Migrant women and Colombians from host communities will be certified in political advocacy skills*

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*Secretariat for Women of Santa Marta - migrants and Samarias share their life stories through the taste of food in community dialogues*

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## UPCOMING EVENTS:



### GRADUACIÓN EN LA GUAJIRA

### NARIÑO GRADUATION



In the first weeks of June, the graduation of the participants of the advocacy course will take place in Riohacha and Maicao. Institutional entities and community members are expected to participate in these spaces.



The graduation in which 60 women from the process will participate will be held in August in coordination with the Mayor's Offices of Pasto and Ipiales and the implementing partner Pastoral Social.





# IN THE VOICE OF

The women of the Colombian-  
Ecuadorian border (Ipiales)



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