



AN EXAMPLE OF CROSS BORDER COLABORATION WITH
MIGRANT WOMEN



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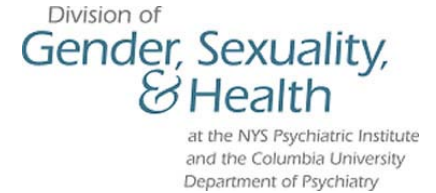
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Goal and Aims


Goal:

Increase awareness of the impact of domestic violence on sexual and reproductive health on Mexican migrant women.

Aim:

1. Train 16 community partners and academic scholars on the use of the Photovoice method.
2. Recruit and train 22 migrant women to identify culturally-specific elements of domestic violence, sexual and reproductive health through Photovoice.
3. Provide rich qualitative data describing the effects of domestic violence on sexual, and reproductive health on migrant women in the border region.
4. Support and mobilize migrant women to present their perspectives on sexual and reproductive health to policy and decision makers.
5. Conduct formative research to inform services, policy and education efforts on domestic violence, sexual and reproductive health.

Photovoice Defined

- Photovoice involves community people taking pictures of their own health realities followed by small group conscious-raising discussions and presentations to decision makers 
- Photovoice method was initially developed by Drs. Caroline Wang and Mary Ann Burris www.photovoice.com

Photovoice Steps

1. Form an Advisory Committee
2. Recruit participants (e.g., inclusion criteria)
3. Conduct participant orientation and ethics training
4. Have participants take photos
5. Convene participant meetings to discuss photos
6. Repeat steps 4-5 several times
7. Prepare presentations to decision makers

Photovoice

- Enables people to record and reflect upon their personal and community strengths and challenges
- Promotes critical dialogue and knowledge about personal and community issues through group discussion of photographs
- Reaches decision and policy makers to create positive change in partnership with communities

Theory

- Empowerment and Critical Thinking
 - Participants identify, discuss, and address historical, institutional, political, and social conditions that contribute to personal and community problems (Freire, 1970; Hall & Stevens, 1991; Feminist writers)
- Feminist Theory
 - Each individual has a specific history, a particular experience configured by class, race, gender, sexuality, family, country, dislocation, and alliance. These histories are mediated through the types of representation available in the culture
- Approaches to documentary photography

SHOWeD Questions

- What do you **See** here?
- What is really **Happening** here?
- How does this relate to **Our** lives?
- **Why** does this situation, concern, or strength exist?
- What can we **Do** to improve the situation, or to enhance these strengths?

1. Training of Trainers (ToT)...



2. Recruitment and Training of Women... Their Characteristics

Agency Partners	Diocesan Migrant & Refugee Services		Familias Triunfadoras
Number of Participants	11		11
Origin, Social Status	Mexican Migrants		Mexican Migrants
Domestic Violence	100%		100%
Age Range (average)	16-50 years (38)		19-72 years (45.5)
*Education (average)	9-20 years (14.6)		6-17 years (11.5)
Health Insurance (type)	1 (private plan)		2 (Medicaid)
*Occupation	3	*Domestic Work	0
	2	Service Industry	1
	5	Professional	3
	1	Student	3
	1	*Unemployed	9
	0	*Promotoras (volunteer)	6

2. Recruitment and Training of Women...

Community Group Characteristics

Community Site	College of Health Sciences	Presidio Dolores Center
Number of Sessions, Frequency (duration)	5 weekly (3-4 hours each)	4 weekly (3 hours each)
Characterization	Entrepreneurs	Volunteer health <i>Promotoras</i>
Violence (Past or Current)	Intimate Partner Violence – free (at time of study)	Some evidence of current/on-going domestic violence
Therapeutic Support	Participating in psycho-educational interventions	Community oriented

3. To provide rich qualitative data through Photovoice....

Manifestations of Domestic Violence

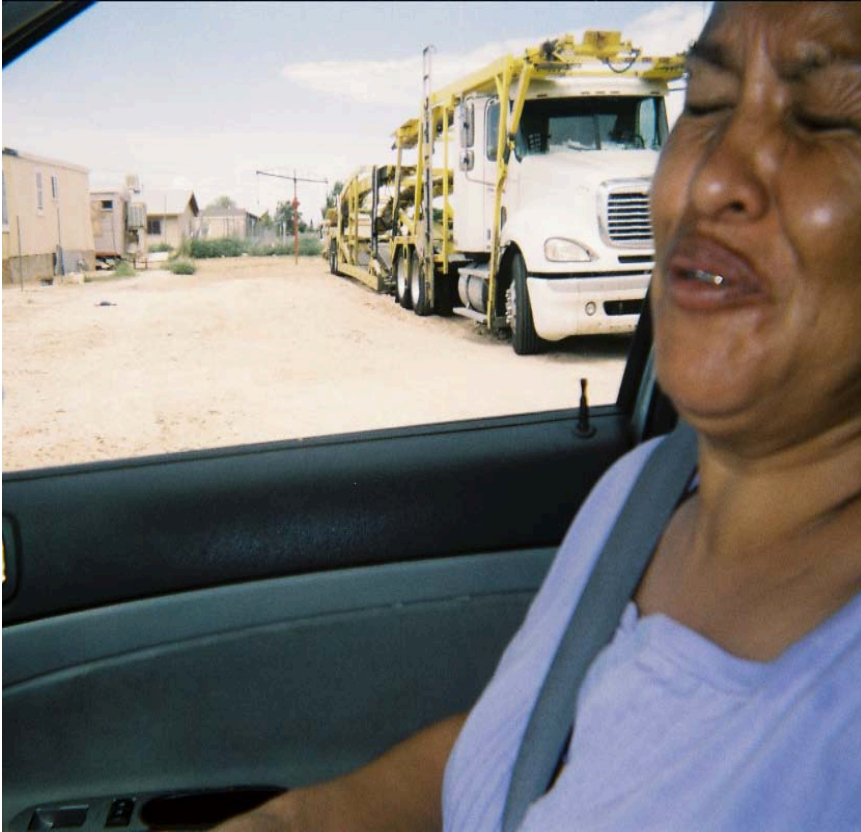
PAIN AND HELPLESSNESS



“These are my legs. When I was physically abused, I went through a lot of pain. I have lived a serious and traumatizing experience of domestic violence that I don't wish on anyone. To me, this was dramatic and disturbing; I lived all this in front of my children. It made me feel powerless to look at them scared and feel I couldn't help them. Let's raise our voices and don't let ourselves be abused!”

Anonymous

VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN



“Physical and emotional abuse affects everything in our lives. In my sister, it (abuse) affected her nerves, she now has facial paralysis. We need to help women so that they recognize when they're being abused so they can escape and don't allow be crushing and humiliating. Leaving the fear behind, reporting the aggressor, seeking shelter and protection is vital. The Violence Against Women Act grants protection to women so they can get on with their life. Without economic independence they may not have enough money and may end up in the streets. I also lived in domestic violence.”

María

Impacts on Sexual and Reproductive Health

NAKED WOMEN



“When I cover myself with my hands and say “no more”, it is because I don’t want to be forced to have sex without being respected and loved. I am learning how to say no. By being submitted to the violence of our culture and our partner, we are not exercising our right to demand when we want to have sex. It is important to recognize where our sensuality ends and abuse starts. Let’s learn to say when and how we want to have sex!”

Berenice

SHAME



“Many women aren't happy, they live with fear and are afraid to say they have a Sexually Transmitted Disease (STD) such as HIV/AIDS for the risk to be pointed at or discriminated. We need more education to stop the discrimination against other people.”

Elsa

Recommendations to Improve Sexual and Reproductive Health Services

NEGLECTED BOOKSHELF



"Sometimes we see free information and we do not take it into account, we ignore it, because we say that it will not happen to us. Ignorance, fear, taboos and the shame will not save us from sexually transmitted diseases or unwanted pregnancies, no matter our age and background. Having access to information and education that is easy to understand as well as having other woman and man like promotoras(es). I learned through the years that we must not blind ourselves to violence and abuse because of ignorance or the fear to know."

María and Alejandra

BREAKING THE CYCLE OF VIOLENCE



"These are children living in a place for families victims of domestic violence. When I watch them play, I can see they adopt the role of victims or aggressors, since a very young age. They are in a vicious circle. Let's break the cycle putting an end to violence at home."

Martha

4. To support and mobilize migrant women...

Call to Action to Improve Women's Health

Violence against women has no geographic, cultural or social borders

To prevent and address Violence against Women and improve Sexual and Reproductive Health in this community:

- Increase the **visibility** of people affected by violence, their stories, lives, worries, concerns, vulnerabilities and aspirations.
- Work for **equality**. For gender equality, women must live free of violence; equality will be achieved when violence and threats are eliminated from their lives.
- **Raise awareness** about violence against women and their sexual and reproductive health to authorities, law makers, opinion leaders, and the community in general.
- Include **prevention and attention** to violence in every work setting to increase the level of knowledge on its impacts against women, their health and their children. Violence against women put women and their children at risk of suffering different types of emotional and physical health problems.
- More and better **strategies in those services** needed and/or used by women.
- Sustainable and permanent **funding** for services and interventions for women, girls and aggressors through mechanisms effective for that community.
- **Timely and quality access** to sexual and reproductive health through life. Use of a Women's Health Card.
- **Education** as a tool for women's **empowerment**



Project Milestones

- Evidence of participant empowerment, increased self-confidence, successful referrals to health, legal and social services, re-enrollment in school (GED, ESL, EPCC & UTEP) (6/2012-Present)
- Establishment of a Community Academic Engaged Advisory Committee (6/2012)
- 2012 International Women's Health Summit Maya Angelou Center. North Carolina - Project presentation (9/27)
- 1st Mano y Corazon Conference. El Paso – Project presentation (10/2)
- Inauguration of XII Binational Health Week. Oaxaca – Panel presentation (10/2)
- Closure of XII Binational Health Week. El Paso – Gallery Opening (10/15)
- Mujer Despierta Maria Herta. Red Nacional de Mujeres Latinas en Accion. Chicago – Press conference, presentation and gallery. (10/18)
- Gallery presentation at UTEP CHSN (10/22-11/3)
- Presentation of Gallery to Dr. Natalicio HSNB by project participants (10/31)
- Ongoing project media coverage (i.e., UNIVISION, UTEP, Communications, AZTECA, KFOX, Chicago National (CAN) , Diarios de Juarez and El Paso, and El Paso Times)
- Production of 11 minute project documentary by MSW Graduate student (Silvadoray)
- Submission of a project continuation proposal to the Hispanic Health Research Disparities Center.
- Project manuscript in development.

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The Consulate General of Mexico in El Paso, Texas
cordially invites you to the closing ceremony of the
XII Binational Health Week



Save the date

October 15, 2012 / 1 - 6 pm
UTEP College of Health Sciences and
School of Nursing - Room 217

Program

UTEP College of Health Sciences and School of Nursing

- * 1:00 pm - Registration
- * 1:30 pm - Ceremony
- * 2:00 pm - Panel: Challenges and Opportunities in U.S. - Mexico Border Health

Centennial Museum and Chihuahuan Desert Garden

- * 4:00 pm - Opening of the exhibition "Voices and Images: Migrant Women, Sexual and Reproductive Health and Domestic Violence"
- * 4:30 pm - Tour of the exhibition "Nuestra Casa"
- * 5:00 pm - Reception

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4. To support and mobilize migrant women to present...



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Inauguration of Voices and Images Gallery

UTEP Centennial Museum - October 15, 2012



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Mexico Secretary of Health

Dr. Jill McDonald
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Hon. Jacob Prado
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Mexico



Meeting with Dr. Natalicio and Project Participants



Other Photovoice Project Impacts

Results from the Training of Trainers

- Adaptation of Photovoice by Center for Accommodations and Support Services for the 1st Disability Awareness Week
- ToT of facilitators and establishment of 5 groups with personnel of the *Fiscalía del Gobierno del Estado de Chihuahua Atención a Víctimas* (Crime Victims)

Next Steps

- 2nd Gallery exhibit at the Mexican Consulate in El Paso (Nov.15-Dec. 22)
- Spring 2012 Gallery presentations in the San Elizario School District
- Explore strategic presentations in Austin, Washington DC, Ciudad Juárez, Baja California and Mexico City.
- Publication of the project in peer-review journals.

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Thank you for your kindness.

Thank you

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MEDIA COVERAGE

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CANAL UNIVISION

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SEGUNDA. Agosto 1, 2012

Programa de la Frontera (30 minutos)

TERCERA. Agosto 22, 2012

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CUARTA. Septiembre 2, 2012

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