

HORIZONS OF FRIENDSHIP Horizons

Building Partnerships to End Poverty in Central America and Mexico



Towards Gender Equity and
Ending Violence against Women

THE EVOLUTION OF HORIZONS

1973 to 1979: Humanitarian Assistance

1979 to 1989: Transition towards Community Development

1990 to 1999: Strengthening North-South Relations

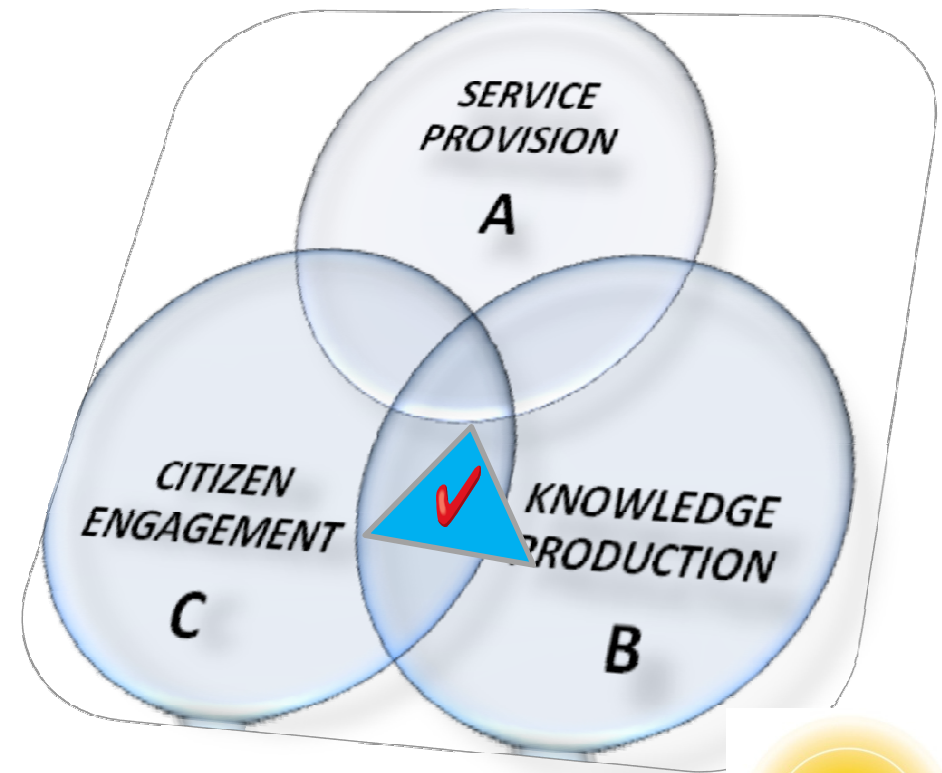
2000 to Present: Construction of a Learning Network for Social Change



HORIZONS APPROACH TO DEVELOPMENT

Horizons and our partners believe that our role is not to replace functions incumbent on States.

Rather, our work is aimed at strengthening the capacity of marginalized peoples in the South -- in particular women -- so that they can more effectively press their governments to respect their international human rights obligations.



THE REGION OF MESOAMERICA



According to various UN studies the region has among the highest levels of social inequities in the world.



Poverty Levels in Mesoamerica			
Country	Living below the poverty line	US \$1 a day	US \$2 a day
Mexico	17.6	3.0	11.6
Guatemala	56.2	13.5	31.9
El Salvador	37.2	19.0	40.6
Honduras	50.7	14.9	35.7
Nicaragua	47.9	45.1	79.9
Costa Rica	22.0	3.3	9.8
Panama	37.3	7.4	18.0

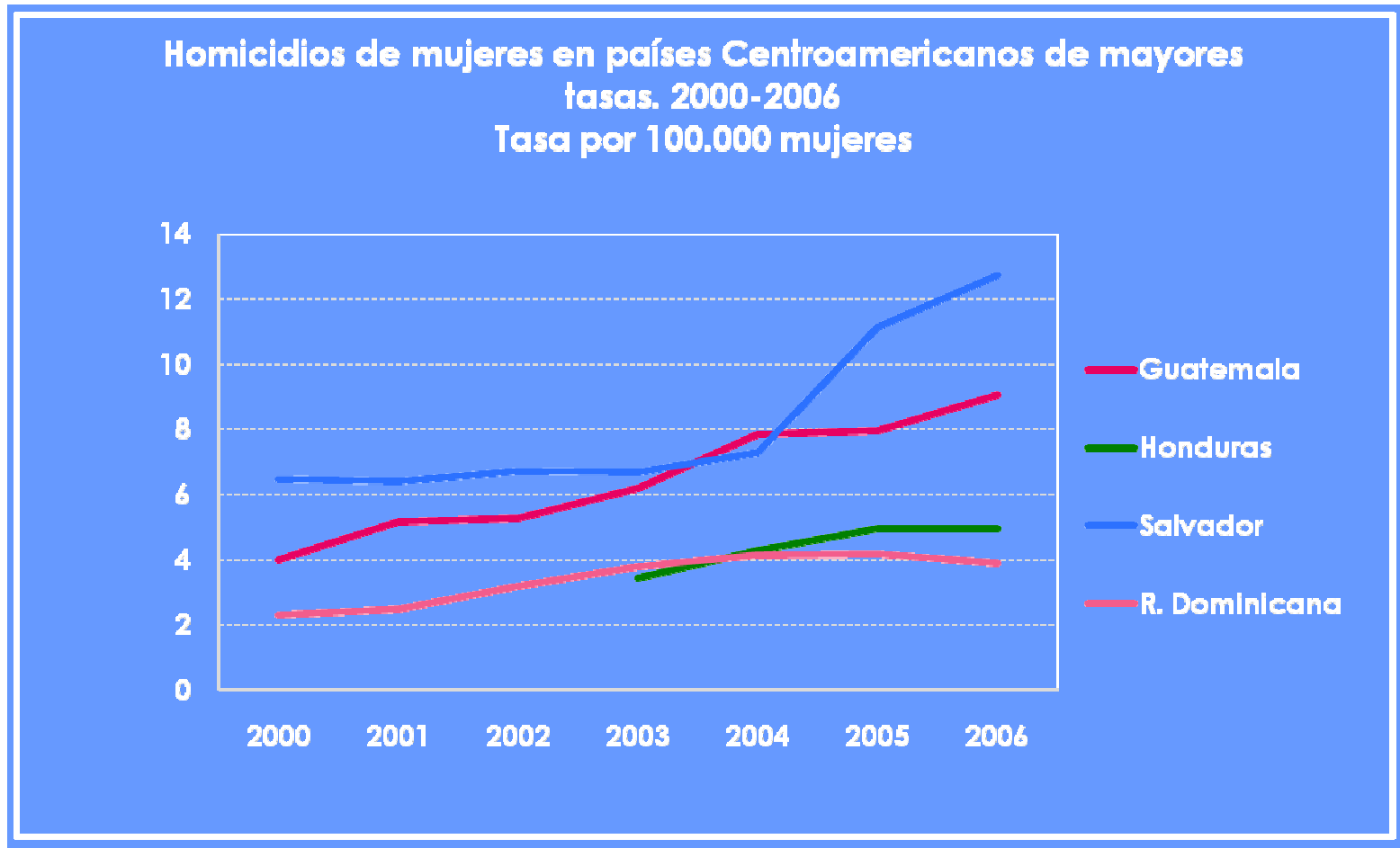
Source: Figures taken from Human Development Report 2007/2008 UNDP

Central America has a population of 40 million yet close to 20 million live in poverty and 10 million in extreme poverty .

GENDER EQUALITY

- Feminization of Agriculture due to high levels of immigration
- Feminization of HIV/AIDS epidemic in the region -

MURDERS OF WOMEN IN CENTRAL AMERICAN COUNTRIES WITH HIGHEST RATES (2000-2006)



FEMICIDE IN CENTRAL AMERICA AND MEXICO

- In El Salvador, between 2006 and 2006 murder rate of men rose by 40%, but murder rate of women rose by 111%
- In Guatemala, between 1990 and 2004 killing of men doubled, but the killing of women tripled
- In Honduras, between 2003 and 2007 the murder rate of women increase 4 times that of men



HORIZONS APPROACH TO GENDER EQUALITY

- In 1992 – after a regional meeting with partners – decided that Horizons needed to develop its own institutional gender policy
- Since that time gender work has been integrated throughout organization and how we work with partners
 - Policy of prioritizing projects that focus on women’s needs and require all projects to identify whether and how gender will be addressed
 - Provide capacity building to partner organizations including ongoing training and education to partner staff and beneficiaries on concepts of gender
 - Support the development and implementation of institutional gender policies, as well as specific work methodologies



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THE HUMANITAS ASSOCIATION



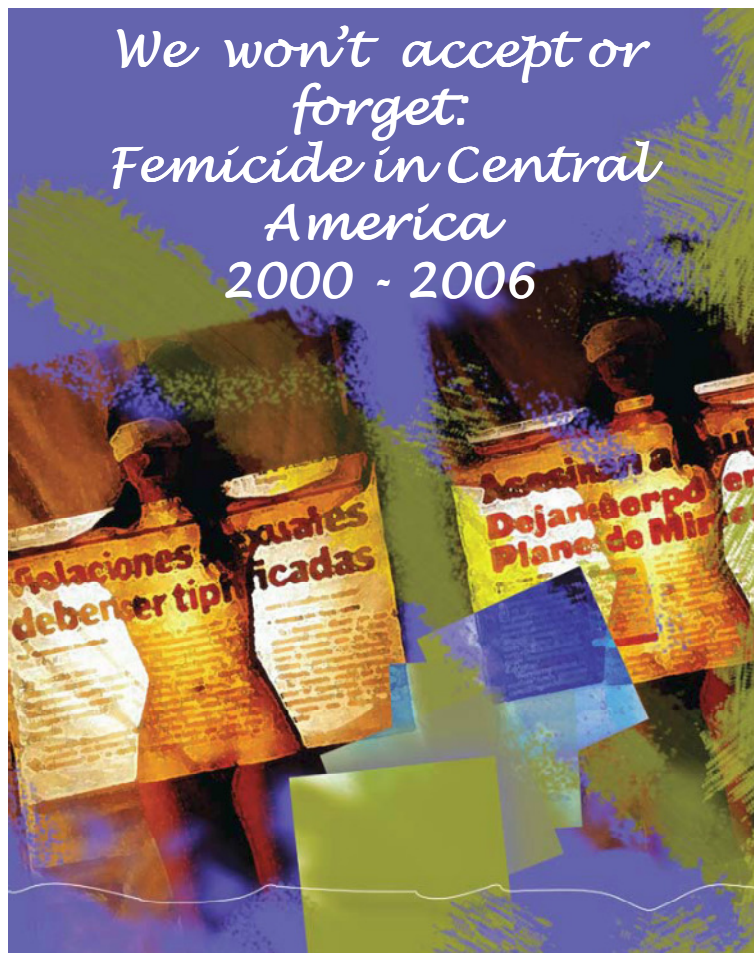
THEMATIC WORK ON VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND FEMICIDE



- 2006 – Partner organizations called on Horizons to support work against femicide
- 2008 – Regional and local workshops to formulate strategies and published “Confronting Violence and Femicide in Central America”



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- 2010 – “We will not forget nor will we accept: Femicide in Central America”
- 2011 – “The Right to a Life without Violence: Access to Justice”
- 2012 – In El Salvador National Campaign within labour movement



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- Come out to Horizons events
- Support us!

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