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I am submitting the final report of the Travelling Exhibition in Argentina of the Gender and Water Alliance for its approval.

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Travelling Exhibition Gender and Water – Argentina

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1. INTRODUCTION



The Argentine Republic is located in the southernmost part of South America and it is organised as a representative and federal Republic. It is the second largest country of South America and the world's eighth country covering an area of 2.780-400 km².

The activities carried out in Argentina with the travelling international exhibition of "Water Roads" between 22nd June and 31st April 2007 are shown in this report.

The exhibition was presented in the provinces of Santa Fe, Cordoba, Chubut, Tucumán and Buenos Aires.

2. DEVELOPMENT

2.1. TRAVELING EXHIBITION IN SANTA FE

2.1.1. Important Information

The capital of the province of Province of Santa Fe, where the exhibition took place, was founded in 1573 by Juan de Garay and it has an area of 133007 km² (Area of Argentina 3761274 km²).

It is politically divided in 19 departments with a population of 3.000.701¹ inhabitants (total amount in the country 36.260.130): 1.455.837 men and 1.544.864 are women. It is the third most populated province in Argentina with 22.6 inhabitants per km².

¹ Source: National Institute of Statistics and Census – Census 2001.



Map of the Argentine Republic where the Province of Santa Fe is shown.



Map of the Province of Santa Fe where the geographical location of the Capital, site of the exhibition, is shown.

2.1.2. The Exhibition

The Travelling Exhibition Gender and Water "Water Roads" was opened in the main hall of the Faculty of Engineering and Hydro Sciences of the National University of Litoral (Santa Fe, Argentina) on 22th June 2006 until 29th June. The exhibition was then moved to the Main building of the National University of Litoral until 6th July 2006.



Travelling Exhibition in the main hall of the Faculty of Engineering and Hydro Sciences of the National University of Litoral



Travelling Exhibition in the main hall of the Faculty of Engineering and Hydro Sciences of the National University of Litoral.

The main authorities of the University and the Faculty were present at the opening ceremony as well as representatives of organisations related to Gender and Water, non-profit organisations and intermediate associations.



Authorities present at the opening ceremony, from left to right Chuchi Molina (Programme Gender and Water UNL); Eng. Mario Schreider (Dean FICH); Eng. Mario Barleta (Head of the UNL) and Eng. Silvia Wolansky (Professor at FICH and local responsible of the exhibition).

During the opening ceremony, Dr. Ofelia Tuchjneider (Professor and researcher at the Faculty of Engineering and Hydro Sciences of the National University of Litoral, researcher of CONICET and member of the Scientific Board of the Geo-science Programme of UNESCO) gave the conference "Women and water, from past towards future".



Pictures of the conference "Women and water. From past towards future" given by Dra Ofelia Tuchjneider. After the opening ceremony a special wine was served and the public saw the exhibition.



Pictures of the special wine at the opening ceremony

2.1.3. Press and Broadcasting

The previous days to the opening ceremony, the exhibition and its characteristics were broadcasted in different mass media: leaflets were sent to different mass media, general and personal invitations to academic, government and non-government representatives and the community in general. Posters and brochures were printed to broadcast the exhibition.



2.1.4. Organisation and results

The exhibition was organised by Engineer Silvia Wolansky, member of the Gender and Water Alliance, member of the Net Gender and Water of the Argentine and Professor at the Faculty of Hydro Sciences of the National University of Litoral.

The exhibition had the financial support of the Faculty of Hydro Sciences of the National University of Litoral.

The exhibition was visited by around 2000 people.

2.2. TRAVELLING EXHIBITION IN CORDOBA

2.2.1. Important Information

The capital city of the Province of Córdoba, venue of the exhibition, was founded by Jerónimo Luís de Cabrera in 1573 and covers an area of 165321 km² (Area of Argentina 3761274 km²) and it is politically divided in 26 departments.

It has a population of 3066801² inhabitants (in the country: 36.260.130): 1489403 men and 1577398 women. It is the second most populated province in Argentina with 18.6 inhabitants per km².

² Source: INDEC – Census 2001.



Map of the Argentine Republic where the Province of Córdoba is shown.



Map of the Province of Córdoba with the geographical location of its capital, where the exhibition took place.

2.2.2. The Exhibition

On 24th August 2006 the Travelling Exhibition "Water Roads" was opened at the University Blas Pascal from 9 p.m to 7 p.m. until September 15th. You can visit the University web site: www.ubp.edu.ar.



Pictures of the exhibition at the University Blas Pascal



From September 15th until October 10th the exhibition was in the Campus of the University Blas Pascal.



Pictures of the exhibition in the Campus of the University Blas Pascal.



Pictures of the exhibition in the Campus of the University Blas Pascal.

2.2.3. Press and Broadcasting

Broadcasting was done with the local press and the secondary schools of the Province of Córdoba were invited to see the exhibition. Students were also invited to take part in a Writing competition submitting an essay of 500 and 1000 words with emphasis on the importance of the travelling exhibition.

2.2.4. Organisation and results

The exhibition was coordinated by Professor Alberto Ferral, member of the Gender and Water Alliance of the net Gender and Water of the Argentine Republic and Professor and Secretary of Extension Services of the University Blas Pascal.

The exhibition had the financial support of the Extension Services Department of the University Blas Pascal.

The exhibition was visited by 35 secondary schools (more than a thousand students) at the University Blas Pascal, which is also visited by 4000 people per month.

The exhibition was also visited by 2000 students of different careers in the Campus of the University.

2.3. TRAVELLING EXHIBITION IN CHUBUT

2.3.1. Important Information

The capital of the Province of Chubut was founded by Colonel Julian Murga in 1865 and covers an area of 224686 km² (Area of Argentina 3761274 km²) and it is politically divided in 15 departments.

It has 413237³ inhabitants (total amount in the country 36.260.130): 207053 are men and 206184 are women. It is the 18th more populated province in Argentina 1.8 inhabitants per km².

The exhibition was in the cities of Trelew and Puerto Madryn and the county Las Plumas.

³ Source: INDEC – Census 2001.

Trelew is located on the left side of the Chubut river and was founded by Lewis Jones in 1888. He designed and built a railway system from Trelew to Puerto Madryn and the name was officially adopted in 1915 by decree. It is an industrial and commercial city of increasing growth due to the presence of important industrial textile companies.

It also has an important agricultural activity.

The city of Trelew covers an area of 264.63 km² and it has a population of 89547⁴ inhabitants: 43984 men and 45563 women.

Puerto Madryn was founded by Love Jones Parry, lord of the Castle of Madryn, in 1865. As the area had a small population the government encouraged a group of Welsh people to establish there. They landed in the Golfo Nuevo in 1865 and received properties in the area.

Puerto Madryn covers an area of 360 km² and its population is of 57791⁵ inhabitants: 28665 men and 29126 women.

The county Las Plumas has a population of 605⁶ inhabitants: 365 men and 240 women and covers an area of 4.72 km²



Map of the Argentine Republic where Chubut is shown.



Map of the Province of Chubut with the geographical location of Puerto Madryn, Trelew and Las Plumas, where the travelling exhibition took place.

2.3.2. The Exhibition

2.3.2.1. The Exhibition in Trelew

The presentation and official opening of the exhibition was done in the National University of Patagonia San Juan Bosco in the city of Trelew on November 13th and 17th 2006.

⁴ Source: INDEC – Census 2001.

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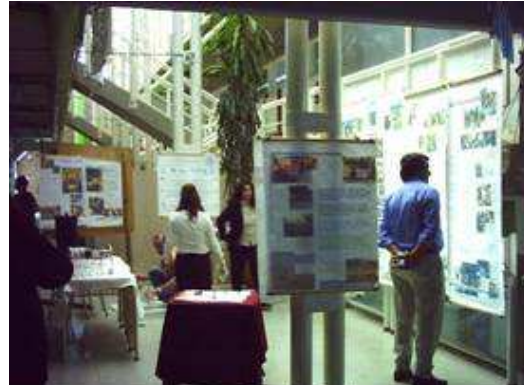
Pictures of the preparations for the Exhibition in the National University of San Juan Bosco in Trelew. Authorities of the Faculty, of the Electric Company of Trelew, members of local companies, students and public in general were present at the opening ceremony.



Pictures of the exhibition in the National University San Juan Bosco in Trelew.



Publics and students from different school levels visited the exhibition.



2.3.2.2. The Exhibition in Las Plumas

The county Las Plumas is 400 km far from Trelew. The exhibition was done in the school county on November 20th with active participation of the school community, general public and the local authorities.



The pictures show students visiting the exhibition in the County Las Plumas.



The pictures show the students visiting the exhibition in the school of the County Las Plumas.

2.3.2.3. The exhibition in Puerto Madryn

In Puerto Madryn the exhibition was done in the Commercial School from November 23 to November 29th 2006 with the active participation of the school community, general public and local authorities.



The pictures show students and public in general visiting the exhibition in the Commercial School of Puerto Madryn.



The pictures show the students and public in general visiting the exhibition in the Commercial School of Puerto Madryn.

2.3.3. Press and broadcasting



Broadcasting was done with local press and invitations were sent to different provincial and county organisations, intermediate associations and schools.

The local Television station also broadcasted the opening ceremony and invited all the inhabitants to visit the exhibition

2.3.4. Organisation and results

The exhibition was coordinated by Engineer Adriana Pongolini, member of the Civil Association of Research and Development in Patagonia (InDePat). It was sponsored by GWA (Gender and Water Alliance) and the net Gender and Water of Argentina, and organised in the province of Chubut by the Association of Research and Development in Patagonia (InDePat).

The exhibition had the financial support of the Electric Company of Trelew and GWA.

The logistics was in charge of Mr. Carlos and Sohar Villegas, the Public Relations and Coordination with Institutions were in charge of Mrs. Yolanda Carrizo, all members of the Civil Association of Research and Development of Patagonia- InDePat.

The organisation and presentation of the exhibition in the different places was in charge of the following people:

- Trelew: Sohar Villegas, Yolanda Carrizo, Cristina Marinero and Paula Bagnacedri
- Las Plumas: Sohar Villegas, Yolanda Carrizo
- Puerto Madryn: Sohar Villegas, Cristina Marinero and Carlos Villegas.

Mr. Sohar Villegas was in charge of guiding the visitors in the exhibition site and providing information when required by the visitors.

The exhibition was planned to be done in the cities of Rawson, Gaiman and Dolavon but climate problems made it difficult to have access to those places. Eventhough, the largest schools of the area could visit the exhibition

Public can get more information of this event in Trelew in the web page www.unp.edu.ar.

2.3.5. Visitors comments

During the exhibition there was a Visitors Book and these are some of their comments

"Beautiful Exhibition to carry out research in our area. Congratulations." Beatriz, Chubut.

"Congratulations for the exhibition. It shows aspects of something very important that if neglected we are not going to have more fresh waster in the world. Good luck." Cati, Chubut.

"The topic of water is not an easy one. Start talking about it is very positive". Anonymous, Chubut.



"Communities and Natural Resources: an undeniable relationship when planning, promoting and evaluating actions for Human Development. Good picture quality and clear concepts!. It would be a good idea to make a presentation-seminar of the work: method, objective, action areas and results! Thanks" Silvana Hubinsky, Chubut.

"The presentation was very good! More pictures were necessary and more information about the topic gender. The food was very good". Student, Chubut.

"I liked what was explained ", Diana, student, Chubut.

2.4. TRAVELLING EXHIBITION IN TUCUMÁN

2.4.1. Important Information

The capital of the province of Tucumán was founded on 31st May 1565 by Diego de Villaroel. It covers and area of 22.524 km² (Area of Argentina 3761274 km²) and it is politically divided in 15 departments. It has 1338523⁷ inhabitants (total amount in the country 36.260.130): 657542 are men and 680981 are women. It is the sixth most populated province of Argentina with 59.4 inhabitants per km².

The exhibition was done in the capital city, in Tafí del Valle and Lules and the counties of Amaicha del Valle and San Pedro de Colalao.

⁷ Source: INDEC – Census 2001.

Tafí del Valle is the head of the department of the same name and is located to the western side of the Province of Tucumán, 126 km from the capital city San Miguel de Tucumán.

The original inhabitants lived there more than 7 thousand years ago. The ancestors of the culture "Tafi" established there 2300 years ago and worked the land.

The department of Tafí del Valle covers an area of 2741 Km² and its population is of 13883⁸ inhabitants with 5.1 inhabitants per km².

Amaicha del Valle is a county located in the Department of Tafí del Valle, in the northwest of the province of Tucumán, Argentina, 164 km away from the capital of the province San Miguel de Tucumán. It is 57 Km away from Tafí del Valle, head of the department. It has a population of 3214⁹ inhabitants

The city San Isidro de Lules o just Lules is the head of the department with the same name. It covers an area of de 540 km² and the population is of 57235¹⁰ inhabitants with 106 inhabitants per km².

San Pedro de Colalao receives that name from the Pre-Hispanic group called colalao (the suffix ao means village in the dialect cacán, Kolal would mean "main" "chief"). In the XVII century receives the name San Pedro de Colalo and in 1875 a group of "gauchos" coming from the center of the province of Tucumán started its construction. It has a population of 3214¹¹ inhabitants.

⁸ Source: INDEC – Census 2001

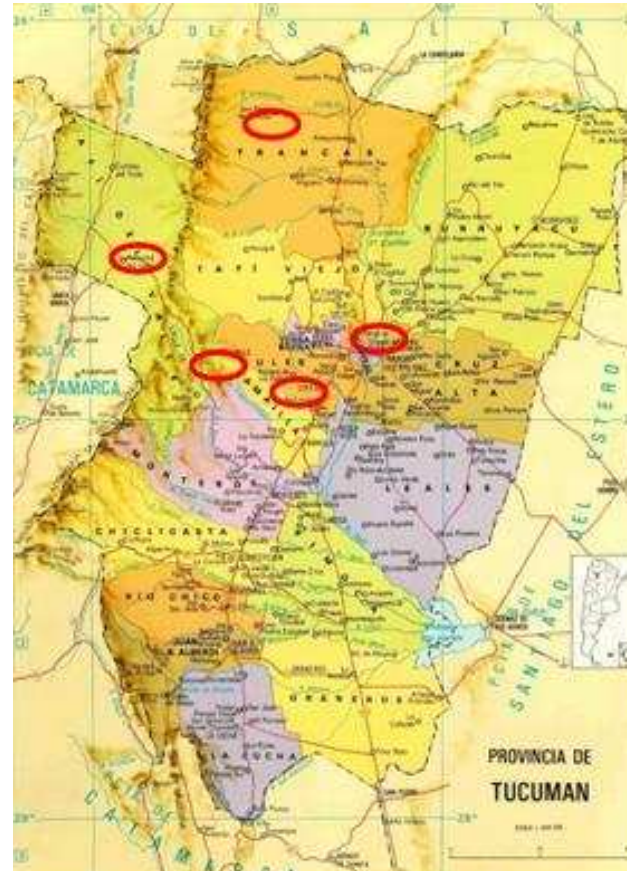
⁹ Source: INDEC – Census 2001

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Map of the Argentine Republic where the Province of Tucumán is shown.



Map of the Province of Tucumán with the geographical location of its capital city, Amaicha del Valle, San Pedro de Colalao, Tafi del Valle y Lules, places where the travelling exhibition took place.

2.4.2. The exhibition

2.4.2.1. The exhibition in Amaicha del Valle

The opening ceremony was done in the County Center of Amaicha from January 25th to January 28th 2007.

In that occasion the Video film "Women´s Voices" was seen.

The opening ceremony was in charge of the County Representative, the Irrigation District Representative of Amaicha and the Engineer María del Carmen González who coordinated the exhibition on behalf of the Hydric Resources Office of the province.



Assembling of the exhibition in the county center of Amaicha del Valle.



Film and afterwards debate of "Women Voices" in the Children Dining Room of the county.

37 men and women participated in the debate of the film: neighbours, people who use the irrigation and running water systems, tourists, staff of the Hydric Resources Office, producers, representatives of the National Institute of Agricultural Technology, among others. After the debate the attendants were invited special wine and invited to see the exhibition



During the special wine served at the exhibition site in the county center of Amaicha del Valle.



2.4.2.1.1. Press and broadcasting

Broadcasting was done with local radio station and invitations were sent to the division of Hydric Resources and neighbours.

2.4.2.1.2. Organisation and results

The exhibition was co-ordinated by Engineer Hebe Barber, member of GWA and the Gender and Water Alliance of Argentina and professor at the Faculty of Exact Sciences and Technology of the National University of Tucumán together with Engineer Maria del Carmen González of the Hydric Resources Division of the Province of Tucumán.

The exhibition had the financial support of the Exact Sciences and Technology Faculty of the National University of Tucumán, the Hydric Resources Division of the Province of Tucumán and the Gender and Water Alliance.

400 are estimated to have visited the exhibition

2.4.2.1.3.Visitors Comments

"I liked the exhibition and you can start thinking of a way of getting water, which is a necessary element. I wish this can be done in the future because it is good for all the people" América de La Puntilla.

"Excellent work! Excellent objective! I wish all the community could take advantage of it and go ahead" Eng. Maria Figueroa.

"The conference was very good and we can have hope, take decisions and above all talk about our needs. We do not want privileges. People should not have profit with water which is life for all of us..." Norma Vargas neighbour of Amaicha del Valle.

2.4.2.2.The exhibition in Tafí del Valle

The presentation and official opening was done in the Tourist Office that belongs to the County of Tafí del Valle, on January 29th and 1st February 2007.

In that occasion the Video film "Women ´s Voices" was seen.

The opening ceremony was in charge of the Irrigation District Representative of Tafí del Valle and the Engineer María del Carmen González who coordinated the exhibition on behalf of the Hydric Resources Office of the province.

The exhibition was presented by Mr. Ignacio Monasterio, Eng. María del Carmen Gonzalez and Eng. Hebe Barber.



The Head of the irrigation system uses Mr. Ignacio Monasterio, Eng. Maria del Carmen Gonzáles and Eng. Heber Barber were in charge of the opening ceremony.



Debate with secondary students of Tafí Del Valle during the exhibition.

During the opening ceremony and the presentation of the film "Women voices" 36 men and women were present: neighbours, tourists, staff of the Hydric Resources Division, producers, staff of PROSAP, students and teachers, among others.

Afterwards special wine was served while people saw the exhibition.



Some Students reading the schedule organised.



At the end of the exhibition some "copleras" (local singers) sang for the public.

2.4.2.2.1.Press and Broadcasting

Broadcasting was done in the local radio station and invitations were sent to different members of the community, specially to schools and organisations representing native inhabitants.

2.4.2.2.2.Organisation and results

The exhibition was co-ordinated by Engineer Hebe Barber Member of GWA and the Gender and Water Alliance of Argentina and Professor at the Faculty of Exact Sciences and Technology of the National University of Tucumán together with Engineer Maria del Carmen González of the Hydric Resources Division of the Province of Tucumán.

The exhibition had the financial support of the Exact Sciences and Technology Faculty of the National University of Tucumán, the Hydric Resources Division of the Province of Tucumán and the Gender and Water Alliance.

The exhibition was visited by 800 people: inhabitants of the place and tourists.

2.4.2.2.3.Visitors Comments

"The exhibition is very good. The film is important and well done. I suggest the technicians should be better evaluated. Thanks". Eng. Julio Santillán (PROSAP).

"We are students of 3rd year "A" of the Agrotechnical school Professor Miguel Angel Torres. We want to thank you for the information provided through the conference and congratulations. Students of 3rd year "A" of the Agrotechnical school Professor Miguel Angel Torres.

"The exhibition was very important as well as the conference....I suggest that these conferences were given in different communities in Tafí del Valle". Ignacio Monasterio, who share the irrigation system of the Hydric Resources Division of the Province

".....it is fundamental to debate about water, an useful and necessary element". Ana Perl, Consultant in PROSAP.

2.4.2.3.The exhibition in San Pedro de Colalao

The exhibition took place in the County center in San Pedro de Colalao from 1st to 5th February 2007. The presentation and opening ceremony of the exhibition was done on February 1st in the County theatre.

The film "Women voices" was shown during the opening ceremony. The head of the Irrigation District of San Pedro de Colalao was in charge of the opening ceremony. He also coordinated the exhibition on behalf of the Hydro Resources Division of the Province.

26 men and women were present at the opening ceremony and during the presentation of the film "Women voices". They were neighbours, tourists, staff of the Hydro Resources Division, Staff of the Co-operative Company Fresh Water, among others.

Afterwards special wine was served while people saw the exhibition.



The Head of the Irrigation Area of San Pedro de Colalao during the opening ceremony in the local Theatre.



During the exhibition and when special wine was served in the County of San Pedro de Colalao.

2.4.2.3.1. Press and broadcasting

Broadcasting was done through the local radio station and invitations were sent to the main representatives of the area, specially the Co-operative Fresh Water. The Chief of the Irrigation District of San Pedro de Colalao was in charge of broadcasting.

2.4.2.3.2. Organisation and results

The exhibition was co-ordinated by Engineer Hebe Barber Member of GWA and the Gender and Water Alliance of Argentina and Professor at the Faculty of Exact Sciences and Technology of the National University of Tucumán together with the head of the District of San Pedro de Colalao the Hydric Resources Division of the Province of Tucumán.

The exhibition had the financial support of the Exact Sciences and Technology Faculty of the National University of Tucumán, the Hydric Resources Division of the Province of Tucumán and the Gender and Water Alliance.

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The exhibition was seen by 700 inhabitants and tourists.

2.4.2.3.3. Visitors Comments

"This conference should be the starting point to carry out further work in this area and reach an end similar to the film. Very good". Anonymous.

"Very illustrative. We should take this example as model to start community actions that enable us control the irrigation system and the treatment of RSU". Mr. Pellegrino, neighbour of San Pedro de Colalao.

"This exhibition is very important for the people related to the topic water. This exhibition should also be shown in primary and secondary schools and we offer our help. Sincere congratulations". Co-operative of Fresh Water Supply in San Pedro de Colalao, Mr. Ariel Ledesma.

2.4.2.4. The exhibition in Lules

The presentation and official opening was done in the Cultural Center of the County of Lules, on February 6th to February 11th 2007.

At the opening ceremony the film "Women voices" was seen. The Director of the Culture Department of the County and Eng. Maria del Carmen González were in charge of the opening ceremony. Engineer Maria del Carmen González co-ordinated the exhibition on behalf of the Hydric Resources Division of the Province of Tucumán.



En inauguración habla la Directora de Cultura Municipal

Durante la proyección del video "Voces de Mujeres"

At the opening ceremony the Director of the Culture Department of the County gave a speech during the presentation of the film "Women voices".

25 people (mostly women) participated in the opening ceremony and the presentation of the video: neighbours, press members, staff of the Hydric Resources Division of the Province, Staff of the Women Department and staff of the university, among others.

Special wine was served afterwards.



At the exhibition while special wine was served in the Cultural Center of the County of Lules.



At the exhibition while special wine was served in the Cultural Center of the County of Lules.

2.4.2.4.1. Press and Broadcasting

Broadcasting was done in the local radio station and invitations were sent to different members of the community, especially to schools and organisations representing native inhabitants.

2.4.2.4.2. Organisation and results

The exhibition was co-ordinated by Engineer Hebe Barber Member of GWA and the Gender and Water Alliance of Argentina and Professor at the Faculty of Exact Sciences and Technology of the National University of Tucumán together with Eng. María del Carmen González of the Hydric Resources Division of the Province.

The exhibition had the financial support of the Faculty of Exact Sciences and Technology of the National University of Tucumán, the Hydric Resources Division of the Province of Tucumán and the Gender and Water Alliance.

It is estimated that 600 people visited the exhibition.

2.4.2.4.3. Visitors Comments

"It is very interesting and it should be known by the whole community to foster the co-operative work that we lack and generally appears in extreme situations. Mrs. Pira, neighbour of Lules.

"I liked the conference for the information regarding water and how we must look after it. Water is our main source of life and I would like to organise workshops to teach people about something so important and necessary". Blanca Guzmán, neighbour of Lules.

"I think it is important to share these experiences that show that equity and equality are possible only through the active participation of the community and co-operative work of different area. Very clear and didactic". Nelly de Guerra, CPSocial, Lules.

2.4.2.5. La Exhibition in San Miguel de Tucumán

The presentation and opening ceremony was done in the Tourist Center between February 13th and 17th 2007. The film "Women voices" was seen. The head of the Hydraulic Laboratory of the National University of Tucumán and the Director of the Hydric Resources Division of the Province of Tucumán were in charge of the opening ceremony.



Pictures of the assembling of the exhibition in the Tourist Center in San Miguel de Tucumán.

About 40 men and women were present during the opening ceremony and the presentation of the video. They were neighbours, staff of the Program for the NorthWest Development (PRODERNOA), the Regulation Division for Water and Drainage, Water Supply Company of Tucumán, staff of the Hydric Resources Division, among others.



Pictures of the entrance hall of the Tourist Center where the exhibition took place.

At the opening ceremony the Director of the Hydraulic Laboratory of the National University of Tucumán.



Conference and presentation of the video "Women Voices" in the auditorium of the Tourist Center. Special Wine was served afterwards.



Pictures of the exhibition in the Tourist Center



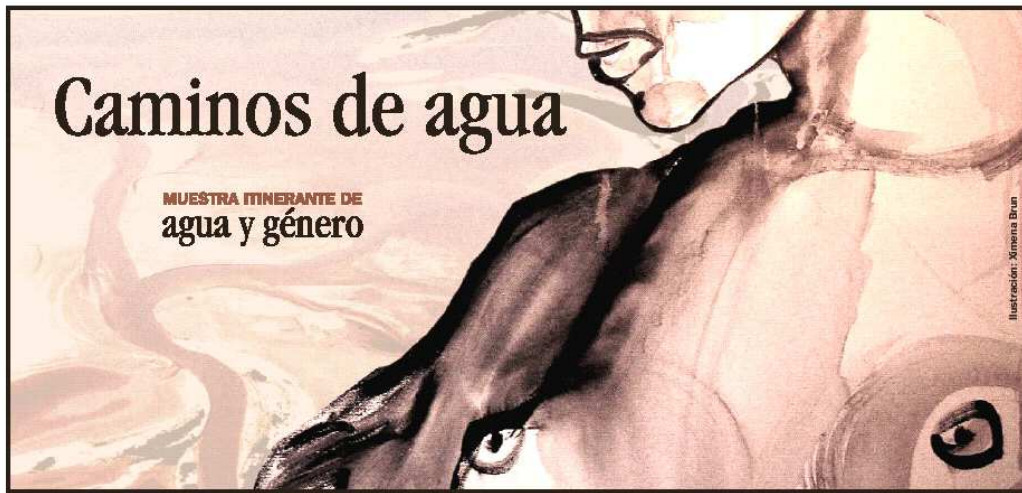
Pictures of the exhibition in the Exhibition Room of the Tourist Center

2.4.2.5.1. Press and Broadcasting

Posters and book markers were printed to broadcast the conference and the exhibition.

The exhibition was also broadcasted in television and radio programmes and in the local press. Invitations were also sent to schools and organisations of native inhabitants.

In the following picture the press communication in Amaicha del Valle is presented.



Caminos de Agua. Exposición Agua & Género

Caminos de Agua es una exposición itinerante sobre Agua & Género. Después de recorrer varios países de los cinco continentes, la muestra ha llegado a la Argentina, instalándose en Santa Fe, Córdoba y Chubut. Actualmente recorre nuestra provincia inaugurándose el día 25 de enero en Amaicha del Valle en donde permanecerá hasta el domingo 28. Posteriormente recorrerá Tafi del Valle, San Pedro del Colalao, Lules y la ciudad capital de la provincia.

La muestra *Caminos del Agua* es gerenciada en nuestro país por el Laboratorio de Construcciones Hidráulicas de la Facultad de Ciencias Exactas y tecnología de la UNT. En Tucumán es auspiciada por la Subsecretaría de Recursos Hídricos, Energéticos, Minería y Política Ambiental y por la Dirección de Recursos Hídricos de la provincia.

Historias compartidas

Se trata de una colección de fotografías que relata historias de personas y de grupos humanos de otros lugares, distantes pero no lejanos. La convergencia de estas historias en un mismo momento y en un mismo espacio da sustento a la muestra y la llena de valor.

La exhibición ha sido preparada por la Alianza de Género y Agua (Gender and Water Alliance, GWA) junto con IW-LEARN/GEF, Fondo Mundial Ambiental, con apoyo de las redes regionales asociadas.

Caminos de Agua muestra, en el contexto de actividades cotidianas, algunos aspectos de la especial vinculación entre los géneros en relación con el agua.

La muestra está organizada a partir de tres ejes temáticos amplios, cuyos contenidos se encuentran, cruzan, chocan y se manifiestan en la cotidianidad de personas reales. Estos ejes son:

- 1. Uso del agua en el ámbito doméstico, privado** (lavado de ropa y de utensilios; baño e higiene; juegos; fuentes y formas de obtención del agua; preparación de alimentos).
- 2. Uso del agua en ámbito público** (actividades remuneradas, incluyendo las realizadas en el ámbito privado; pesca y recolección; juegos y esparcimiento; espacios de sociabilización; riego en pequeña escala, cultivos e inundaciones).
- 3. Uso del agua vinculado a creencias religiosas** (actos rituales; relaciones con seres sobrenaturales, ofrendas y cultos; procedimientos de cura; procesiones; obtención del agua para estos fines y agua bendita).

La muestra itinerante

Esta exposición comenzó a concebirse en el marco de las actividades preparatorias para el 4to. Foro Mundial del Agua, realizado en el pasado mes de marzo, en México. Es una actividad que procura **sensibilizar** a la comunidad en general sobre la necesidad de abordar el tema de la problemática de los recursos hídricos con un enfoque de equidad de géneros.

Caminos de Agua se presentó por primera vez en Salvador, Bahía, en Brasil durante la reunión anual del proyecto GEF e inició un recorrido por varios países de América Central y del Sur. En nuestra provincia, su inauguración tendrá lugar en la ciudad de Amaicha del Valle el jueves 25 de enero a 11 horas, en el Centro Comunal. En el acto estarán presentes autoridades locales, de la Dirección de Recursos Hídricos y se presentará el video "Voces de mujeres", a cargo de la Ing. Hebe Barber representante de la GWA. Para finalizar el acto se realizará un brindis festejando la inauguración de la exposición.

Luego de recorrer nuestra provincia visitará la Ciudad Autónoma de Buenos Aires.

The exhibition was broadcasted by local television stations and the responsible of its organization were interviewed.



In the radio station LV12 during an interview in which the activities related to the exhibition were explained.



Local Cable TV station and reporter interviewing the Director of Hydric Resources and the representative of PRODERNOA, responsible of the organisation.



Local Cable TV station interviewing representative of GWA, responsible of the organisation of the exhibition.

The activities of the exhibition were published in the local press. Those publications are attached.



Local Cable TV station interviewing PRODERNOA as co-responsible for the organisation of the event.



Invitation published in the newspaper "La Gaceta" on 13th February 2007.



Article in the newspaper "El Tribuno" on 15th February 2007.

2.4.2.5.2. Organisation and results

The exhibition was co-ordinated by Engineer Hebe Barber, member of the Gender and Water Alliance from the Net Gender and Water of the Argentine Republic and Professor of the Faculty of Exact Sciences of the National University of Tucumán, together with Eng. Eugenia Villagra from the Programme Development for the Northeastern Area.

The exhibition had the financial support of the Faculty of Exact Sciences of the National University of Tucumán, PRODERNOA and the Gender and Water Alliance.

1500 people visited the exhibition.

2.5. TRAVELLING EXHIBITION IN BUENOS AIRES

2.5.1. Important Information

The city of Buenos Aires according to its constitution of 1996 is "Autonomous City of Buenos Aires", is the capital of the Argentine Republic and capital of the nation. This is recognised by the National Constitution and federal laws.

Together with its metropolitan area (Gran Buenos Aires) is the second largest city of South America and one of the biggest urban centers in the world. It is located on the right side of the River Plate with 19,4 km from north to south and 17,9 km from east to west.

The city is also the most important cultural center of Argentina and one the main ones in Latin America. The important cultural offer is represented by the many museums, theatres and libraries. Some of them are the most important ones in the country.

Buenos Aires also has a relevant academic activity due to its many outstanding universities. It should be noticed that UNESCO declared the city as City of Design in 2005.

It was first founded on February 3rd 1536 by the Spanish Pedro de Mendoza with the name of "Nuestra Señora del Buen Ayre". The city was abandoned and destroyed by the Indians in 1541 and founded again on June 11th 1580 by Juan de Garay with the name "Ciudad de la Santísima Trinidad y Puerto de Santa María del Buen Ayre".

The population of the Autonomous City of Buenos Aires is 2.776.138 habitantes (total amount in the country 36.260.130): 1.258.458 are men and 1.517.680 are women. It is the most populated city of Argentina with 13.679,6 inhabitants per km²



Map of the Argentine Republic with the location of the Province of Buenos Aires.



Map of the Province of Buenos Aires with the geographical location of the Capital of the Argentine Republic, place where the travelling exhibition was.

2.5.2. The exhibition

The travelling exhibition Gender and Water "Water Roads" was opened in the Exhibition room located in the corridor that joins the buildings of Economy in the city of Buenos Aires on March 22nd 2007. It was in the place until april 31st 2007.



Pictures of the assembling of the exhibition in the Ministry of Economy.



Pictures of the assembling of the exhibition in the Exhibition Room of the Ministry of Economy.



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María José Fiorit and advisors of the Hydric Resources Division during the opening ceremony.



Members of the Hydric Resources Division during the opening ceremony



Visitors watching the exhibition

2.5.3. Press and Broadcasting

Before the exhibition was opened, its characteristics were broadcasted by different mass media: leaflets sent to mass media, personal invitations general and personal invitations to academic, government and non-government representatives and the community in general. Posters and brochures were printed to broadcast the exhibition.

2.5.4. Organisation and results

The exhibition was co-ordinated by Eng. María Josefa Fiorit, member of the Gender and Water Alliance from the net Gender and Water of the Argentine Republic and of the National Hydric Resources Division.

The exhibition was sponsored by the National Hydric Resources Division and the Gender and Water Alliance.

The exhibition was visited by around 10000 people.

3. CONCLUSIONES

This international exhibition provided enrichment experiences for the community.

In general the result was positive regarding the numbers of visitors. According to their comments they got aware of the importance of the focus of gender and the management of water and what diversity means.

Regarding acquiring the gender point of view connected to water, it is still necessary to establish better communication with the technicians.

In connection with the objective of GWA to mainstream gender in water resources management, in public policies related to it and plans regarding water the exhibition started the discussion but it is a new process and more effort is necessary to get the expected results.

From the community point of view, the exhibition inserted the problem in society, mainly among children and young people. They showed more interest and made enquiries and admitted their lack of knowledge and awareness about the problem of water and its importance in their lives.

Many questions were made and people asked for more exhibitions of this type. They specially showed great interest in the theme of Gender. We also see the need of the communities of having more access to this kind of events. In the cities of the other provinces of Argentina no international exhibition ever reached them before mainly one with such an important and present problem as water.

4. LESSONS LEARNED

4.1. Practical Lessons

The material of this exhibition is not appropriate for the many assemblies required. Besides the boards are too big and difficult to be handled and people could not read the lines or see the pictures below the visual line.

After 60 days of exhibition the light affected the quality of the pictures.

We do not have a recommendation of the order in which it should be exposed. The focal should use his/her own criteria.

It needs an exposition frame to have a unique character.

4.2. Content lessons

The local contents should be focused, for example, the Latin American situation so as to avoid a false perception of the problem that does not occur in other parts of the world.

Some texts quality should be improved for better understanding.

4.3. Exposition lessons

Better results were perceived in places where people were more sensitive and better prepared about the topic (gender and water). The interpretation of the concepts is easier in this way and the visitor can make questions to understand more.

The conferences about the exhibition were very important, specially for school groups.



Having a Visitors´ Book for comments enabled us to know the impact of the exhibition on the public and an estimation of the number of visitors.

The fact that the exhibition was in schools and informative conferences were given about the problem of water and the connection with gender gave a very good result. They are the future generations and children have great influence on their parents who do not see the problem in the same way.

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