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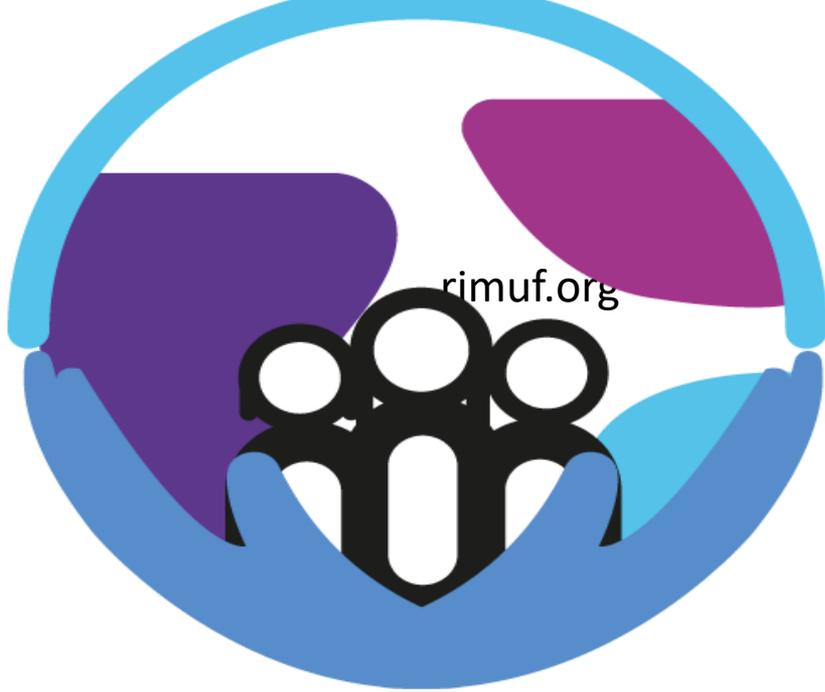
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**RIMUF - INTERNATIONAL NETWORK OF WOMEN RELATIVES OF PERSONS DEPRIVED OF
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We are a network of organizations from Latin America, the Caribbean, and Spain that are united in the struggle to achieve respect for the human rights of persons deprived of liberty (PDL) and their families. Although each of our local contexts has its particularities, as women and family members we experience the same difficulties, regardless of language, country, culture, or religion. The organizations recognize that we can accompany each other from a distance and help each other deal with the impact that incarceration has on the lives of the families of persons deprived of liberty.



MEXICO



EL SALVADOR



SPAIN



COLOMBIA



BRAZIL



COSTA RICA



ARGENTINA



ECUADOR

PRISON AND GENDER

- Major case of women arrested in drug-related circumstances
- These families suffer even more from the absence of the woman as caregiver and protector of the family
- That role is always taken over by another woman who takes care of the family and the incarcerated woman

Women relatives as agents for the prevention of torture: the International Network of Women Relatives of Persons Deprived of their Liberty (RIMUF)

At the regional level, we seek to consolidate the idea of family members as a relevant actor in discussions on the reality of prisons, and also to report on the need to implement social policies aimed at alleviating the impact of prison on our lives. Regional work strengthens our internal work, and local actions reinforce our international work. Mutual identification sustains us and enables us to learn and pursue new paths. The synergy of collective work resonates more effectively with the outside world and gives us inner strength. The network is where we can continue to acknowledge ourselves as relatives of detainees, as activists, and as women with rights that can no longer be postponed.

OVERALL OBJECTIVES





Encourage collaboration between member countries and organizations of women relatives of PDL.



Strengthen local organizations' ties with the State and other actors in terms of advocacy, complaints, and denunciations.



Contribute to improving the living conditions and strengthening the human rights of persons deprived of liberty (PDL) and their families.

OUR PARTNERS



Conclusions

- There is a pressing need to know the human rights of prisoners and their families
- Lend strength to women with family members in prison, in terms of needs, procedures, and psychological, social, and legal assistance
- Educate countries, especially Ministries of Justice, in the importance of respecting the human rights of women relatives of PDL
- Recommend to the International Mechanism for the Prevention of Torture that it conduct studies taking into account relatives of PDL
- Sensitize international organizations such as CICAD to the importance of the issue.