

HELPING THEM TO NOT REACH THE ALTAR

Erradicating child marriage in Mexico



In Mexico, almost 300,000 girls have been forced into marriage, most of them sold to an older spouse.

In the 66 communities of Metlatónoc, Guerrero, more than 40% of the girls are sold into marriage.

Here, **forced marriage is part of the customs and practices** and is linked to situations of poverty and marginalization.

After 4 years participating in our programs, **4 communities** in Metlatónoc –Yuinani, Valle de Durazno, San Juan Puerto Montaña and La Juquila– **signed an Act to halt the sale of women.**

ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2019

Once communities recognized that this forced union is a violation of women's and girls' human rights:



1.- The La Juquila community renewed its Act for 200 years and included clear sanctions in case of violation.



2.- The San Juan Puerto Montaña community signed a new Act.



3.- We built intersectoral partnerships and a network of organizations, community leaders and key actors in order to expand the fight against child marriage.

HEARTS UNITED FOR METLATÓNOC

Unfortunately, in March of 2020 we had to pause our workshops due to the COVID-19 pandemic. At the same time, the mountain communities of Metlatónoc were facing drought on top of extreme poverty in the midst of COVID-19, and began to suffer food scarcity. We launched a fundraising campaign and succeeded in delivering food baskets that fed 150 families for a full month.



WHAT COMES NEXT?



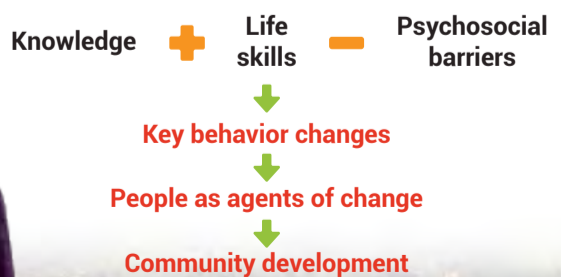
In November 2020, we will enter the communities of Metlatónoc, Yucunduta and San Juan Huexoapa, to begin awareness-raising workshops and continue to build a more egalitarian and just society that respects the rights of girls and women.

WHO WE ARE

Yo quiero Yo puedo is a Mexican non-profit dedicated to facilitating development in a framework of gender equality, so that people can become agents of change in their own lives, families and communities.

With more than 30 years of experience, we have changed the lives of more than 20 million people. We are certified by Filantropía and CEMEFI in the highest classification of organizations in Mexico.

HOW DO WE ACHIEVE CHANGE?



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