

1. PROJECT SUMMARY

Context and overall objectives

CB4VOL's main objective is to strengthen the capacity of the consortium organisations to develop volunteering work at local level. At the same time, the project organisations will promote the participation of youth in their local communities, to improve awareness and knowledge about gender equality and inclusion.

The project objectives will be achieved through 4 Working Packages: (1) Project and consortium management, (2) Training and follow-up/Monitoring, (3) Volunteer pilot groups, (4) Online campaigning for gender equality and inclusion.

This project has targeted young people and specially young women from vulnerable backgrounds in the urban and semi urban areas of Nador, Jerusalem. These youngsters will become local volunteers and they will not only work together at community level but also engage in exchanges (online and in-person) with youngsters from the EU. In addition, the consortium is made up of 4 organisations: ASTICUDE, YWCA; WIDE+, Alianza-Actionaid.

The organisations work with 40 young people and staff members of organisations. The young volunteers will reach out locally through public actions and the regional online campaign to foster gender equality and social inclusion.

Expected results:

- Partner organisations develop strong, sustainable volunteering programmes
- Young people in 4 countries engage locally, develop their personal skills to become active, responsible adults.
- Local communities' awareness about gender equality and social inclusion has been raised.

Project outputs:

- Each organisation develops a Local Volunteering Programme
- Training Materials, for organisations and for the volunteers, are produced on Volunteering, Gender Equality, Campaigning.
- Online Regional campaign and dissemination materials
- Local public actions about the value of volunteering.

Work performed and main achievements

During the first period of the project, organisational strengthening tasks have been carried out, with a greater focus on YWCA and ASTICUDE, thus allowing the foundations for capacity transfer by Alianza and WIDE+ to be laid. Above all, there has been a process of continuous accompaniment to implement appropriate procedures for managing volunteerism and to increase knowledge on gender and inclusion.

(WP1) After the KoM, monthly meetings of the consortium have been organised to monitor the development of the activities. In addition, 2 face-to-face meetings have been held in Nador and Jerusalem.

(WP2) Next, work has focused on strengthening the capacity of partners to develop and carry out long-term sustainable work with local volunteers on gender and inclusion issues. The activities carried out to achieve this objective have been:

- An analysis of external factors was carried out to provide a general overview of the regional realities that affect the different organisations when developing work on volunteering, gender equality and social inclusion, in order to adapt the work and the project strategy to these realities.
- An internal self-assessment of each organisation was carried out by each of the partners, with the aim of carrying out a diagnosis of their situation that will allow them to define work plans and identify areas for improvement in order to offer volunteering opportunities to young people.
- Partners created and updated essential internal documents to carry out and implement volunteer programmes and projects at the local level. Through this work, partner organisations have been strengthened in the design and implementation of local volunteer programs through the transfer of knowledge and continuous accompaniment so that all organizations have the appropriate documents and procedures for volunteering.
- Alianza and WIDE+ created two training guides on local volunteering and gender in volunteering to continue the transfer of knowledge and skills to YWCA and ASTICUDE. Once these two manuals were created, both organisations conducted face-to-face training sessions in Nador, Morocco, for the staff of the partners of the partnership.
- Training on civic engagement, gender and online campaigning: the consortium partners created training guides focused on provide young people with sufficient knowledge to be able to develop as volunteers and agents of change in their communities, as well as to be able to carry out public awareness-raising actions for gender equality and inclusion and international online campaigns.

(WP3) Once the organisations have been strengthened, the consortium worked in the:

- Each partner created a volunteering group of 10 young people (men and women and some with fewer opportunities) to join the project. To this end, the partners publicized the call through their social networks.
- Through the trainings to volunteers on civic participation, volunteerism, campaigns and gender mainstreaming, the young people have gained knowledge and capacities to become aware of their important role in society and create public actions
- Meetings with political decision-makers and women's organisations: the young people, accompanied and guided by the organisations, carried out an analysis of their context about the opportunities for young people to volunteer, as well as their interests and the needs detected for working in public action. With this analysis, meetings were held with policy makers and women's organisations to discuss local challenges and explain their ideas for participation in their communities. In addition, they discussed opportunities to get involved in their localities and have a positive impact.

Results and impacts

The results of the project so far are:

- Each of the consortium's partner organisations has developed strong and sustainable Local Volunteering Programmes.

- 40 young people from the 4 project partner countries have been involved in the project and have and are developing skills to become active agents of change in their localities.
- Training materials have been developed for organisations and professionals as well as for young volunteers on Volunteering, Gender Equality and Campaigns.
- 10 professional and staff of organisations have been trained in management of local volunteering and gender mainstreaming in volunteering

So far, the project has had the following impact:

- The capacities of the 4 partner organisations of the consortium have been strengthened in youth work, specifically through local volunteering.
- Gender equality and social inclusion have been promoted as topics of work in volunteering. In this way, the young people who are participating in the project activities have been and are becoming aware of these two issues and understand the impact on their communities.
- Through the different trainings given to the young volunteers, their skills have been and are being strengthened to actively participate in their communities and have a positive impact on gender equality and inclusion at local level. The volunteer groups have acquired and are acquiring the necessary tools to become an empowered group and promote the objectives of the European Gender Strategy and Sustainable Development Goal 5 with a special focus on safe participation and gender-based violence.

On the other hand, in the long term, young people are expected to contribute to the gender equality agenda from a positive and proactive perspective that promotes dialogue among youth in countries where conservative discourses are increasingly strong and there are many stereotypes about youth that can be challenged.

2nd intermediate partner's meeting in Jerusalem



In-presence meeting in Spain to organize online campaign



Online exchange between volunteers

Zoom Reunión

Grabando

Iniciar sesión

The Zoom meeting grid displays 20 participants, each holding a sign that reads "CEASE FIRE NOW". The signs are held in various orientations and colors, including white, black, and red. The participants are arranged in a grid, with some names visible below their video feeds. The names include: ASTICUDE VOLUNTEERS..., ALIANZA, Lina Loth (she/her), Carolina Hodali, Rand Jaoui, Grupo JUVE cantabria (sp...), Agnese, Jeanne Martorello, YWCA ALQUDS, Mohamed Traoré ASTICU..., May Amireh, Magda Saginashvili, Maram, Aziz zeryouh Asticude, Raghdha Abuhadwan, Zenb, Gea Meijers (she/her) Wl..., Sandra Victoria Salazar E., Roberta, Anna, and Sandy YWCA Jerusalem. The meeting is titled "Online exchange between volunteers" and is being recorded.

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KoM in Madrid



1st intermediate partner's meeting in Nador



1st intermediate partner's meeting in Nador



KoM in Madrid (revising the planification of activities)



Working session meeting in Spain

