

Gender-transformative urban development model in Lima

Description of the project:

In the underprivileged district “La Ensenada de Chillon” in the north of Lima, women from the neighbourhood trained as bricklayers have built earth walls along the hillside to develop community-based urban gardens. Grey water from the houses is used for irrigation. The terracing – benefiting more than 40,000 residents – has made homes and roads more solid and resistant to earthquakes and heavy rains. 5,000 square meters of gardens are transforming crime-prone wastelands into productive green spaces, reducing gender-based violence and fights among youth. Plants absorb toxic emissions, improve air and life quality, and contribute to food security.



TRANSFORMATIVE OUTCOMES

Climate impact



Earthquake and landslide prevention in a mountainous area.



Green areas limit temperature rise and reduce air pollution.



Urban gardening strengthens food security.

Gender impact



Women access technical training and local jobs in a male dominated sector.



Women bricklayers become role models for young girls and the entire community.



Long-term reduction of gender based violence.

Scalability / replicability



Long-term partnerships with university institutions, NGOs, local governments.



Holistic, participatory approach, with literacy classes, psychological support, discussion groups, ensuring community ownership.



Planning to spinoff to neighbor communities in the area.

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