

Voices OF HOPE

Peru

Nearly 300 grassroots leaders, lawyers, parliamentarians, communicators and Indigenous rights defenders from different generations and more than 20 countries gathered in February 2020 in Mexico City for the 8th Continental Meeting of Indigenous Women of the Americas.

CHIRAPAQ (Centro de Culturas Indigenas del Peru) – one of the three implementing partners in PWRDF's Indigenous Maternal Health and Midwifery program – was chosen as the Continental Coordinator for the event. Tarcila Rivera, Vice-President of CHIRAPAQ, pointed out that a key agenda item for the meeting was Indigenous maternal health and midwifery practices in the Americas.

Reinforced by Indigenous women leaders at the meeting, the Peruvian midwives, or parteras, urged government and public health authorities to respect, acknowledge and promote the work of Indigenous midwives who are marginalized and persecuted in Latin America. Rivera expressed gratitude to PWRDF for supporting and promoting CHIRAPAQ's work at the national and international levels.




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