

Hello. My name is Faviola Hernandez. I am grateful for this opportunity. I currently live in the State of Aragua Venezuela. I am a survivor of violence and far from being ashamed it has strengthened me so that from my experience I can understand and help other women victims of violence in its different types physical, verbal, psychological, labor, sexual and social, that is why I always live in search of knowledge that nourishes me and serves me to put into practice, that's why I'm here.

Currently in Venezuela there are many cases of violence that enter in statistics because they are reported, but others are a bulk that is not reported, either by fear, dysfunction or complicity.

In recent cases of burundanga, their modus operandi is to hand out flyers with some supposed advertising promotion or leave these papers impregnated with scopolamine or burundanga on the handles of vehicles or the driver's mirrors, in subway stations or parking lots, with the subsequent purpose of stripping them of their belongings and in the case of some women, sexually assaulting them.

It also happens frequently to meet other people on social networks to later meet and get to know each other.... or at parties where they are separated from their group of friends and when they come into physical contact with these individuals, if the woman does not agree then they feel frustrated and proceed to rape them, even blinding their lives.

Here in the country there are no official figures of the cases because apparently it is not a priority for the state, so I have had to document and rely on international websites that I consider are approximate, but what I can assure you is that the cases have increased to frightening levels.

There is a huge lack of education at a cultural, general, sexual and preventive level as a result of the anti-values exemplified by this system of government, which is reflected in the lack of respect for the people to whom they are owed and within society, the lack of empathy in many situations in the most vulnerable population that exists in the slums, giving way to the devaluation and objectification of women among young people, in musical genres and in the hypersexualization of girls' clothing and the imitation of the behavior of some adults, thus leading to a great social decomposition.

The cultural level is in detriment since the educational standards have lowered a lot and the values and principles from the home in their majority have been consequences of the lack of culturization and education, without counting that the professors and teachers in charge of the formation of our

young people are the worst paid, All this together with decades of a macho culture where the belief still persists inculcated in girls that their role in life is primarily to give birth and take care of their children, not to mention that their illusions should rest on the fact that they should get a partner to support them economically when the reality is that all roles should be shared in a scheme of co-responsibility, An important part of Democracy must be the vindication of the fundamental rights of women to their education, physical, mental and sexual health and to their preparation, empowerment and professionalization, as well as respect for their participation in the different areas of society and also respect for the right to decide about their bodies without being penalized under the conscious management of their acts and consequences for themselves.

The economy has generated a lot of economic and emotional dependence on the part of many women in our country who endure humiliation and demoralizing psychological abuse, often enduring for their livelihood and that of their children, generating patterns of behavior which are subsequently imitated and adopted in their behavior by children and young people who are growing from generation to generation.

This has brought as a consequence very common facts such as forbidding their partners how to dress or work because they share spaces with other men and even monitoring the use of their cell phones because they believe they have the right to do so.

We still hear and read comments on social networks where women who have suffered sexual violence are blamed for the way they dress, indicating that they provoked the situation, something totally retrograde and unacceptable from any point of view.

The data collection presented here was carried out by analyzing the deaths of women based on international instruments and standards, since in Venezuela there are no official figures or individualized records in recent years on the commission of crimes against women, nor against human rights, this has limited the public information available on the subject, which prevents effective access to information from relevant agencies.

On COFAVIC's web page, the article "the absence of details" states the following: The figures provided by the Public Ministry reflect the number of cases attended and cases solved but does not specify the number of reparation or protection measures issued in favor of the victims, neither the type of violence if the aggressors were penalized or the victims were

compensated, neither does it publish any official website or in annual reports a National Registry of complaints of cases of violence against women, nor of gender differentiated affectation in Cases of forced disappearance, extrajudicial executions and torture, cruel inhuman and degrading treatment. End of quote.

At the end of the year 2022 the digital observatory of femicides of the Center for Justice and Peace (CEPAZ) documented 282 cases of completed femicides in Venezuela and 120 cases of frustrated femicides, there was an average of one femicidal action every 26 hours, of this figure of 282 femicides 37 cases correspond to girls, which together with women aged 70 to 85 years 14 cases constitute the most vulnerable age groups, every 9 days a girl died of femicide in Venezuela in the year 2022.

Of the 37 documented cases eight died from sexual abuse and another 11 girls died from physical violence, 22 of the girl victims were under 5 years old.

The report of the digital observatory of femicides compiled data from digital media since when a state does not publish official statistical figures the facts described in news portals become an important source to monitor the social situation.

22.2% of the cases occurred in the Capital District 16.7% occurred in the state of Zulia 11.1% in the state of Miranda and the other 11.1% in the state of Carabobo. End of quote.

A large number of young women have dropped out of the classroom and have little preparation at the cultural, moral and educational level that usually see more attractive to be the girlfriend of a criminal, than to prepare to be a fully independent and empowered woman, far from evolving as a society has brought anti-values all this conglomerate of bad decisions and social management without preparation or supervision by the government in the most vulnerable areas.

Currently we have a group of young people and women making life in the foundation so we work multidisciplinary within the bases of education, equality, consideration, respect and above all the rescue of the values and fundamental principles of human beings, we are developing projects and audiovisual material, We are developing projects and audiovisual material that include more and more young people and women who join us to build a great network of help and prevention, educating them against abuse and violence towards our environment and primarily our children and women,

promoting their growth, strengthening their bases from education, awareness and love within our society.

We want to produce changes and transformation from each one of us who are the messengers of this mission in order to give examples that produce fruits in the future as better human beings, it is necessary to understand the transforming action of women within society sensitizing erroneous and critical thoughts for the environment where we live and for the environment, in order to improve the little piece of planet that we inhabit from any role and that is sustainable in time.

In the political sphere we are attacked and made invisible by men who have been trained within the macho patriarchy.

It is imperative to rescue the new generations for a recognition and awakening of consciousness for sustainability and positive impact on our habitat and therefore our planet.

Venezuelan women outside our borders have been resilient, brave and empowered in order to help their families, from which for many reasons they had to separate, leaving them in their native country and thus be able to contribute to improve the living conditions of their families in some way.

They are exemplary models such as that of:

Natalie Quintero, an aerospace engineer whose role consisted of supervising and leading the Core stage One operations team, the centerpiece of the Space Launch System (SLS) rocket.

Merimer Bejarano, who took on the responsibility as a challenge in the direction of the San Vicente de taguatagua hospital in Chile country to which he arrived in 2018.

Yulimar Rojas, Olympic medalist and triple jump world record holder recently named best athlete in Spain.

Here in Venezuela as well as so many other Venezuelan women challenging a profession that traditionally bears the stamp of "men's stuff" making her way through obstacles prejudices and insecurities Alejandra Wetter, curiosity and passion led her to be the female automotive mechanic specializing in the Ford Mustang model.

There are many talents within our land and our goal is to form and strengthen empowered women capable of raising their voices and thus assert their rights and to defend them before any instance within and outside our borders leaving a huge legacy of work, responsibility, perseverance, strength, knowledge and love for what they do.

Our goal is to create spaces of plurality where we can all coexist and share.

If you have any questions or concerns, please let me know.

Thank you for listening.