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A New Constitution: Historical Opportunity to Advance Gender Equality and Women's Rights  
in Chile

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## Project Area

Project activities were in Santiago (Región Metropolitana) and main cities in the regions of Valparaíso, Antofa

Workshop to review the text of the (first) new draft Constitution, Punta Arenas,  
15 June 2022

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This report is the evaluation of the project entitled "A New Constitution: Historical Opportunity to Advance Gender Equality and Women's Rights in Chile". It was implemented by the Humanas - ( ) from 1 May 2021 to 30 September 2023. The project benefitted from a UNDEF grant of USD 198,000 to carry out the following activities:

- Surveys;
- Production of core documents (e.g. a "Gender Agenda");
- A platform to coordinate and implement advocacy strategies;
- Alliances and agreements with other human rights organisations;
- A media press strategy;
- Social media campaigns.

Direct beneficiaries were: social and political women leaders; elected members of the Constitutional

Capturing key takeaways and materials. The experience of the constitutional reform processes in Chile and lessons learned from the project will self-evidently be of wider interest in the Latin American region, and beyond. Capturing, and preserving for future use, key

deaths.<sup>3</sup> In response, an agreement was reached on 15 November 2019 between the main political parties to begin a process to write a new Constitution. A national plebiscite in 2020 approved the decision to establish a Constitutional Convention,<sup>4</sup>

the world to enshrine the right to terminate a pregnancy in its Constitution.<sup>6</sup> The text was criticised heavily by conservative forces, in coordinated media campaigns, as being too radical, too prolix,



constitution, have been blocked – without a working majority in Congress. Electorate priorities have shifted from pensions, healthcare and education to crime, economic problems, and immigration. In the eyes of many observers, Chile has moved from being “model” to “muddle” in recent times.<sup>10</sup>

## ii Project Objectives and Intervention Rationale

The full title of the project was “A New Constitution: Historical Opportunity to Advance Gender Equality and Women’s Rights in Chile”.

The Grantee, \_\_\_\_\_ (shortened to \_\_\_\_\_), was created in Santiago de Chile in 2004 by a group of feminist women, professionals, and human rights defenders, with the aim of generating a space for action, reflection, and advocacy in the institutional development of the country to contribute to the deepening of democracy and the inclusion of women. Registered under Chilean law, the main objective was to advocate for



data collection tools (Launch Note agreed on 29 January 2024); (2)



their public discourses, debates and deliberations support to gender proposals considered in the core document.

- Target Indicator 1.4:<sup>14</sup>

Main findings:

rights.

offshoot initiative/platform *Nada Sin Nosotras*





As mentioned under Impact, tools and materials are already being used by government in the preparation of new legislation. Political parties are also now likely to draw on them in





Members of a focus group discussion on the results of the national opinion poll, Santiago, 6 September 2021

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Conclusion	Recommendation
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This was an ambitious and well-run project, with multiple outputs designed to engage with and influence a broad range of civil society actors and decision-makers – from grass-roots organisations to institutions, and across the country. Despite two (not one, as originally intended) politically contentious constitutional reform processes that ultimately failed to adopt a new Constitution, the overall impact of the project was very positive, and the interventions were highly relevant. Through a national survey (evidence base), media campaigns, training, advocacy, technical submissions, and the production of high-quality materials, the project has added considerable value to the “Gender Agenda” in Chile. This should have enduring utility in the country’s future democratic development.

The Grantee and its partners are undergoing a period of

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Some key lessons can be learned from the project that could be applied to other projects either in the same region or on the same theme.

Capturing key  
takeaways and  
materials



To what extent has the realisation of the project objectives and outcomes had an impact on the specific problem the project







OFFICIAL DOCUMENTS

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### Annex 3: People Consulted

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Those marked with an \* were interviewed remotely after the field mission of 18-22 March 2024.

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