

GENDERED DESIGN IN STEAM (GDS) - PROJECT TEAM POSTERS

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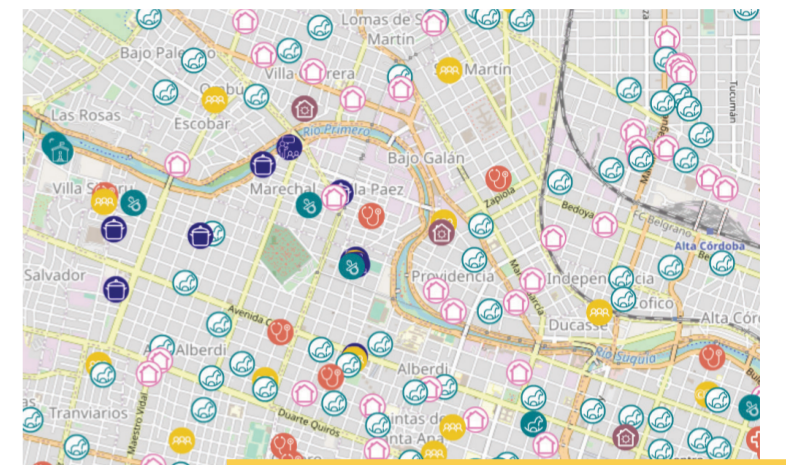
Córdoba,
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Exploring urban care infrastructures to support women's autonomy in Argentina



This research addresses the issue of care work as mostly assumed by women and focuses on the unequal distribution of care services and infrastructures in fragmented cities. This project is located in the city of Córdoba, in the underserved neighbourhoods of Marechal, Villa Páez and Alberdi. The project utilized quantitative and qualitative mapping to understand gendered urban experiences related to care, and how these are omitted in current urban planning discourses.



Capture of interactive map "Cartographies of Care". Please visit: <https://mapee.com.ar/ciscsa/mapadelcuidado>

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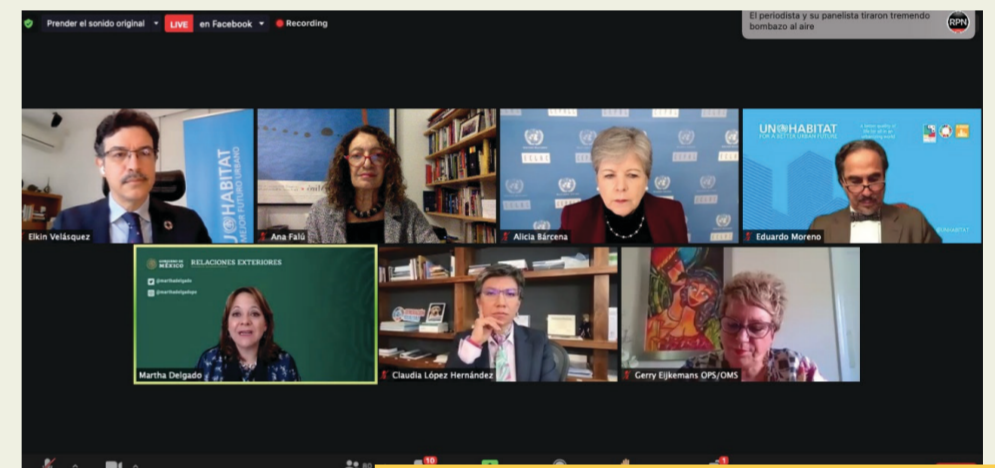
**All members of CISCOSA
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Institution

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Outcomes and Findings

- They created an interactive digital map using their quantitative research which demonstrates the relationship between financial inequality and access to services and infrastructures of care in Córdoba.
- Their research highlights the omission of women in urban planning currently, and how including their perspectives could address territorial inequalities in access to care.
- They have developed recommendations for municipal administration and shared their discoveries through social media and technical and professional training curricula.
- The project has garnered interest at the national level and the international level through the UN Habitat and UN Women.



Principal investigator Ana Falu speaking at UN Habitat on June 18, 2021

Methods

- The quantitative research was based on studies of socio-demographics, of municipal politics, the relevant literature, and existing cartographic databases.
- The project included participative methodologies in order to question the supposed neutrality in urban design, incorporating the perceptions and demands of women to understand their needs and priorities regarding infrastructure and services of care.
- They worked with women involved in care at either the level of the home or the neighbourhood. They conducted interviews and organized workshops where participants mapped out their everyday routes and the services they interact with.

"We think that we must reflect on urban design, on the ways in which cities are thought" ... "There is an absence of the gender perspective, of the gaze that incorporates women in their needs."

— Dr. Ana Falu

Lessons & Future Directions

- They are part of Red Pueblo Alberdi, a network which includes neighbourhood centres and academics, and have signed a Mutual Collaboration Agreement with the Municipality of Córdoba City, facilitating new dialogues and exchanges.
- The project has contributed to the expansion of funding and scope for the work in Care and Territory of CISCOSA, opening the door to new research and more collaboration with local communities.



Images left to right: Various images from workshops with women from Alberdi, Villa Páez, and Marechal mapping their daily routes and care services in their area.

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