



María Luisa Regalado and the Honduran Women's Collective



Maria Luisa Regalado is the General Coordinator of the Honduran Women's Collective (CODEMUH), a feminist group focussing on the rights of women workers in the *maquila* industry. They have been partners with CoDevelopment Canada since 1998, and have made significant advances for the rights of industry workers in Occupational Health and Safety.

Presently, CODEMUH conducts political lobbying campaigns, and pressures Honduran society to improve respect for women's rights with an emphasis on gender violence, occupational health and safety for *maquila* workers, ageism, and domestic violence. CODEMUH also provides legal assistance, group psychotherapy and self-help groups for survivors of gender and labour violence.

The military coup in Honduras in June 2009 has given new direction and new dimensions to the work of the Collective. Both personally and as part of the organization, Maria Luisa has been actively involved in the Resistance.

She is an excellent speaker, and will have interesting stories of both their ongoing work and the last year in the politics of Honduras and the region.