

Empowering women

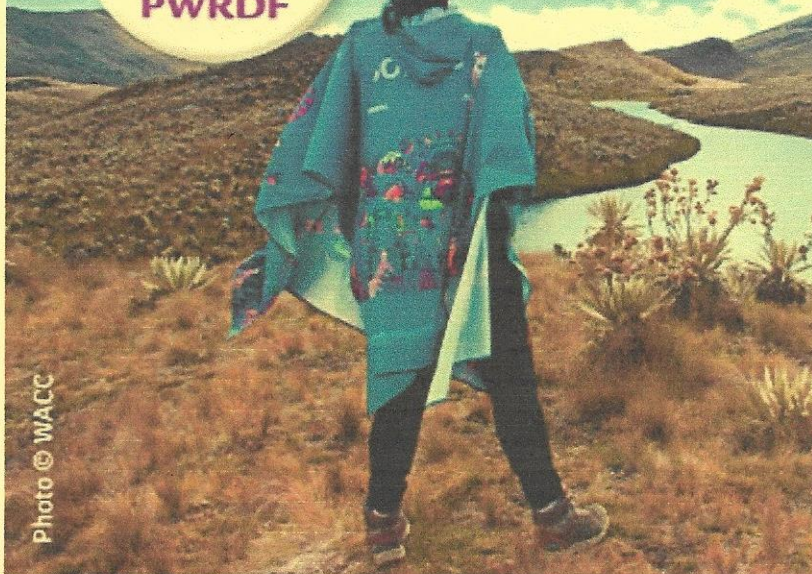


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Holy God,
earth and air and water are your creation,
and every living thing belongs to you:
have mercy on us
as climate change confronts us.
Give us the will and the courage
to simplify the way we live,
to reduce the energy we use,
to share the resources you provide,
and to bear the cost of change.
Forgive our past mistakes, and send us
your Spirit, with wisdom in present
controversies and vision for the future to
which you call us in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

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In the upper Andes of Colombia, between the tree line and the permanent snow line, are the Páramos, half of the world's moorlands. But the Páramos are drying up due to global warming. Extractive mining activities and political instability further threaten this fragile ecosystem.

When mining is the main industry, the environment is destroyed. Traditional farming – usually the domain of women – disappears, leaving women without employment. Working with ILSA (Instituto Latinoamericano para una Sociedad y un derecho Alternativos), PWRDF is supporting women who face economic exclusion which condemns them to

poverty, unemployment and stripping them of their political rights. ILSA will train 75 women and 400 family members to establish a native plant nursery that will help reforest the land. They will also receive seeds and livestock for their family farms.

PWRDF is also joining WACC (World Association for Christian Communication) and local organization Grupo Comunicarte in a three-year partnership to promote people-led environmental protection among Indigenous, peasant and Afro-descendant communities. The initiative will train 10 environmental journalists (at least five women) on environmental protection and care.

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