

Eugenia Lopez Uribe

Eugenia has 15 years of experience focused on young people and women's sexual and reproductive education, health, and rights. She has worked on these issues with UNFPA, Partners in Population and Development, The Japanese Organization of International Cooperation in Family Planning (JOICFP), Programa IMSS-Oportunidades (Ministry of Health), the Mexican Foundation for Family Planning (MEXFAM), The Population Council, Ipas México, and the Simone de Beauvoir Leadership Institute. Eugenia is also one of the founding members of DECIDIR, a voluntary group of young activists working for abortion as part of sexual rights and citizenship. In these different positions she has developed educational materials and coordinated national training strategies as well as international meetings for a wide range of stakeholders.

In 2007, Eugenia was one of the Mexican women who participated in the creation the Alliance for Gender Justice at AIDS 2008, which sought to ensure the full participation of women, especially women with HIV, during the International AIDS Conference in Mexico City. The organization of she is the Executive Coordinator, *Balance Promoción para el Desarrollo y Juventud*, was the local hub for organizing the Women's Networking Zone. In addition, Eugenia was the IAS local coordinator for the Global Village at AIDS 2008.

Eugenia is also a gay rights advocate and was one of the first women married—at a very public ceremony—when Mexico City introduced a civil registry for same sex unions in 2007. In addition to her role at Balance, Eugenia is currently coordinating The MARIA Abortion Fund for Social Justice, which was created to help Mexican women outside of Mexico City come to the capital for a safe and legal abortion. Eugenia has her MA in Political and Social Studies.