

# Parish's System for Rights Promotion and Protection in Simiátug



# Who are we?

We are a community of mostly indigenous population (94%) We belong to Kichwa nationality with our own customs, traditions and language (Spanish and Kichwa).



# Our problems

- Violation of children's rights, mainly physical and psychological abuse of girls and boys (7 out of every 10 children suffer any type of abuse at national level)
- Gender inequalities
- Domestic violence and gender violence
- Femicide
- Teenage pregnancies

# What do we do

The construction of the community-based child protection mechanism

20/38 communities and 9 neighborhoods

**Component 1**  
Promotion and  
Sensitization of  
Community Promoters



**Component 2**  
Community  
Replication



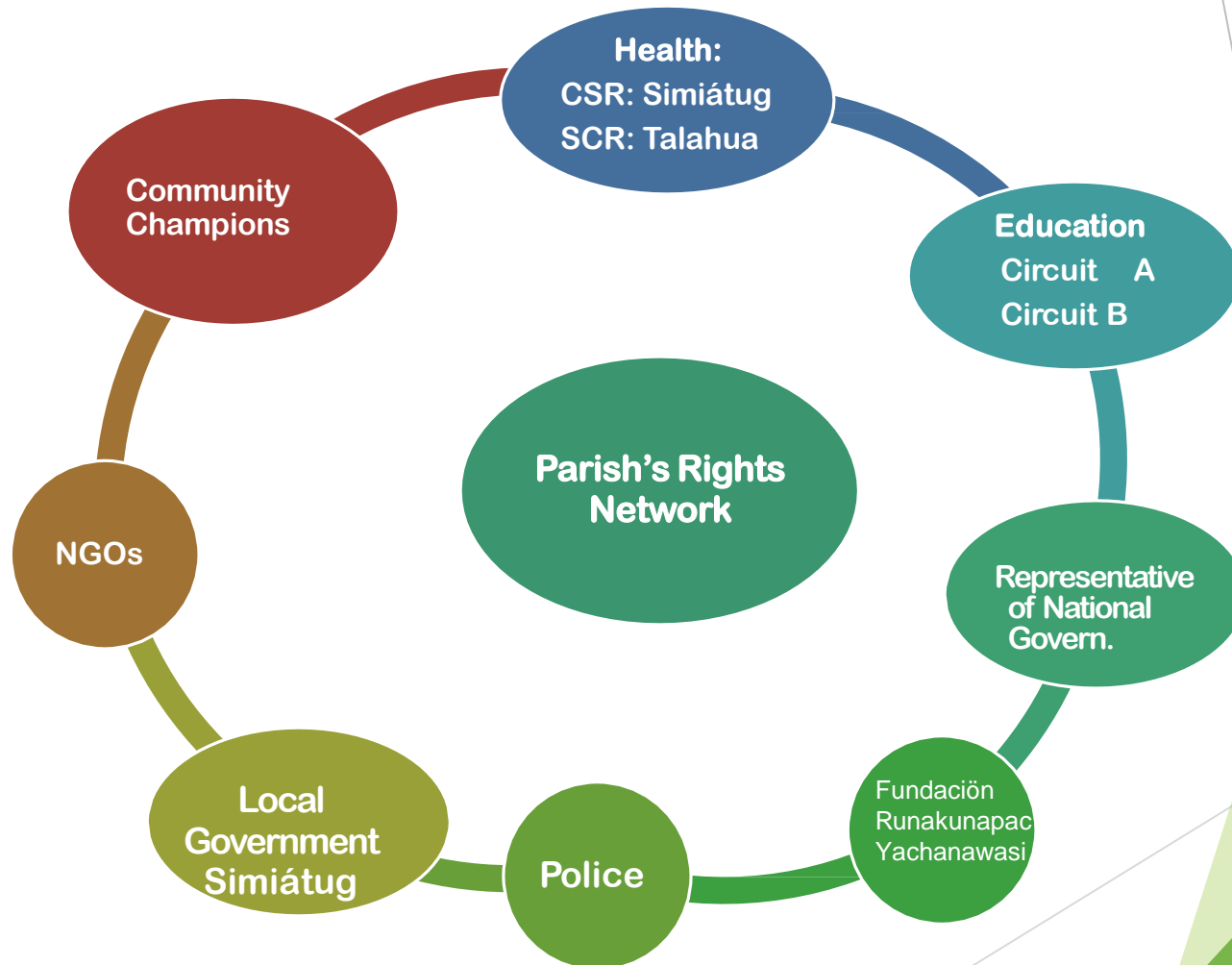
**Component 3**  
Community  
Organization



**Component 4**  
Community-based  
rights protection  
system

# La minga

## Coordination of Parish Network



# Lessons Learned

- ▶ Women are not visible in the community so women need to overcome fears to start participating
- ▶ Develop self-esteem and empowerment (I need to trust myself first)
- ▶ Learn to make decisions on our own (not to depend on others to make my own decisions)
- ▶ Women need support from the family through dialogue with husbands, fathers and the same women
- ▶ Involve the girls to hear their voices to make them more visible and help them to increase economic opportunities through different projects like Girls 'Letters and Entrepreneurship activities.
- ▶ We need to express that violence should not be part of our daily lives..... It is not something «natural» People have started to see violence as a problem...

**GRACIAS**

