

JUSTICE IS TO FREE HER

A real alternative to the incarceration of women in Colombia



Law 2292 of 2023

- Allows alternatives to prison for female heads of household.
- Includes, for the first time, drug-related offenses.
- Recognizes that many women in prison are the sole breadwinners.
- Is aligned with the Bangkok Rules and the International Guidelines on Human Rights and Drug Policy.
- Women serve their sentence with unpaid public service in NGOs or state entities.

What has happened?

- Out of an estimated 2000 women who could have benefited from the law, only a little more than 130 women have benefited.
- Few women have benefited from the substitution of sentences: uninformed judges, unwilling or very punitive.
- Lack of knowledge of women applicants and difficulties in submitting applications without support from the State.
- There is a lack of a public policy for the release from prison with a gender approach.

What are we doing?

- Mujeres Libres has promoted the law from the lived experience of deprivation of liberty.
- We train women at the national level about the law, from a horizontal and participatory approach.
- We sensitize those who implement the law so that its application is effective.
- We disseminate this model law so that more countries adopt similar laws.

**“A fair society does
not incarcerate
poverty, it cares for
those who care”**

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