

## MARÍA DE LA LUZ SILVA

**Brief introduction:** Gender expert with comprehensive experience in the conceptualization, design, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of gender included planning and programs in the educational system, reproductive health supply and working women's organizations. Extended experience in mainstreaming gender perspective into national and international policies and planning, with comprehensive experience in the academic field, in research and teaching, and as a consultant for project evaluation.

1993: Master of Arts (Sociology) with a major in Social Planning, Institute of Sociology, P. Catholic University of Chile.

1977: Sociologist, Degree in Sociology, Institute of Sociology, P. Catholic University of Chile.

### **Selected professional activities:**

Head of International Department, Women's National Service, Chilean Government. (2004-2005)

UNDP consultant for project evaluation of technical assistance Cooperation Programs to the Guatemala Presidential Secretariat for Women's Affairs granted by the Swedish and Netherlands' Embassies in Guatemala. (November 2003 – January 2004)

Senior consultant for E-learning projects for DOXA América Latina and [www.educarchile.cl](http://www.educarchile.cl) (2002-2003)

Consultant for designing and writing educational projects. Universidad de Viña del Mar and Carlos Casanueva Professional Institute. 2002-2003

Regional Secretary of Education for the Valparaíso Region. Ministry of Education, Chile. (1998-2002)

Advisor to the Minister of Education for the integration of gender perspective in education; gender mainstreaming in the Curricular Reform, in-service teacher's training, and school texts evaluation within the Ministry of Education with coordination to the National Women's Service. (1990-1997)

Advisor to the Minister of Education and responsible for the first nationwide policy on sexual and reproductive health education. Responsible for the design of a national public school Sexual and Reproductive Health Education Program and its implementation and monitoring through the Ministry of Education. (1990-1997)

Research and planning in Gender and Education. Associated researcher at Interdisciplinary Programme for Educational Research Center. (PIIE). Santiago, 1985-1990

### **Research areas:**

Educational sociology: researcher on the influence of sexism in the construction of sex stereotypes in school from 1988 through 1993 in several dimensions (coeducation, hidden curricula, class and sex stereotypes, etc.) demonstrating the effects of sexism in education (e.g. differences in the learning of mathematics in boys and girls). Research Reports PIIE-FONDECYT (1988) and Catholic University of Chile (1993) and other articles and working papers.

Political sociology: Co-researcher of political system and social actors during the Allende period. (CLACSO. Santiago, 1977). Characterization of women's grass root and formal organizations existing during the military regime, from a crossed economic and gender system perspective, with the support of Friederich Naumann Foundation grant, published in Buenos Aires, 1987.

Labour and employment: influence of sex roles in formal and informal market (PREALC 77) characterization of unemployed grass root organizations (FLACSO 77); characterization of peasants cooperatives (FLACSO 78); legislation review and case study on child labour in Chile (PREALC 78); sex differences in unemployment dynamics in the Chilean labour market (SERNAM:2003).