

HE Ms Karen Najarro

Undersecretary of State for International Cooperation and Promotion

She has extensive experience in management, coordination, administration and evaluation of social projects, both in the public and private spheres. She has worked as a consultant in Human Resources Audit projects, marketing, media monitoring, coordination of institutional events, feasibility studies (market, technical and financial studies), among others.

Prior to her appointment as Undersecretary of International Cooperation and Promotion, she held various positions in the National Telecommunications Commission (CONATEL) in which she supported Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs) projects on gender issues (Girls in ICTs), of Digital Television for All and the National Broadband Plan.

Likewise, during 2014 and 2018, she served as a Project Coordinator at the Social Projection Unit of the Presidential House, executing the Multisector Plan for the Prevention of Pregnancy in Adolescents, in conjunction with Government institutions, NGOs, churches and United Nations entities such as UNFPA, UNICEF, PAHO / WHO, UNDP and USAID.

She successfully led inter-institutional coordination efforts to develop the plan with the National Institute of Youth (INJ), National Institute for Women (INAM), National Programme for Prevention and Social Reintegration (PNPRS), Association of Municipalities of Honduras (AMHON), National Institute of Professional Training (INFOP) and the Honduran Institute of Alcoholism, Drug Addiction and Drug Dependence (IHADFA).

She was in charge of inter-institutional coordination for liaison programmes such as Ciudad Mujer, specifically in building the Adolescent Care Module (MAA).



On the other hand, she was responsible for the pilot programme, “Criando con Amor”, which offered comprehensive care for Early Childhood in the Department of Intibucá and Lempira.

From 2011 to 2014, she served as coordinator of the Digital Classrooms projects and supported the Corn Micro Entrepreneurs Project, led by the Social Development office of the Vida Mejor Programme, supported by the private sector. Additionally, she was in charge of managing the image and public relations of the Office of Social Development, Vida Mejor.

Similarly, between 2006 and 2010 she served as Operations Manager of the Interactive Marketing Company and from 2003 to 2006 she offered technical assistance to the National Property Administration System (SINAP), through the Honduras Land Administration Programme (PATH).

She has a degree in Marketing and International Business from the Central American Technological University (UNITEC), where she later obtained her Master's degree in Project Management. Currently, she is about to finish her Law degree at the Technological University Center (CEUTEC). Additionally, she obtained specialized training in the United States, Cuba and Peru, in various social, technical and telecommunications areas.

She is passionate about childhood, women, youth, migration, disability, gender, ethnicity, human rights and other related issues.

