

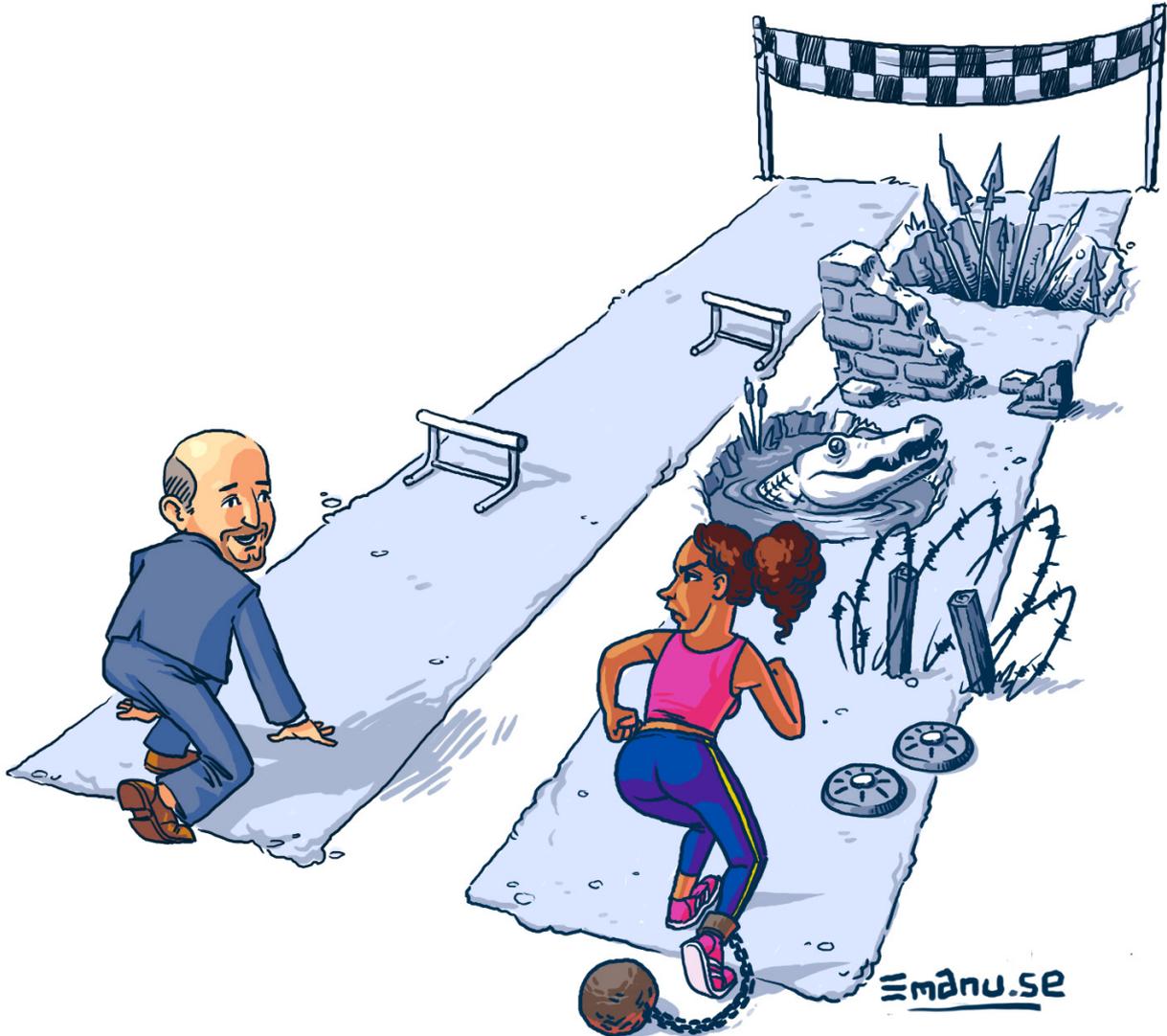
**What do these countries have in common?
How does gender equality fit in here?
How can local governments promote gender
equality together?**



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EQUALITY



*“Join our new International Network
of Local Governments for Gender Equality”*



“What’s the matter?
It’s the same distance!”

In Guatemala, a Central American country, there is still a patriarchal and “machista” culture that excludes women and other marginalized groups from society. This fuels the gender gaps reflected in women’s participation in the economy, their political leadership, and their access to goods and services.

Only 37% of women participate in the formal labour market (as compared to 85% of men)

In the Colombian society, it is difficult for women to occupy high-level political participation positions – especially indigenous and rural women, who face greater inequalities. A major factor affecting women’s lives and opportunities in Colombia has been the civil armed conflict of recent decades.

Most of the victims of forced displacement during the internal conflict were women and children.

In Sweden, gender equality has become an important part of the Swedish identity, as evidenced by the fact that it is the number 5 country in the ranking of the most gender-equal countries in the world. However, there are still challenges related to gender-based violence, equal pay for equal jobs, among others.

Women are 41 % more likely to experience stress-induced mental health issues

Guatemala, Colombia and Sweden have achieved important victories in recent decades in promoting gender equality, but much remains to be done. **Local governments can be champions for gender equality and that is why we decided to work together!**

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?

Local governments in Sweden, Colombia and Guatemala.

HOW?

We will connect municipalities in the three countries that are interested in gender equality and want to participate in the international knowledge exchange. Municipalities will be able to apply for a municipal partnership program to conduct peer to peer learning and work on a project for up to 3 years.

Are you interested in joining the network?

Apply to the ICLD International Network for Gender Equality today. Start by sending a letter of interest or contact: ana.maria.vargas@icld.se



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