



A civil society perspective on raising awareness of breast cancer



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Advocacy is a <u>political process</u> by an individual or a group which aims <u>to influence decisions within political</u>, <u>economic</u>, and <u>social systems and institutions</u>.

Advocacy can include many activities that a person or organization undertakes including media campaigns, public speaking, publishing research and produce documents to serve their goals.

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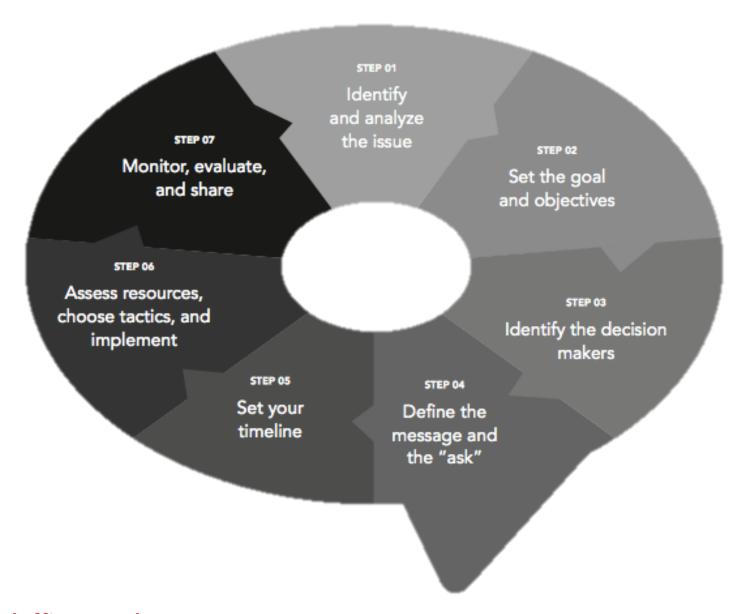


The advocate





The Advocacy Cycle





Being aware of the concepts

LOBBY

Lobbying is a concerted effort to pressure legislators or politicians into changing or maintaining specific legislation.

Target: Legislators Focus: Specific / legal

Tools: meetings, statements, studies, participation in public

hearings, etc.

ADVOCACY

Advocacy is the effort to raise awareness, engage and mobilize different players in society around an issue of public interest.

Target: Society

Focus: broad / in addition to legislation (beyond the law) Tools: research publication, meetings, media campaigns, events, sponsorships etc.

PR

PR is the management of information and relationships between an individual or organization and the public, usually with commercial focus.

Target: Consumers Focus: Specific

Tools: press releases, visits, events, shipping products

etc.

Political / Legal Commercial



Challenges to promote an effective mobilization









Advocacy and Social Control

What is the best way for NGOs effectively exercising social control of public policies on cancer?

Adopt a planned approach, professional and committed to defend the interests of society.



Brazil and the problem of breast cancer

Breast cancer is an extremely serious national health problem.

It is the illness that kills most women in Brazil.

57.120 new cases of breast cancer are estimated (INCA 2014)

13.745 deaths of breast cancer (Atlas Mortalidade 2012)

The Brazilian Federation of Philanthropic Breast Health Support Institutions, **FEMAMA**, is the largest cancer coalition of patients groups in Brazil.

Associated institutions

- 58 affiliated institutions
- Representing 17 States, and Federal District



FEMAMA focuses

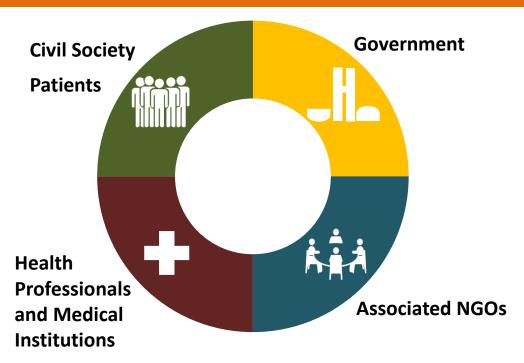


- on increasing levels of information about breast cancer
- awareness with a cohesive national agenda of the civil society to influence breast health public policies
- unify breast cancer control NGOs to develop direct strategies about breast health at the national level



Femama and their Stakeholders

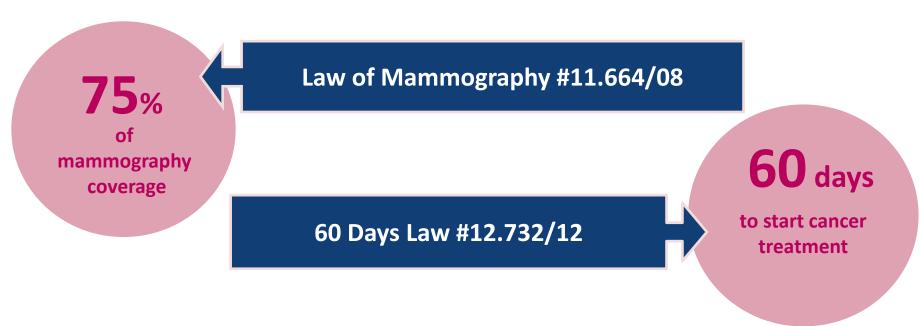
Advocacy Campaigns



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Breast cancer patients and their rights



30days
maximum time
between 1st
consultation and
treatment initiation

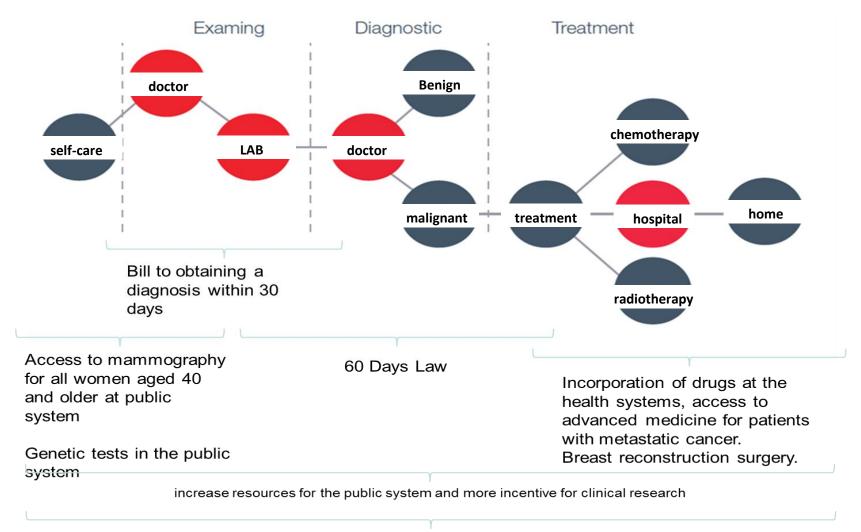
Project of Law # PL 5722/13

+500 formal letters for Congressman and Senators
Two public audiences by the approval of the law
Several technical meetings with Congressman
Request for Congressman to vote urgently the Law
Two events to approval of Law

- 1) National Congress All Together Against Cancer
- 2) Forum to Fight Cancer Woman



The patient path in the public health system







Lobby Day Project - November 27, 2013



Goal: Approval the civil society proposal, ensuring the expansion of resources for the healthcare sector.

Context: Annual % budget to healthcare:

- Civil Society Proposal Law: 10% of Union's Gross Revenue
- Government Proposal: 15% Gross Domestic Product
- Difference of proposal: Less US\$72 million anually of Investment.



Lobby Day Project - November 27, 2013



Strategy

- To train survivors: Role Playing;
- To assemble in front of the Congress building, with 130 flags;
- 110 breast cancer survivors to visit 503 parliamentary cabinets;

Outcomes

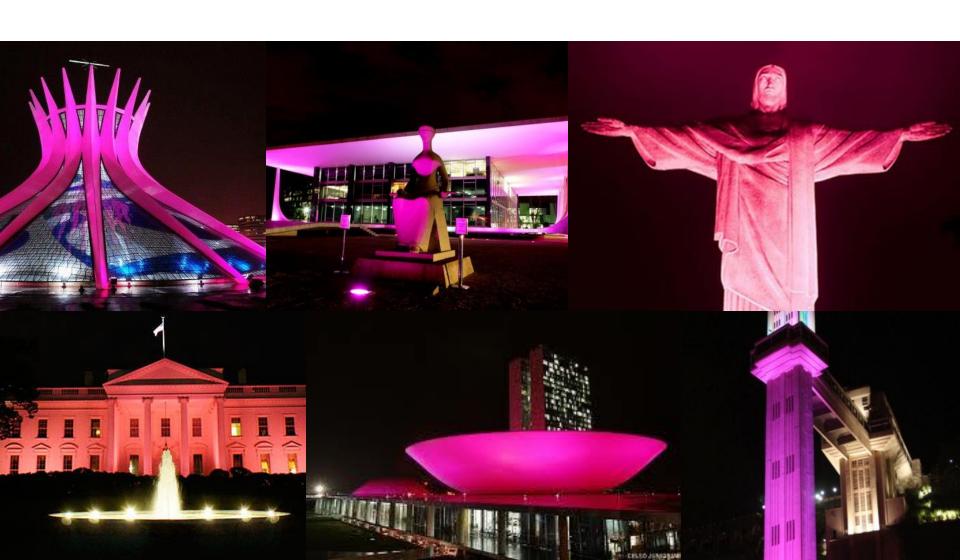
- The Government's proposal was not voted because of the Lobby Day Project until December 17, 2014.
- Promoted a great debate among the sectors of civil society and government to the budget of public health.



FEMAMA - Mobilization Campaigns



Pink October – since 2008 in Brazil



Previous Advocacy Campaigns in Brazil





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Current Advocacy Campaigns









FEMAMA in Latin America



- >> Unión Latinoamericana Contra el Cáncer de la Mujer ULACCAM
 - * coalition of NGOs in Latin America
 - * advocacy for breast cancer and cervical
 - * Argentina, Brasil, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, México, Perú and Venezuela

>> Advocacy Campaings



En Tus Manos (In your hands)

FOX Latin America

* self-care / early detection



Me Duele Venezuela (Hurts me Venezuela)

* the right to health of the Venezuelan population



Declaration of the Rights of Women in Latin America

* equality, dignity and justice for patients



World Cancer Day

* implemented by FEMAMA





SPARC - Metastatic Breast Cancer Challenge



- Seeding Progress and Resources for the Cancer Community (SPARC) Grants is a firstof-its-kind initiative to address the unique challenges facing metastatic breast cancer (MBC) patients.
- SPARC will provide grants to support initiatives worldwide that encourage sustainable change in addressing the specific needs of people living with metastatic breast cancer.
- Run by the Union for International Cancer Control (UICC) with the support by Pfizer

The challenges to address



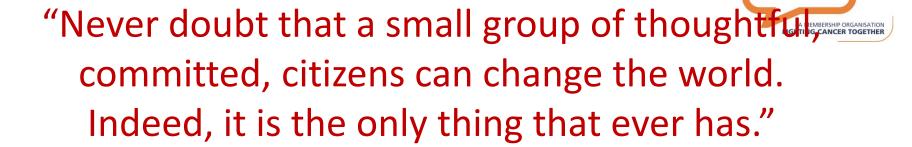
The SPARC MBC Challenge seeks proposals for new national and regional initiatives that aim to:

- Close the gap on patient information and navigation of care options;
- Raise awareness of the specific needs and challenges that face women with metastatic breast cancer;
- Ensure metastatic breast cancer is embedded in national breast cancer policies;
- Reduce the incidence of metastatic breast cancer at diagnosis

How to apply and timelines



- All applicants are invited to submit a Letter of Intent from 1st March 2015 to 19th April 2015 (see link below).
- Grant recipients will be announced in November 2015 at the Advanced Breast Cancer Third International Consensus Conference (ABC3) in Lisbon, Portugal
- For more information, please visit UICC website at <u>www.uicc.org/programmes/geti/sparc/sparc-</u> metastatic-breast-cancer-challenge



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Thank you!

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