

# **Gloria Elsy Rivera-Sparza**

## **Executive Director**

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Canadian Human Rights International Organization  
(CHRIO)

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Gloria Elsy Rivera-Sparza is a Social Worker graduated from Industrial University of Santander in Bucaramanga, Colombia. She has extensive work experience and skills in healthcare, community services, the prison system, educational and administrative fields in both governmental and private institutions.

Gloria is very knowledgeable and experienced in the formation and implementation of projects and educational preventive strategies targeting high risk population, young and old, teens and adults, dealing with sexual and reproductive issues, health, HIV/AIDS, the LGTBQ community, domestic violence, and sexual abuse. She has also worked on mental health at psychiatric hospitals, helped sex workers, promoted programs of prevention of psychoactive substance abuse and the resocialization of inmates within the penitentiary system.

Gloria has great personal and leadership skills, a team leader with excellent work ethic, responsibility and commitment.

As a social worker, Gloria has worked with the most vulnerable in many areas.

Gloria has also performed volunteer work at the Collective Human Rights Defenders “Laura Acosta” International Organization (COHURIDELA ) and the Canadian Human Rights International Organization (CHRIO), in Toronto, Canada. In addition, she has worked with other NGOs in Colombia and the United States.

Currently, Gloria is serving as Executive Director of the Canadian Human Rights International Organization (CHRIO) mission in New York and she is the link between CHRIO and the United Nations (UN).

“Patience is the strength of the weak and impatience is the weakness of the strong.” Immanuel Kant.