

Nelly Del Cid

Carmen Manuela Del Cid Mata, known in the feminist movement in Honduras as Nelly Del Cid, is a woman with a long history of courageous struggle in defending the human rights of women in Honduras, which earned her the recognition by women's organizations in that country of "Butterfly of the Year" in 2014.

Nelly is a Mercy lay associate and the coordinator of the Mercy's Dream Weavers ministry ([Tejedora de Sueños](#)) in San Pedro Sula, Honduras, which provides emotional and spiritual accompaniment to women human rights defenders in the different territories of Honduras. She also serves on the Sisters of Mercy of the Americas Institute's International Justice Team.



Nelly is one of the founders of the Women's Forum for Life ([Foro de Mujeres](#)), a network of 16 women's organizations, including the Sisters of Mercy, which has pioneered efforts to make extreme violence against women, femicide, visible to the public and to state entities. As part of her leadership in Mercy's associates, she participates in its self-care team.

Nelly is trained as a Nonviolence Promoter through the Quakers' Alternatives to Violence program and has given nonviolence trainings in Honduran prisons and in communities with high levels of violence. She has travelled to the U.S. as part of Mercy's presence at the School of the Americas protest in Georgia, and was one of the main stage keynote speakers.