



## Ms. Zoila Guzmán, Mexico



Ms. Zoila Noemi Guzmán Lagunes is the Secretary of Civil Protection in Veracruz and is in her second year as head of the Secretary of Civil Protection. She was previously head of the National Deputy's Commission for Civil Protection. These posts and others encompass an extensive career in public service. It included supporting the creation of the National Civil Defence Award to recognise and encourage public awareness of disaster reduction. As Secretary of Civil Defence in Veracruz, Ms. Zoila Guzmán instituted the Alerta Gris (Grey Alert), which activates when potentially hazardous hydrometeorological phenomena are imminent.

At its signal, municipal and state authorities activate preventative measures (protocols, stocks of basic supplies and temporary shelter) and issue community guidance. She helped create internal civil defence units in premises in which large numbers can gather for safety. In December 2010, there was just one now there are 483. Support is provided to 212 municipalities to use their respective 'risk atlases' as a preventative tool. Ms. Zoila Guzmán also created the Meteorology Committee, which standardizes criteria and coordinates appropriate warning systems. It also regulates the operation of dams in the Papaloapan Basin and reduces flooding in 22 municipalities.

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