

# Inter-American Model Law on Care

The recognition and value of women's invisible work

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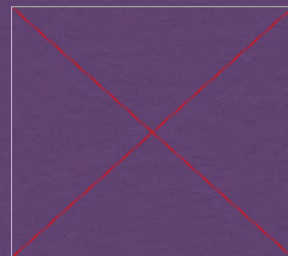
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## The disproportionate burden of care:

Approximately

**60%**

Of the women in households with children under 15 years of age, many report not participating in the labor market due to family responsibilities.



Women dedicate

**Between 6.3 and 29.5 more hours per week**

That men do domestic and care work.

In other words,

**19.6%**

Of their time to unpaid domestic and care work (vs. 7.3% compared to men).

Calculations state that care work contributes between 15.9% and 27.6% to GDP.



**A tool made available to States to facilitate their process of building a national care law**



## 5 critical issues of the Inter-American Model Law on Care (LMIC)

1. The right of people to be cared for, the right to care, and the right to self-care.

2. Care as an integral part of social protection systems, emphasizing universality.

3. Presents the concept of family and social co-responsibility for care.

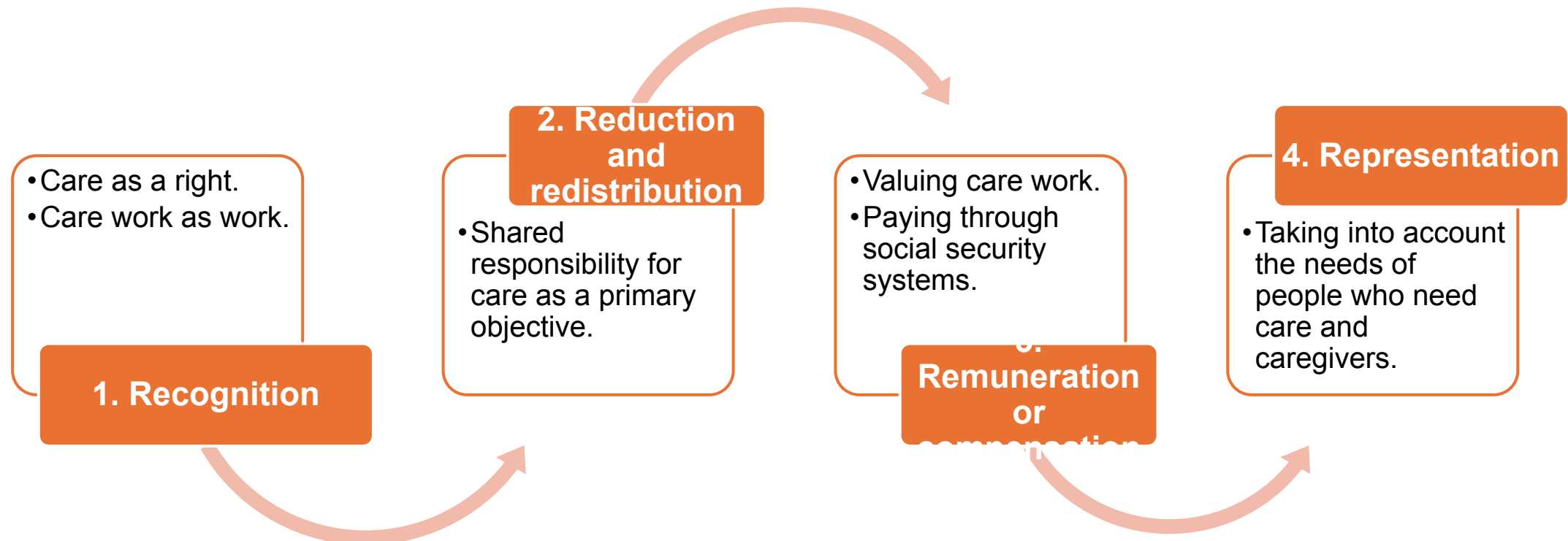
4. Care as the basis of the economic system.

5. Care as a cross-cutting theme of governance based on human rights and gender equality .



## Pillars of the Inter-American Model Law on Care (LMIC):

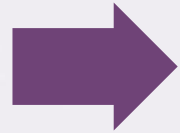
Founding premise: To redefine care work, which lays the foundation for a new understanding of social organization and the economy, by focusing on the processes that sustain life.



# Model Law Structure:

## I. Principles and general provisions

- That infuse the entire content of the Model Law and that respond to the critical issues mentioned.



## II. Recognition and appreciation of care

- It establishes the need to recognize care work and the universal right to care.

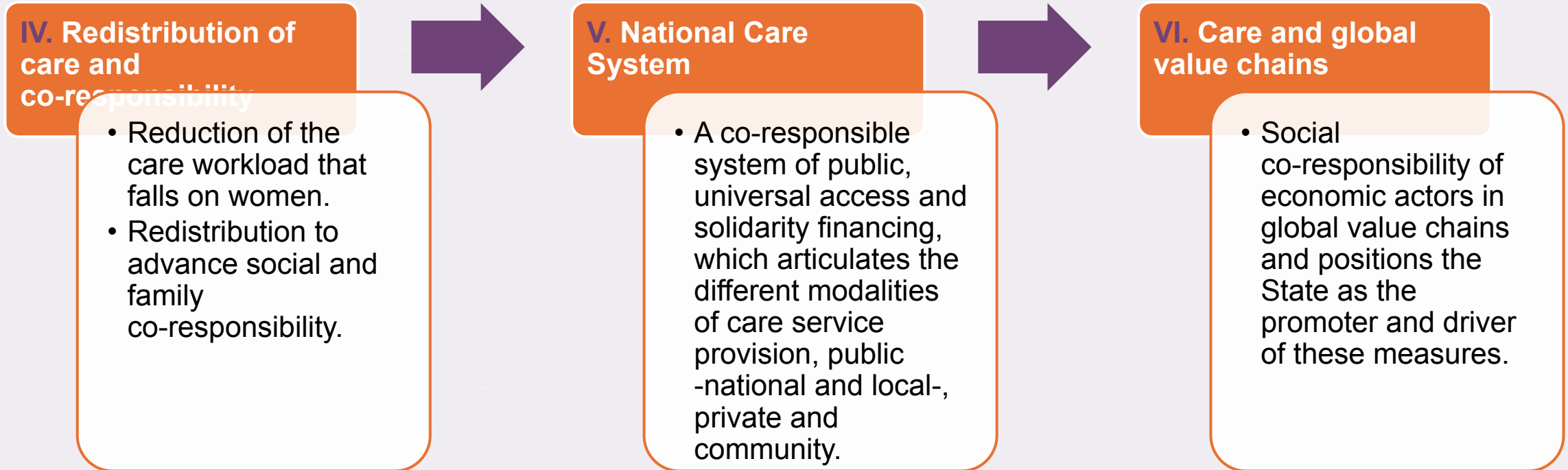


## III. The right to care

- The right to be cared for by people in situations of dependency and the right to care for caregivers, and the quality and dignity of this work as labor.




# Model Law Structure:




## LMIC Implementation Guide:

It includes the highest standards in care and co-responsibility.

 Regional practices – a review of the standards and experiences of countries that are already taking action.

 Reference for countries seeking to make progress on the issue of care, establishing minimum bases in terms of regulatory and policy changes.

 It illustrates advances and experiences of European countries.



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