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Presentation of activities of the components:
Sexual and Reproductive Health (SRH) and Gender Based Violence (GBV).

Anzoátegui, Apure, Bolívar, Capital District, Miranda, Táchira and Zulia states.



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Preface

Although Venezuelan laws guarantee sexual and reproductive rights and condemn gender-based violence, the figures of adolescent pregnancy in the country are among the highest in the region, maternal mortality represents a challenge to achieve the goals of the SDGs and violence against women, adolescents and girls continues to be highly prevalent. For these reasons, since 2003, UNFPA has worked hand in hand with public institutions in the country to stop sexually transmitted infections and unwanted pregnancies; to promote the access of women and young people to services and comprehensive education in sexual and reproductive health and to raise awareness and respond to gender-based violence.

UNFPA's work in Venezuela was until recently to promote public policies, designing care mechanisms, but without providing it directly. Since 2018, in order to respond to the serious economic crisis that the country is experiencing, the model has changed and now UNFPA provides technical assistance with closely monitoring and accompaniment on the ground. Within the framework of the Humanitarian Response Plan, it has focused its work on guaranteeing the continuity of Sexual and Reproductive Health (SRH) services, the provision of contraceptive methods, and the prevention and response to gender-based violence (GBV) in prioritized states of the country.

Following its purpose of achieving zero maternal deaths, zero unmet needs for family planning and zero violence and harmful practices against women; in the last two years UNFPA in Venezuela has served more than 300,000 women, adolescents and girls in transit, women in shelters, indigenous women, women with disabilities and even women deprived of liberty.

Introduction

Sexual and reproductive rights are of vital importance for the development of a country as an action of social transformation, having an impact not only on the health of women and adolescents, but also by translating into a lower rate of school dropouts due to unplanned pregnancies, sustainable population growth and greater participation of women in their communities and economies. For its part, in order to achieve development goals and gender equality, it is necessary to guarantee a life free of violence for women, adolescents and girls, since this problem entails great costs by limiting their performance of a healthy and productive life and by leaving psychological scars so deep that it can take years to overcome.

Sexual and reproductive health has historically been a challenge for Venezuela, the rates of maternal mortality and teenage pregnancy confirm this, while the economic crisis and forced migration have increased the cases of gender-based violence. Despite the fact that Venezuela has laws that provide for the care and protection of pregnant women with a Plan for the Reduction of Adolescent Pregnancy at an Early Age and Adolescence (PRETA, for its acronym in Spanish) and has an important regulatory framework to guarantee the right of women, adolescents and girls to a life free of violence; it still needs to strengthen the application of these laws and strategies, especially taking account of the economic crisis that the country is going through, which has undermined the resources allocated for this purpose.

In this context, the COVID-19 pandemic has deepened the difficulties, leading public institutions to prioritize the care of people infected with the virus, thus reducing resources and supplies for sexual planning and obstetric care services. Furthermore, confinement has exposed women, adolescents and girls to a higher risk of domestic violence due to increased tensions at home.

Faced with this situation, UNFPA has remained one of the most important providers of sexual and reproductive health supplies to save lives and contribute, through the support of the public health network in eight prioritized states, to an adequate care of obstetric emergencies, also guaranteeing the training of personnel and the improvement of hygiene conditions in health centers. Likewise, UNFPA is today a leader in the area of responsibility for Gender-Based Violence, making the problem visible, creating safe spaces, creating standards for the care of women in temporary accommodation spaces, promoting the use of hotlines and raising awareness about GBV and its consequences for society. If UNFPA does not continue to provide its support during this crisis, maternal deaths, unwanted pregnancies with a higher incidence in poverty rates and gender-based violence will escalate from increasing domestic violence to increased numbers of femicides. If UNFPA fails to respond, it will fail Venezuelan women who need today more than ever to know that they are not alone.

VENEZUELA



Where are we and how do we work?

Since 2018, the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) in Venezuela has expanded the scope of its response to include the Anzoátegui, Apure, Bolívar, Capital District, Miranda, Tachira and Zulia states.

In each of these states a proposal has been designed and adapted to the needs of protection and Sexual and Reproductive Health (SRH) of the local population, with special emphasis on women, adolescents and girls in vulnerable conditions.

Imagine a world where **every pregnancy is wanted, every childbirth is safe and every young person's potential is fulfilled**

That is why we develop actions to prevent unplanned pregnancies, reduce maternal mortality, promote family planning, comprehensive education on sexuality and the prevention of the transmission of Sexually Transmitted Infections (STIs) and HIV; Likewise, our initiatives are framed in Human Rights, therefore, we pursue the reduction of Gender-Based Violence (GBV) and the active participation of men, adolescents and children as key actors to advance towards Gender Equality.

ONE VISION, TRANSFORMATIVE RESULTS



ENDING
preventable
maternal death



ENDING
unmet need for
family planning



ENDING
Gender-Based Violence
and harmful
practices

ANZOÁTEGUI

The Anzoátegui state is located in the northeast of the country, here we have worked in 27 municipalities focusing our work primarily on Sexual and Reproductive Health, carrying out contraception, obstetric care, prevention and treatment of STI-HIV and prevention of COVID-19.



8.934

People received male condoms and information sessions on STI and HIV prevention.

11.505

Diagnostic tests (HIV / Syphilis) were dispensed.

265

Health workers received personal protection supplies.

740

Women received protection and hygiene supplies and information sessions on COVID-19 and Sexual and Reproductive Health.





Informative talk on prevention of COVID-19

Medical personnel received a brief training on the prevention of COVID-19, which are the minimum self-protection measures, the technique of hand washing and the correct use of personal protective equipment.

5.992
women benefited from a long-term reversible contraceptive method.

Informative talk on Contraceptive Methods

Key information about contraceptive methods, their benefits and importance, is shared with community members.



Contraception services

Interested women and adolescents received reversible and completely free family planning methods.



Informative talk on Contraceptive Methods

Both women and men receive messages about the importance of contraception, procedures and attention hours are explained.

26.319
Women
reached
through strengthened
Sexual and Reproductive
Health services.



Population Assisted

22.523

female adolescents
(10-19 years)

54.793

adult women
(20 and over)

1.141

male adolescents
(10-19 years)

6.759

adult men
(20 and over)

Informative talk on prevention of COVID-19

Medical personnel received a brief training on the prevention of COVID-19, which are the minimum self-protection measures, the technique of hand washing and the correct use of personal protective equipment.

739

women reached with menstrual hygiene supplies.

Dispensing male condoms

Delivery of male condoms and information brochures on contraception and prevention of STIs and HIV



APURE

In the Apure state, located in the south of the country, we work in 4 municipalities primarily in the area of Gender-Based Violence, focusing on awareness, response, prevention and building community resilience.



02

Safe spaces established for women, girls and adolescents.



10.043

Sensitized women in prevention of Gender Based Violence.

101

People trained to provide adequate services for the prevention of Gender-Based Violence.





Informative talk on Gender-Based Violence

The implementing partners and local coordinators talk with women, adolescents and girls with the aim of empowering them and helping them to identify common forms of violence against women and how to prevent them.



Door to door awareness

Informative talks are not only planned for specific groups, we approach also people at homes, bus stops and municipal markets, among others.



65

Officials and health personnel trained to provide services for the Clinical Management of Sexual Violence.

Workshops on Gender-Based Violence

The participants study in depth the various phases of the cycle of violence, in addition, tools are presented to avoid remaining in this type of situation.



Informative talks on Gender-Based Violence

All participants received basic information for the prevention of Gender-Based Violence, how to identify and prevent it.

Population assisted

1.783

female adolescents (10-19 years)

7.793

adult women (20 and over)

672

male adolescents (10-19 years)

2.094

adult men (20 and over)



4.233
**Women,
adolescents
and girls**
have received
Dignity Kits.



Informative talks on Gender-Based Violence

All participants received basic information for the prevention of Gender-Based Violence, how to identify and prevent it.



Delivery of supplies for the offices that receive Gender-Based Violence complaints

To ensure that all complaints are processed, we support these offices with the delivery of supplies such as: sheets, ink and pens necessary to keep track of the cases.

BOLÍVAR

The Bolívar state is located in the southeast of the country, bordered by Brazil and is one of the border crossings where UNFPA Venezuela works in 18 municipalities mainly on the prevention of Gender-Based Violence, with special emphasis on sexual exploitation, sexual violence and trafficking networks.



12.242

Sensitized women regarding the prevention of Gender-Based Violence.

02

Safe spaces established for women, girls and adolescents.

188

Women have access to Gender-Based Violence response services according to their needs.

255

People trained to provide adequate services for the prevention of Gender-Based Violence.





Informative talk about the Violentometro

The “Violentometro” is a graphic measuring instrument that helps women identify common forms of violence and classify them from the mildest to the most dangerous.

Delivery of Dignity Kits to migrant adolescents and women

Within the communities, vulnerable populations of women, adolescents and girls are identified, especially those in mobility conditions, to give them Dignity Kits with feminine hygiene products.



Workshops on Gender-Based Violence

During these sensitizations, women are also explained where to go in case of experiencing a situation of violence.

83

Protection officers and health personnel trained to provide services for the Clinical Management of Sexual Violence.

5.282
Women, adolescents and girls
 have received Dignity Kits.

2.293
 female adolescents (10-19 years)

10.141
 adult women (20 and over)

684
 male adolescents (10-19 years)

2.655
 adult men (20 and over)

Population assisted



Delivery of Dignity Kits to women and adolescents

Each dignity kit contains: sanitary napkins, shampoo, comb, toothpaste and toothbrush, soap, towel, underwear of various sizes and radio-flashlight.

Workshops on Gender-Based Violence

One of the main strategies of these workshops is to motivate women to design their life project, study and obtain financial means on their own.



DISTRITO CAPITAL

The Capital District is located in the north-central area of the country, it is one of the most populated entities in all of Venezuela. In 19 municipalities of this state, initiatives for both Sexual and Reproductive Health and Gender-Based Violence are integrated.



50.580

Women reached through strengthened Sexual and Reproductive Health services.

158.944

Contraceptives dispensed.

2.490

Women reached with Hygiene Kits and /or menstrual hygiene supplies.

1.442

Women, adolescents and girls have received Dignity Kits.



Delivery of Supplies to Hospitals and Medical Centers

Maternity wards are provided with supplies for emergency obstetric care and improvement of the water and light conditions of the obstetric care services, in addition to cleaning materials.



Delivery of Dignity Kits to women and adolescents with disabilities

In addition to the delivery of the kits, information sessions were held on Gender-Based Violence and the differentiated impact on women with disabilities, activities carried out in coordination with CONAPDIS.



Delivery of Dignity Kits to women and adolescents with disabilities

As part of the sensitization, informational materials such as the Violentometer and fold-out brochures on menstrual hygiene were also handed out.

Trainings for medical personnel

During the months of the pandemic, in addition to training on Clinical Management of Sexual Violence, obstetric care, hand hygiene, prevention of ITX / HIV; The health workers also received informative talks on measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19.





Placement of Subcutaneous Implants and IUD

All implant, IUD and subcutaneous injections placement sessions are accompanied by awareness-raising on contraception, and prevention of STIs and HIV.



7.763
Women and adolescents

benefited from a long-term reversible contraceptive method.

Population assisted

29.266

female adolescents
(10-19 years)

76.263

adult women
(20 and over)

995

male adolescents
(10-19 years)

11.087

adult men
(20 and over)

MIRANDA

Miranda is the second most populated state in the country, and, like the Capital District, it is located in the north-central area of the country. We conduct activities in 26 municipalities of this state in both components: Sexual and Reproductive Health and Gender-Based Violence.



69.499

Women reached through strengthened Sexual and Reproductive Health services.

04

Maternity hospitals equipped with emergency obstetric care supplies.

8.565

Women reached with hygiene kits and/or menstrual hygiene supplies.

58.859

Rapid HIV and Syphilis tests performed.



Delivery of medical and cleaning supplies

The image shows the delivery of materials for cleaning obstetric units, delivery areas and recovery areas.



Information sessions on Obstetric Care

Medical staff and pregnant women received information sessions on warning signs during pregnancy. This information is key to avoiding complications and ensuring safe deliveries.



Door to door awareness

During the COVID-19 pandemic, in addition to the dispensing of condoms to the population, we were able to include key messages in the door to door visits such as: prevention of STIs and HIV, attention to sexual violence, contraceptive methods (IUD and implants), prenatal evaluation, among others.

339.250
Contraceptive
methods
dispensed.



Awareness and delivery of Male Condoms

The general population received male condoms along with information sessions on STI and HIV prevention.



Population assisted

48.644	126.025	3.178	21.147
female adolescents (10-19 years)	adult women (20 and over)	male adolescents (10-19 years)	adult men (20 and over)



Awareness on Gender-Based Violence and delivery of Dignity Kits

The adolescents and women also receive informational materials that they can take with them to refresh what they learned during the talks.

2.734

Adolescents and women sensitized in the prevention of Gender-Based Violence.

2.572

Adolescents and women have received Dignity Kits.

TÁCHIRA

Táchira is located in the west of the country and borders the Republic of Colombia. The border crossing makes women, adolescents and girls who seek better living conditions, particularly vulnerable, which is why we have developed strategies in 28 municipalities especially aimed at the prevention of Gender-Based Violence and the Clinical Management of Sexual Violence.



20.682

Women reached through strengthened Sexual and Reproductive Health services.



Thematic awareness at CAINNAM

The Comprehensive Care Center for Girls, Boys, Adolescents and Women (CAINNAM) is located in San Antonio, in this space different awareness activities are carried out together with UNICEF, so that people are able to identify the signs of violence and make complaints, thereby saving lives.

02

Spaces conditioned and equipped for the Clinical Management of Sexual Violence.

39

Health officials and personnel trained in the Clinical Management of Sexual Violence.

13.689

People receive male condoms and information sessions on STI and HIV prevention.



Delivery of Contraceptives and informational materials

Within CAINNAM, women and adolescents have access to various informational materials on prevention of Gender-Based Violence, sexual violence, menstrual hygiene, new masculinities, as well as condoms and other contraceptive methods.

Population assisted

6.533
female
adolescents
(10-19 years)

25.695
adult women
(20 and over)

1.479
male
adolescents
(10-19 years)

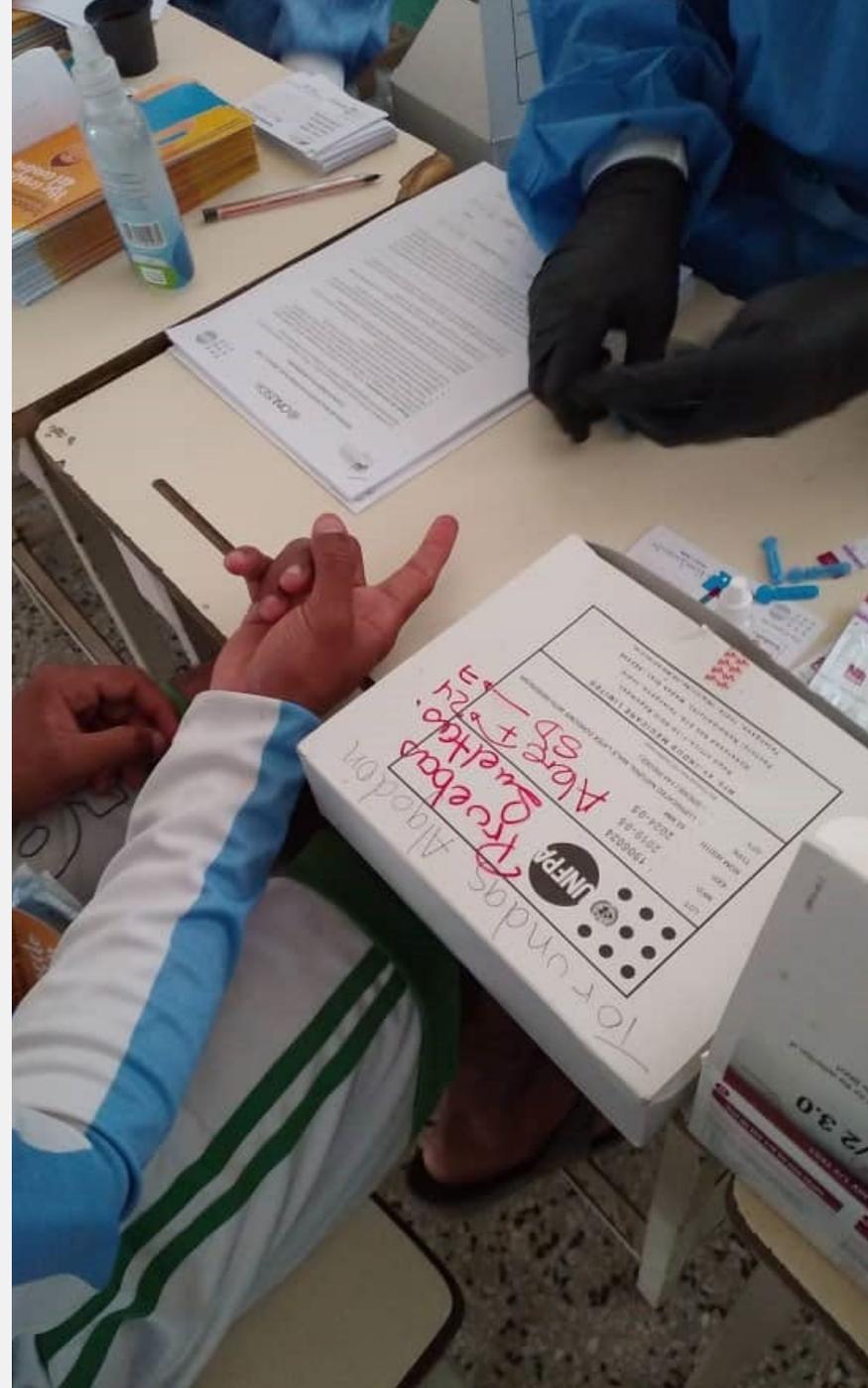
7.444
adult men
(20 and over)

130.693
Contraceptive
methods
dispensed.



HIV and Syphilis Testing

During the HIV and Syphilis screening sessions, rapid tests are carried out and informative messages are shared for the prevention of STIs and HIV, in addition to delivering male condoms.





Workshops on Gender-Based Violence and delivery of Dignity Kits

In times of crisis, Gender-Based Violence tends to increase exposing women and girls to greater risk situations; That is why it is key to hold information sessions and empower them so that they can avoid being immersed in cycles of violence or high-risk situations.

11.182

adolescents and women sensitized in the prevention of Gender-Based Violence.

4.966

adolescents and women have received Dignity Kits.

ZULIA

The state of Zulia is located in the northwest of the country and borders the Republic of Colombia. In addition to having a large number of inhabitants and having a very abundant migratory flow, there are 05 indigenous ethnic groups: Añú, Barí, Wayúu, Yukpa and Japreria.

In this entity, both components work together in 37 municipalities to provide a more comprehensive response to the needs of women, adolescents and girls.



10.056

adolescents and women sensitized in the prevention of Gender-Based Violence.

01

adolescents and women sensitized in the prevention of Gender-Based Violence.

05

Spaces conditioned and equipped for the Clinical Management of Sexual Violence.

6.226

Women and adolescents benefited from a long-term reversible contraceptive method.



Delivery of contraceptives and awareness

Awareness talks were also held in public spaces, such as bus and boats stops, municipal markets, among others.



Awareness talks on Sexual and Reproductive Health

The participants of the sessions learned about the prevention of unplanned pregnancies, STIs and HIV. In addition, they learn to use condoms correctly, which to be 99% effective must be used in all their relationships.



Delivery of supplies, cleaning materials and Dignity Kits

The care centers have been equipped with personal protection equipment and hygiene supplies, and they also have supplies for the Clinical Management of Sexual Violence.



Contraception methods and Awareness about prevention of Gender-Based Violence

The placement of contraceptive methods and awareness-raising on the prevention of Gender-Based Violence were aimed at indigenous populations. All messages and materials were adapted in the native languages to facilitate their understanding.



Workshop on New Masculinities and awareness on Gender-Based Violence

Adolescents and men participate in these workshops, which seek to sensitize them and commit them to build healthier and more equal relationships, rethink the idea of masculinity and unlearn gender roles.

4.279
**Women,
 adolescents
 and girls**
 have received
 Dignity Kits.

Population assisted

1.016 female adolescents (10-19 years)	32.597 adult women (20 or more years)	724 male adolescents (10-19 years)	4.350 adult men (20 or more years)
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Sensitization on Gender-Based Violence and delivery of Dignity Kits

In the image we can see the delivery of Dignity Kits and messages on violence to Christian women from the Santa María de Jesús Church in Pomona, and information on attention and complaint services was also offered.



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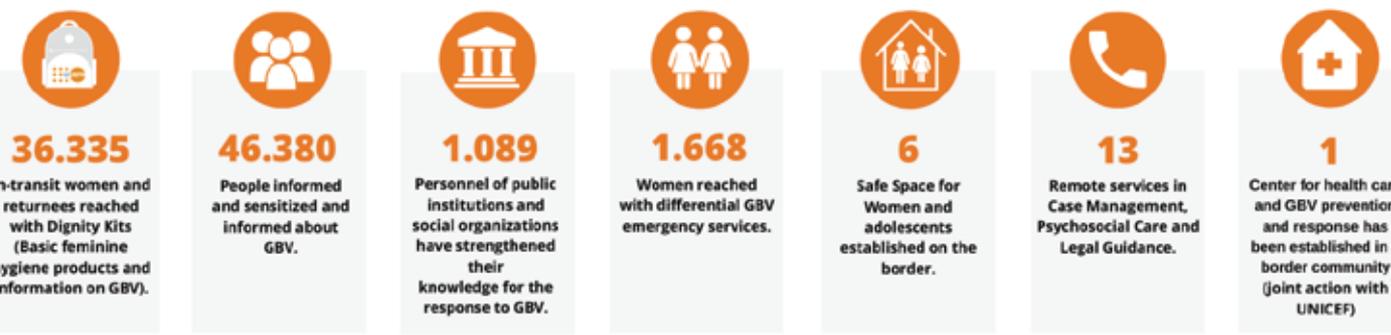
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CONTINUITY OF SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH SERVICES



PREVENTION AND RESPONSE TO GENDER BASED VIOLENCE



PROVISION OF CONTRACEPTIVE METHODS



The UNFPA team in Venezuela is made up of 51 people deployed in 8 states in the country. UNFPA works alongside dozens of implementing partners, humanitarian organizations, and UN agencies under the health, wash and protection clusters. Tons of humanitarian aid have been distributed to date.

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Tons of humanitarian aid have been distributed to date.



BENEFICIARIES



Female adolescents (10 to 19 years old)

98.011



Adult women (20 and older)

298.472



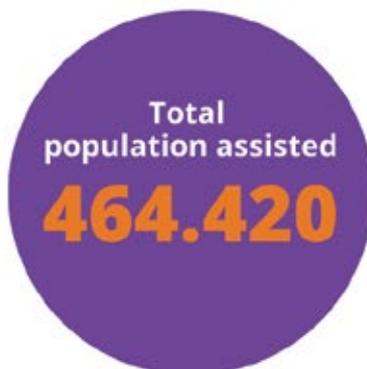
Male adolescents (10 to 19 years)

12.398



Adult men (20 and older)

55.539



The Venezuela Humanitarian Response Plan with Humanitarian Needs Overview 2020 (HRP) aims to provide 4.5 million vulnerable Venezuelans with humanitarian assistance.

FUNDS AND FINANCING

Central Emergency Response Fund 1 (CERF 1)
November 2018 - August 2019

100% **\$1.727.515,00**

Central Emergency Response Fund 2 (CERF 2)
October 2019 - September 2020

100% **\$1.912.760,00**

Central Emergency Response Fund 3 (CERF 3)
April 2020 - December 2020

96,51% **\$400.000,00**

Norwegian Fund 1
December 2019 - September 2020

93,21% **\$544.959,13**

Norwegian Fund 2
May 2020 - May 2021

60,54% **\$289.711,00**

Emergency Fund 1
March 2019 - December 2019

100% **\$248.000,00**

Emergency Fund 2
April 2020 - December 2020

98,26% **\$83.353,00**

Unified Budget, Results and Accountability Framework 1 (UBRAF 1)
March 2018 - March 2019

100% **\$52.000,00**

Unified Budget, Results and Accountability Framework 2 (UBRAF 2)
February 2019 - August 2020

100% **\$52.000,00**

Unified Budget, Results and Accountability Framework 3 (UBRAF 3)
March 2020 - December 2021

94,98% **\$69.000,00**

Total resources mobilized

\$5.379.298,13

Funding gap

\$18.317.324,80

We strive to achieve zero unmet contraceptive needs, zero avoidable maternal deaths, and zero gender-based violence and harmful practices.





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