UN-Women’s operational response at regional level

Americas and the Caribbean

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2022 LAC Footprint: networking approach

Operational Presence in 12 Countries
Non-Resident Agency in: 8 Countries
Total Planned Resources $80 million
Funding Partners 52

SP Outcome Areas
- Global norms, laws, policies & institutions: $19 m (29% of total DRF)
- Gender Financing: $7 m (11% of total DRF)
- Positive Social Norms: $11 m (17% of total DRF)
- Access to Services, Goods & Resources: $16 m (31% of total DRF)
- Voice, leadership & agency: $4 m (8% of total DRF)
- Gender statistics and data: $1 m (2% of total DRF)
- UN Coordination: $1 m (2% of total DRF)

SP OEE Areas
- Advancing partnerships & r.: 1M (6.01%)
- Empowered People: 3M (12.42%)
- Products, Services & Proc.: 6M (28.42%)
- Principled Perform: 10M (49.42%)
- TOTAL OEE: $21 M

SP Impact Areas
- L&G 10M (17.09%)
- EVAW: 19 M (31.93%)
- WPS&H: 13M (21...)
- WE: 17 M (29.22%)
- TOTAL DRF: $59 M

Funding Sources
- Non-Core Available: 40M
- Non-Core TBM: 16M
- Core: 9M
- IB: 8M
- XB: 2M

Top 5 Funding Partners
- MPTF Spotlight Funds: $8 M
- Government of Norway: $4 M
- Korea International Agency: $3 M
- US Department of State: $3 M
- Government of Sweden: $2 M

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Key Results
Outstanding Regional Programmes and Initiatives
2018-2021
Women’s leadership and political participation

+7 LAC countries approved quota or parity measures, resulting in 18 of 33 LAC countries with some affirmative measures

+8 countries advanced on normative measures for the eradication of VAW in Politics (totaling 10 in the region)

**Political Parity Index** in +7 countries reaching 13 LAC countries with data, analysis and recommendations towards parity

**Virtual Platform for Political Training:** 3323 women in politics strengthened

Increased awareness and comprehensive approach to VAW in Politics

Supported networks of women in politics

First Regional Observatory on Parity Democracy and Political Violence

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**Priority UN Women LNOB Focus**

Indigenous and Afro-Descendant women’s political rights and leadership strengthened (country examples)

- High-level Indigenous Women’s Platform in Guatemala
- Inclusion of UN Women Originarias programme leaders in the Constitutional Cabinet of Chile
- First national network of Afro and Aymara Municipal Women Leaders in Bolivia
- Mainstreamed the focus of Indigenous and Quilombola Women into subnational public policies and procedures in Brazil
- Key documents on VAWP and WPP in indigenous languages and close work with indigenous authorities in Mexico
11 LAC countries are designing or starting to implement National Care Systems with UN Women support

Argentina, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Mexico, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay

- Care positioned as a key for COVID-19 recovery and sustainable recovery regionally, nationally and locally and advancing in 11 countries with UNW support
- Regional consensus to position Care Societies as the main theme for the XV LAC Regional Conference on Women in 2022
- Evidence generation (e.g., retrospective study to quantify the costs and benefits of subsidized childcare in Barbados)
- Law reforms promoted to set foundations for care systems (e.g., Mexico)
- Financing for care boosted by UN Women costing methodology
WIN WIN: GENDER EQUALITY MEANS GOOD BUSINESS

Contributing to women’s economic empowerment and leadership and strengthening companies' commitment to gender equality in Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Costa Rica, Jamaica, and Uruguay

- 20,000+ impacted women entrepreneurs
- 800+ trainings, mentoring sessions and events
- 900+ WEPs signatory companies
- 5,650+ companies had access to knowledge and tools on gender equality
- 1000+ businesswomen & entrepreneurs trained in “Virtual Skills School”
- 500+ companies approved & implemented non-discrimination and equal opportunity policies, strategies/diversity and inclusion units
- 94% of representatives from women’s networks and associations have strengthened capacities to support women entrepreneurs to start and grow their businesses
Entrepreneurship capacities / territorial management for equality, women’s access to financial services in El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras

2,457 women entrepreneurs with appropriate skills to adapt and transform products, widening their distribution networks and accessing to new markets

Advisory services to 40 start up companies

The creation of the Guarantee Fund, accompanied by technical assistance and financing from MELYT, has increased the availability of financing for guarantees for US$1 million under the "Financial Sector Support Facility for financing Micro, Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises affected by the crisis generated by COVID-19" implemented by Central American Integration Bank with a total amount of US$650 million.
## Second Chance Education Programme (Chile & Mexico)

### Empowerment and economic wellbeing through education and agency creation

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<td>Complementary services and Covid response</td>
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“Investors for Equality”
16 partners from the financial ecosystem, private sector, and institutional investors

Elimination of Gender responsive laws for WEE with SEGIB
- 20 country assessments
- Virtual Platform for Legislation on WEE in Ibero-America to be launched in 2022

Gender responsive budgeting:
Knowledge of Finance Ministries was strengthened in 15 LAC countries

— Additional results to build on towards 2025—
## UN Women’s Contribution to the Spotlight Initiative in LAC

### Beneficiaries

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### People reached

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Source: Spotlight initiative from each office.

*Strengthened capabilities.

**Promulgated or strengthened.
15 PBF projects 2018-2021: Increased participation of women and youth peacebuilders and human rights defenders in Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador, Guatemala, El Salvador, Haiti, and Honduras.

Peru and Mexico adopted first 1325 National Action Plans (NAPs) and Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Mexico, Peru, Paraguay and Uruguay received technical support to formulate or renew their 1325 NAPs.

Networks of women peacebuilders and mediators strengthened in Mexico, Argentina, Bolivia, and Colombia. Consolidation of the Regional Network of Women Mediators of the Southern Cone.

Acceleration of women’s participation in peace operations through the Elsie Fund in Uruguay and Mexico, and increased work with security sector in Colombia, Chile, Bolivia.

HUMANITARIAN ACTION

Needs Assessments and Humanitarian Response Plans in Colombia, Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras, and Venezuela incorporated the gender and intersectional perspectives.

HUMANITARIAN MOBILITY

Engendered actions of the Platform for Refugees and Migrants from Venezuela (R4V): 190 partners with UN Women Gender Focal Point.

— WOMEN, PEACE AND SECURITY —
Highlights: working with partners for transformative results

1. Working for engendered joint action within the UN
   - 49% of UN Women 2018-2021 portfolio in the region Joint UN Programmes
   - High-quality gender perspective in 8 new generation Cooperation Frameworks only in 2021
   - + 1000 UN personnel from all over the region trained in gender mainstreaming for the Cooperation Frameworks

2. Working with governments for stronger global norms & intergovernmental processes
   - ECLAC-UN Women strengthened coordination and hosting of Regional Conferences on Women in LAC and regional CSW consultations since 2020
   - Continued substantive and political support to CEDAW and other HR bodies: e.g., General Recommendations on the rights of indigenous women and girls and on trafficking in women and girls

3. Strengthening civil society organizations
   - Regional Fund for feminist organizations and movements launched in 2021 by governments, CSOs and ECLAC under the Regional Conference on Women in LAC
   - 85 organizations part of the Small Grants Agreements programme
   - 190 organizations
   - Formal partner agreements with more than 190 organizations
   - Civil society advisory groups at regional level and in all major programmes and Country Offices

4. Expanding partnerships for wider outreach and emerging priorities
   - Accreditation for Green Climate Fund. Support to 15 countries on Gender and Climate Change
   - Alliances with sports organizations, influencers and 24 artists and musicians, partnerships with media and advertising companies
   - Financing for Gender Equality Initiative and private sector programmes
   - Strong social media outreach and growth

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The way forward: Implementing the UN-Women Strategic Plan 2022-2025 in LAC
Regional priorities responding to global SP systemic outcomes and driving impact towards thematic areas —

Strengthening democratic institutions, women’s political participation and parity in all levels

Knowledge hub: Improved gender data and statistics, forecasting analyses, enabling environments for gender-responsive policies and programmes

Women human rights and environmental defenders, indigenous, Afro-descendant and migrant women

Strengthening women’s role in local mediation, social dialogues and peace. Engender disaster risk reduction and humanitarian responses and policies.

Contribute to behavioral changes and reduce inequalities

Care systems expanded and consolidated in the region

UN accountably and driven to deliver a UN Women-led gender sensitive response to achieve 2030 Agenda — Empowered people and professionalization of teams, automatization and use of a network approach

Climate change, gender equality and women’s economic empowerment through circular economy and green tech initiatives

Financing for Gender Equality - advance gender equality through public and private gender responsive financing policies, public budgeting, innovative strategies and instruments
Thank you!