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Briefing on the operational response of UN Women at the regional level: Americas and the Caribbean

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PROGRAMMATIC OVERVIEW 2022-2025 IN LAC

Priority Results per Strategic Impact Area

Governance and Participation in Public Life

- Strengthen gender-responsive laws, policies, and institutions (parity and full participation in decision-making)

Women's Economic Empowerment

- Promote equitable access to decent work and women's economic empowerment to enhance opportunities and address care work (5Rs)

Ending Violence against Women

- Increase key stakeholders' capacities to contribute to guaranteeing women's and girls' human rights, living free of violence with full access to justice

WPS, Humanitarian Action, DRR

- Women contribute and benefit from peacebuilding and sustainability, political and social dialogues and conflict transformation
- Women and their organizations incorporate gender and accountability approach in the response to crises, humanitarian action and DRR

CONTEXT IN THE AMERICAS AND THE CARIBBEAN

Structural gaps challenges



- **Strengthening democratic institutions and high political violence against women**
- **Violence against women and girls**
 - High levels of gender-based violence
 - Highest homicide rate in the world, including related to organized crime and highest human rights defenders killed
- **Mobility crisis:** affecting women and children and increasing trafficking and sextortion and violence against women and girls
- **High levels of inequalities, poverty and food insecurity**
 - In 2022, 118 women lived in poor households for every 100 men
 - 4 out of 10 women faced food insecurity
- **Unpaid care work, unemployment and informality**
 - Gap in labour force participation: 51.6% women vs 75.3% men

PROMOTING NATIONAL CARE SYSTEMS AND POLICIES

Key results

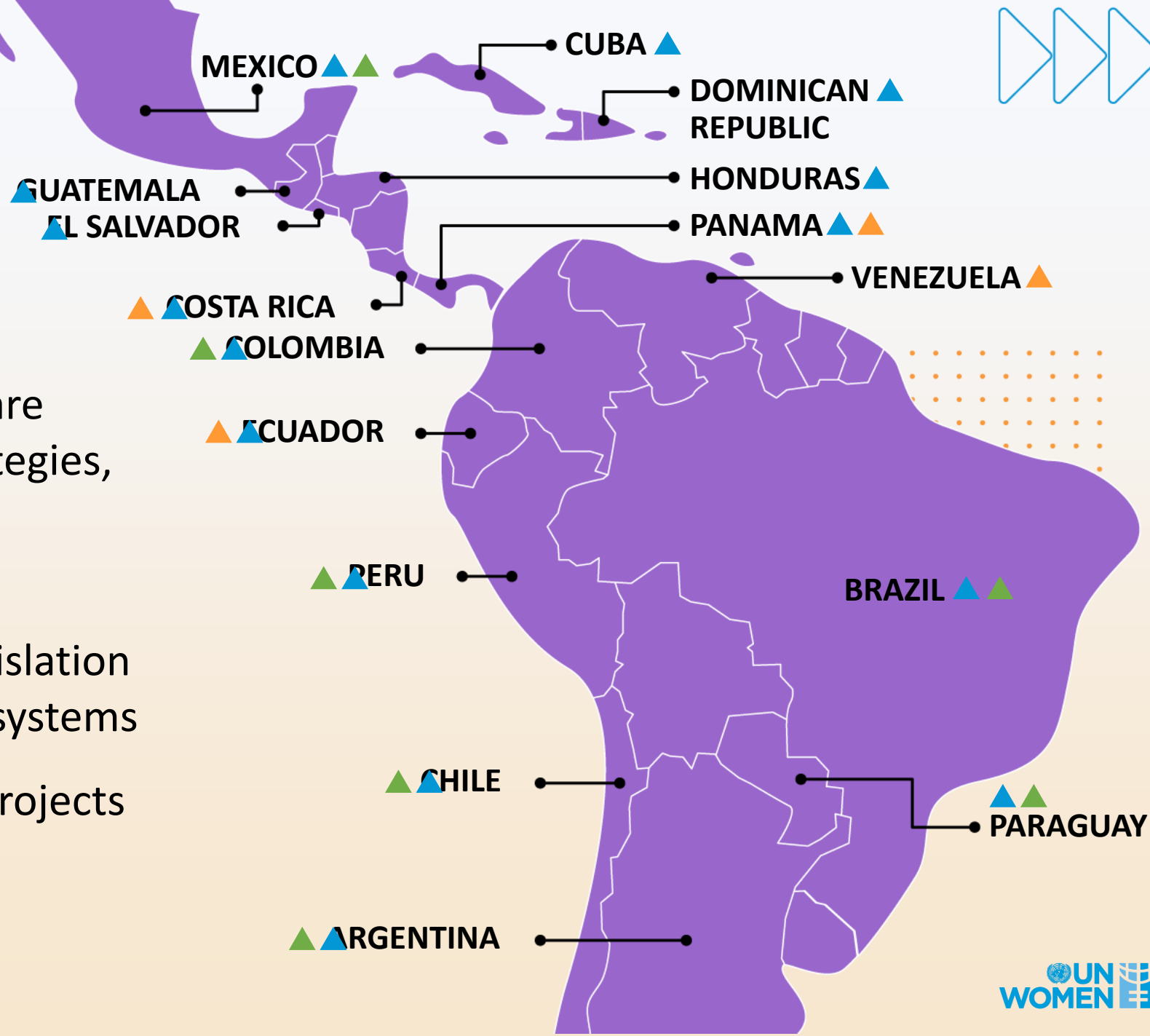
- **UN Women in LAC** has prioritized the care agenda advancing comprehensive care systems and policies, care work redistribution, care workers' rights and the right to care
- **UN Women** provided technical assistance to national governments to design, regulate, cost and implement care policies and systems aligned with the XV Regional Conference on Women and the 2022 Buenos Aires Commitment



PROMOTING NATIONAL CARE SYSTEMS

Key results in 2022-2024

- ▲ With UN Women's technical assistance **15 LAC countries** are developing laws, policies, strategies, and action plans towards comprehensive care systems
- ▲ **4 countries** have enacted legislation establishing care policies and systems
- ▲ **7 countries** have legislative projects on care



PROMOTING NATIONAL CARE SYSTEMS

Key results in 2022-2024

UNW LAC's programmatic presence with care project
(national and sub-national levels)

42 national and local strategies, policies, and action plans adopted
(June, 2024)

MEXICO
State of Mexico,
Mexico City, Puebla,
Nuevo Leon
(Monterrey), Jalisco

**GUATEMALA
EL SALVADOR**

**COSTA RICA
PANAMA**
• Juan Díaz

ECUADOR
• Machala, Loja,
Guayaquil and Quito

PERU
• Villa El Salvador

CHILE
• Renca

ARGENTINA
• Buenos Aires, Chaco,
Santa Fe, La Rioja,
Rosario, Neuquén

CUBA

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

• Azua and Santo Domingo Este

HONDURAS

• Trifinio region

COLOMBIA

• Bogotá, Villavicencio,
Cumbal, government
of Antioquia, Medellin,
Nariño and Pasto

BRAZIL


• Belén do Pará

PARAGUAY



FINANCING FOR GENDER EQUALITY & WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT

Key results

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- By June 2024, LAC has **2,519 WEPs signatories** (BANCO SOL, UNILEVER, SCHNEIDER Electric...)
 - **Second Chance Education programme in Chile and Mexico reached more than 12,000 women**, increasing their economic opportunities through digital economy and entrepreneurship competencies development

ENDING VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

Key results

- **UN Women's implementation of the Spotlight initiative benefited 1.4 million people across 33 countries in LAC, and 350 civil society organizations strengthened their capacities**
- **36 laws and public policies were proposed, reformed, approved, or strengthened to prevent, investigate, judge, repair, and eliminate violence against women**
- **Approximately 74.2 million people were reached through communication and advocacy campaigns launched under the Spotlight Initiative**



ENDING VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

Key results

- ▲ **14 countries** have passed comprehensive laws that broaden the understanding and range of action to address violence against women and girls
- ▲ **17 countries** have criminalized femicide, feminicide, or gender-related killing of a woman



INCLUSIVE GOVERNANCE & POLITICAL PARTICIPATION

Key results

- **3 countries passed gender-responsive** institutional and policy reforms within their ministries of foreign affairs with UN Women technical support.
 - Chile, Colombia and Bolivia
- **3 countries advanced national mechanisms to address violence against women in politics** with UN Women technical assistance.
 - Brazil, El Salvador and Guatemala
- **UN Women led capacity-building initiatives in 6 countries**, including 6 regional training proposals: **more than 2500 women strengthened their skills** to participate in politics and promote gender equality agendas and policies.



WOMEN, PEACE & SECURITY

Key results

- **Women in the region increased their participation in peace and security decision-making**, including peace processes, negotiations, political dialogues, and transitional justice:
 - **9 countries adopted 1325 National Action Plans**; Caribbean countries are initiating this process
 - **10 countries are implementing gender-responsive peacebuilding projects** in partnership with the Peacebuilding Fund and the Elsie Initiative
 - **4 Peacebuilders and Human Rights Defenders Networks were created**
- **Protection and agency of peacebuilders and human rights defenders enhanced**
 - **+70 organizations and 6,000 women. Funding from WPHF in Haiti, Colombia, and Venezuela**

HUMAN MOBILITY

Key results

- 10 countries in the region are implementing strategies and projects in human mobility
- 5 key intergovernmental and multistakeholder spaces mainstream gender: Quito Process, Regional Conference on Migration, South American Conference on Migration, Regional Integrated Framework for Protection & Solutions, Cartagena+40 Consultation Process

MEXICO

HONDURAS

PANAMA

TRINIDAD & TOBAGO

GUYANA

COSTA RICA

COLOMBIA

ECUADOR

BRAZIL

CHILE

NORMATIVE, INTERGOVERNMENTAL PROCESSES AND CIVIL SOCIETY

Key results

LAC countries and CSOs continued strengthening the effective implementation of normative frameworks on GEWE at the global regional and national level:

- **14 High-level regional meetings organized** (LAC Regional Conference on Women, CSW's Regional Consultations, CEDAW's General Recommendations, etc.)
- **18 National and regional reports submitted and declarations adopted** (CEDAW, CSW's Regional Declarations, Buenos Aires Commitment, among others)
- **25 Documents produced with CSOs** (care economy, environment, women participation, debt, etc.)
- **95 Meetings and side-events organized with CSOs**
- **6,500 In-person and/or virtual participants** in regional meetings

CROSS CUTTING OUTCOMES

Key results

Gender Equality, Environment and Climate Justice: 25 national negotiators supported, ensuring gender mainstreaming in international climate negotiations

Knowledge Management, Partnerships, Communications and Advocacy:

- **230.5M Potential reach of campaigns & +252K new followers**
- **Media:** El País and 18 videos co-produced with NBC (4 channels +30M households each) & **+229 new knowledge products**

UN Coordination: 42 joint initiatives and 8 UN-to-UN agreements (representing US\$42.3 million).

Gender Statistics: NSOs have a regional guideline that provides a conceptual and methodological resource for integrating the gender perspective into statistical production (CEA-ECLAC).
+ 1000 persons in **30** countries enhanced their gender statistics skills through training, courses, and scholarships and participated in regional discussions and events supported by Women Count.

THANK YOU!

