

Scoping Study on Sexual, Reproductive and Maternal Health (SRMH) in Latin America and the Caribbean.

Colombia

Strengths:

- Solid, consistent and expanding legal and normative corpus for the guarantee of sexual and reproductive rights.
- Health policies and programs are aligned with the legal framework, with a differential and intersectional approach.
- The Presidential Advisory Office for Women's Equity conducts research.
- Strong representation and visibility of civil society organizations in advocacy actions.
- A quarter of stakeholders mapped have alliances with other national, regional, and international actors; and develop projects, research, and advocacy simultaneously.

Challenges:

- Access to quality information, tailored data process, and trusted health indicators.
- Gaps in the effective access to the right to legal abortion.
- Difficulties in the implementation of comprehensive sexuality education in the field of education due to institutions' criteria.
- Limitations in the provision of counseling services in SRMH for adolescents, more pronounced in rural or indigenous population.
- Gaps between the extensive framework of laws, regulations and protection policies of gender-based violence.
- Difficulties in accessing to a wide range of services due to geographic, cultural and language barriers.

Research priorities:

- Access of indigenous and women of rural areas to SRMH services, particular in abortion.
- Barriers to access to contraceptives.
- Studies on knowledge and attitudes of health care professionals (knowledge of rights and professional responsibility).
- Studies that implement interventions to prevent unintended pregnancies.
- Research on evidence-based practices in vulnerable population.
- Studies of impact and cost-effectiveness evaluations of sexual and reproductive health interventions/ programs/policies using rigorous research designs.
- Evaluate the impact of telemedicine implementation to improve access to contraception and safe abortion services.

Stakeholders working in SRMH rights:

