



UN-WOMEN'S WORK IN LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN - 2025

Americas and the Caribbean (ACRO)

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CONTEXT

Multiple, overlapping crises:

Rising threats to peace and security, poverty, inequality, climate change, organized crime, political polarization and governance challenges:

- **Labor informality**
- **Gender-based violence**
- **Peace and security**
- **Migration**
- **Care work burden**

UN-WOMEN IN LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN COUNTRIES

UN-Women is present in LAC through 21 locations:

- 1 Regional Office based in Panamá
- 10 country offices
- 1 multi-country office covering 22 islands and territories in the Caribbean based in Barbados.
- 9 countries with small-medium programme teams through non-physical presences (NPPs)

Over the current Strategic Note period, ACRO has leveraged its operational, coordination, and normative mandates coupled with its technical expertise to drive region-wide results, while addressing persistent structural barriers to achieve gender equality.



PROGRESS IN LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN IN 2025



Normative gains:

- August 2025: The Tlatelolco Commitment (2025) and its decade of action 2025 – 2035, Ciudad de México, Mexico.
- August 2025: Recognition of the right to care as an autonomous human right by the Inter-American Court of Human Rights.
- November 2025: Bi-regional Pact on Care – EU CELAC, Santa Marta, Colombia.
- November 2025: Gender Action Plan COP 30, Belem do Para, Brazil.
- December 2025: 67th meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Women in LAC –Agreements' Regional Consultation CSW70, Santiago de Chile, Chile.
- December 2025: Inter-American Model Law to Prevent, Punish, and Eradicate Gender-Based Digital Violence against Women, Organization of America States, Fortaleza, Brazil.

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Women's leadership and decision making with UN Women technical support (2025):

- **Enhanced institutional mechanisms to address violence against women in politics in 5 countries** (Argentina, Colombia, Ecuador, Guatemala and Honduras), including the adoption of a 1 new specific law (COL) and of a national protocol to address VAWP (HON).
- Strengthened municipal management in 23 local governments in El Salvador and Honduras and **adopted 2 municipal plans with a gender perspective**.
- Training proposals in 4 countries (Argentina, Colombia, El Salvador, Honduras) and 5 at regional level, including a mentoring program for new elected young decision-makers: **+3050 women strengthened their skills** to participate in decision-making processes and advance GE agendas and policies.
- **1 Regional network of National Observatories on Women's Political participation and rights created**, with members from 12 LAC countries.
- **CEDAW GR40** presented and disseminated in 6 regional multi-stakeholders dialogues, including within the Parliamentary Forum in the framework of the XVI Regional Conference of Women in LAC.

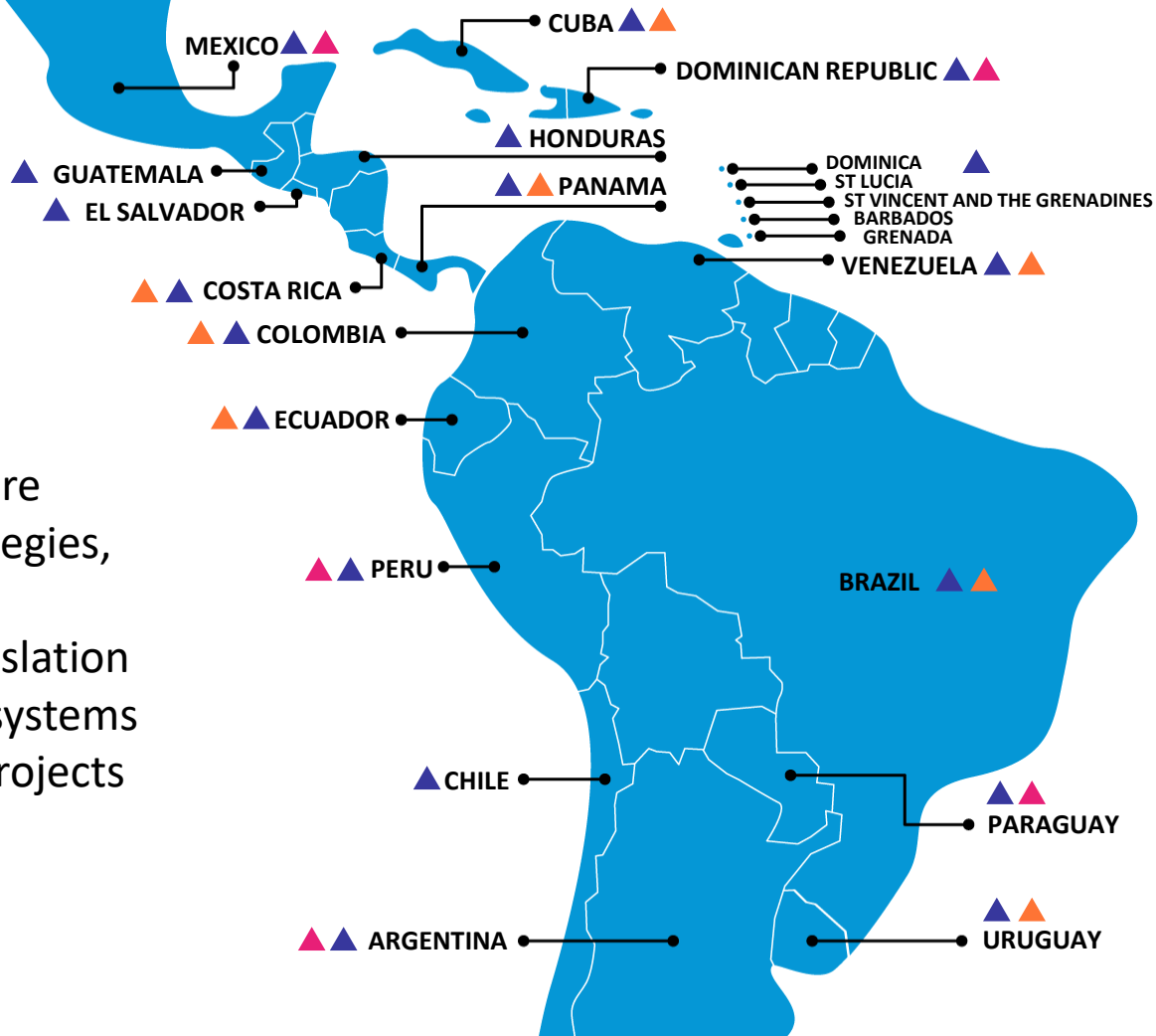


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WOMEN'S ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT IN RESILIENT ECONOMIES

Key results on care in 2022-2025

- ▲ With UN Women's assistance **22 LAC countries** are developing laws, policies, strategies, and action plans
- ▲ **8 countries** have enacted legislation establishing care policies and systems
- ▲ **5 countries** have legislative projects on care



WOMEN AND GIRLS FREE FROM VIOLENCE

Key Results:

Preventing through Innovation

- Regional Strategy: Transforming Patriarchal Masculinities
- March 8 Campaign: #yotampocomecallo
- 16 Days Campaign: Global Launch of "PING"

Strengthening Normative Frameworks

- Inter-American Model Law: Gender-Based Digital Violence
- MERCOSUR Agreement: Mutual Recognition of Protection Measures
- Regional Mapping: Normative Frameworks on EVAW

Promoting Essential Services

- Ibero-American Model Protocol: Sexual Violence Investigation
- 10-Year Diagnostic: Femicide Investigation Protocol

Strengthening Women's Movements (through the ACT Programme)

- Capacity Building: 81 Women's Rights Organizations
- Policy Impact: 8 Global & Regional Processes

WOMEN, PEACE & SECURITY AND HUMANITARIAN ACTION

Key results 2025

WPS Normative Framework

5 Member States supported to adopt new WPS National Action Plans, increasing the total to **13**.

- **NAP Academy:** collaborative, adaptable model trained 32 government & civil society

Peace and Security and protection of Women Defenders

Implementing the Women, Peace and Security Agenda (UNSC Res 1325), focusing on prevention, protection, participation, and relief/recovery, and protecting women human rights defenders and peacebuilders (WHRDs).

Gender-Responsive Humanitarian Action & Human Mobility

- **+24,700** women in 8 countries reached, with **+24,000** protection kits distributed and **+1,100** frontline responders trained.
- **Trayectos:** replicable & adaptable **LEAP model** to respond to human mobility and crises.
- Evidence-based responses in 9 LAC countries, strengthened by **rapid gender analysis and alerts**. Response to **hurricane Melissa** in Caribbean.

Women/Youth-led Peacebuilding

6 PBF-supported initiatives enhanced women's leadership and community cohesion.

- **Young women** leaders engaged in **shaping policy** (CSW69, COP30).
- Positioning **Care as a Peacebuilding Enabler**

CROSS CUTTING OUTCOMES — Key Results:

Gender Equality, Environment and Climate Justice: 25 national negotiators supported, ensuring gender mainstreaming.

KM Partnerships, Communications and Advocacy:

- **Social media:** 91M Potential reach of campaigns (valued at US\$1,1M) **+75K new followers**
- Peak potential media reach 635M (8M-IWD) and 513M in 25N, valued at US\$16.1M (Advertising Value Equivalent)
- **+65 new knowledge products**

Strategic partnership with CSOs in all their diversity and **intersectionality** as a cornerstone of UNW triple mandate.

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

Evaluation: 20 Evaluation / Rapid Assessment exercises in pipeline (12 ongoing, 8 completed)

Gender Statistics: Regional Toolkit to mainstream the gender across the statistical production process (SCA–ECLAC), and 2025 guidance for gender-responsive census analysis (UNFPA, IDB, UN Women). The regional Gender Snapshot and 5 country editions. Nearly 2k people strengthened technical capacities and +225K were reached through digital channels; 3 regional events convened users and producers, and innovation advanced through dashboards and podcast.

UN WOMEN PRIORITIES IN LAC

IN LINE WITH 2026-2029 STRATEGIC NOTE, STRATEGIC PLAN AND REGIONAL CONTEXT



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PRIORITY 2

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WHY: LAC structural inequalities are exacerbated by polarization, shrinking civic space, anti-rights backlash, persistent gender-based violence, mobility and climate change crises. Consolidate past achievements, shield against regression, and secure sustainability of gender national machineries and guarantee the full exercise of women's rights is critical.

HOW: By leveraging regional intergovernmental processes, partnerships and inter-agency coordination, supporting COs with policy advice and advocacy, and supporting feminist and women's organizations. Through South-South and Triangular cooperation, and capacity building for the achievement of gender equality, women's transformative leadership and political and public participation.

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WHY: LAC public budgets and governments' austerity measures disproportionately impact **women leaving in poverty and facing multiple discriminations**. LAC continues to lack consistent, disaggregated, intersectional data on women's realities to ground evidence-based intersectional policies.



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HOW: By strengthening institutional frameworks that promote **comprehensive care systems, enhancing the UNs gender transformative approaches, systematically integrating GEWE across the UN and innovating with digital platforms, big data, and feminist financing models** to strengthen institutional accountability. At the same time, robust knowledge management will ensure evidence, lessons, and innovations are systematically captured and applied, enhancing institutional responses.

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WHY: LAC one of the most violent regions, violence and organized crime **challenge democratic gains** of past decades. Global and regional commitments demand focus: CEDAW, Belém do Pará, 1325 Resolution, **Tlatelolco Commitment**, all call for intersectional approaches. Prioritizing intersectional agency enhancement.

HOW: By promoting integrated approaches across violence and conflict prevention, the humanitarian-development-peace nexus, financial inclusion, and digital access, UNW strengthens regional actors and frameworks to eliminate violence, expand inclusive finance and technology, and foster safer digital spaces. These efforts prioritize **indigenous, Afro-descendant, youth, rural, migrant, LGBTIQ+ women and women with disabilities**, enabling them to exercise agency and gain equitable access to rights, services, and assets across the region.



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OPERATIONAL BUDGET

2025 Budget

Main donors in LAC :

- Spain
- MPTF
- EU

Revenue
target
43.2M

Revenue
signed YTD
39.7M

Looking ahead: 2026 and beyond

March

Seventieth session of the Commission on the Status of Women, New York, United States of America.

April

Conference of the Parties to the Escazú Agreement (COP4), Santiago de Chile, Chile.

December

Sixty-eight meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean, Santiago de Chile, Chile



April

Regional Consultation on CEDAW GR41 on gender stereotypes – virtual

Forum of the Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean on Sustainable Development 2026, ECLAC, Santiago de Chile, Chile.

November

XXX Ibero-American Summit of Heads of State and Government, Madrid, Spain.



Thank you!