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The following tables summarize the Foundation's activities in family planning and reproductive health at various public and private health facilities in the city of Cumaná and in nearby rural counties in the state of Sucre, working with **Fundación ServYr** (our sister Foundation in Venezuela), **FundaSalud Sucre** (the Ministry of Public Health) and other local organizations in the period from May 1997 through December 2008.

Family Planning Services

Year	New Women Served Each Year	Total Number of Client Visits	Monthly Cycles of Hormonal Birth Control Distributed	IUDs placed in Clients	Average Age of Client	Average Number of Children
1997	245	565	370	93	25.0	3.1
1998	312	1251	548	137	25.0	2.8
1999	345	1577	806	171	24.7	2.6
2000	795	2339	1475	382	24.4	2.6
2001	1078	2424	1716	555	23.3	2.1
2002	1332	2035	1117	538	22.8	1.8
2003	1606	3152	2177	481	24.1	1.8
2004	2746	7341	6266	396	24.2	2.1
2005	2958	11296	9465	786	24.2	2.0
2006	2895	13965	13459 *	853	22.4	2.0
2007	2977	13214	12318 *	440 **	23.8	1.6
2008	3361	9889	5884 *	86 **	22.5	1.3
TOTALS:	20.650	69.048	55.601	4.918	23.9	2.2

* Starting in 2006, these numbers reflect both birth control pills and monthly injections, which have recently become available in Venezuela. In early 2007, we facilitated a large state government purchase and distribution of these hormonal methods, which we then supplemented in both the public and private sectors, with consequently much larger overall outreach than our own numbers shown here.

** We also facilitated a state government purchase and distribution of several thousand IUDs in early 2007, so that

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our numbers for 2007 and 2008 mainly reflect our supplementation in the rural sector alone. The actual number of IUDs placed in both the public and private sector during 2007 and especially in 2008 was much larger, on the order of 2500 plus.

The lower average age and number of children of our clients in recent years reflects an increase in adolescent and young adult participation, often women with one or sometimes no children.

The Foundation has also facilitated more than seven thousand (7.000) consultations in family medicine and reproductive health from 1997 through 2008, including gynecological and prenatal consultations, ultra sounds, and pap smears -- in 2008 alone, more than five hundred (500) rural women were treated along with family planning.

Every year we distribute more than ten thousand (10.000) condoms through our educational and family planning programs, primarily to adolescents in urban as well as rural areas.

Workshops in Reproductive Health and Family Planning from 2002 through 2008

Cumaná and Four Rural Counties	# of Workshops	# of Participants
2002 (rural)	54	1326
2003 (rural and urban)	194	3893
2004 (rural and urban)	322	8344
2005 (rural and urban)	343	8829
2006 (remote rural outreach*)	108	2385
2007 (rural and urban)	245	4209
2008 (rural and urban)	196	3343
Total	1462	32,329

* In 2006, we reached more distant rural areas for the first time, the logistics of which did not allow us to realize as many workshops as we can in nearby rural and urban situations.

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Tubal Sterilizations

Year	Patients	Average Age	Average # of Children
1997	72	30.3	5.8
1998	282	29.2	4.8
1999	227	29.8	4.3
2000	222	28.9	4.0
2001	163	27.7	3.9
2002	266	28.4	3.5
2003	230	27.3	3.2
2004	228	27.7	3.2
2005	226	28.8	3.5
2006	223	28.8	3.5
2007	320	30.1	4.2
2008	227	30,1	4,7
Totals:	2,686	28.8	4.0

The Foundation has provided over 2600 Surgical Sterilizations to qualified candidates, serving an average of over 200 low-income women a year who desire this permanent method of family planning. This service is provided on a strongly subsidized sliding scale fee basis, with very low-income rural women exonerated from all fees, and often financially and logistically assisted. Beginning in June of 2005, we have offered laparoscopic surgical sterilizations, the only such modern surgical technique for low-income families in our State. In 2006, we also performed several inguinal hernia repair operations and several laparoscopic diagnostic operations for low-income rural patients. In 2007, we additionally offered surgical sterilizations at no cost to clients in a much poorer rural county, and were thus able to serve an overall total of over 300 women.