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The following tables summarize the Turimiquire 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, **between May 1997 and December 2009**. The Foundation works in collaboration with *Fundación ServYr* (our sister Foundation in Venezuela), *FundaSalud* (the State Ministry of Public Health), and other public and private organizations.

## 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
<b>1997</b>	245	565	370	93	25.0	3.1
<b>1998</b>	312	1251	548	137	25.0	2.8
<b>1999</b>	345	1577	806	171	24.7	2.6
<b>2000</b>	795	2339	1475	382	24.4	2.6
<b>2001</b>	1078	2424	1716	555	23.3	2.1
<b>2002</b>	1332	2035	1117	538	22.8	1.8
<b>2003</b>	1606	3152	2177	481	24.1	1.8
<b>2004</b>	2746	7341	6266	396	24.2	2.1
<b>2005</b>	2958	11296	9465	786	24.2	2.0
<b>2006</b>	2895	13965	13459 *	853	22.4	2.0
<b>2007</b>	2977	13214	12318 *	440 **	23.8	1.6
<b>2008</b>	3361	9889	5884 *	86 **	22.5	1.3
<b>2009</b>	1427***	6957	5265 *	102	23.0	1.3
<b>TOTALS:</b>	<b>22,077</b>	<b>76,005</b>	<b>60,866</b>	<b>5,020</b>	<b>23.8</b>	<b>2.0</b>

\* 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.

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\*\* We also facilitated a state government purchase and distribution of several thousand IUDs in early 2007, so that 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 2008 was much larger, on the order of 2500 plus.

\*\*\* In 2009, our numbers have declined, owing in part to our reduced budget in the current global economic crisis, and in part to deterioration of public health services and infrastructure through which we work in the state public health system. Our emphasis has been upon maintaining reliable contraceptive supplies for the women we already serve, while realistically reducing the number of new women that we can help.

- 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 child or sometimes adolescents with no children.
- Every year, we distribute more than 10,000 condoms through our reproductive health education and family planning programs, primarily to adolescents in urban as well as rural areas.
- The Foundation has also facilitated more than 7,000 consultations in family medicine and reproductive health from 1997 through 2009, including gynecological and prenatal consultations, ultrasounds, and pap smears. In 2009 alone, more than 500 rural women were treated along with family planning consultations.

## Educational Workshops in Reproductive Health and Family Planning

Cumaná and Four Rural Counties	# of Workshops	# of Participants
<b>2002</b> (rural)	<b>54</b>	<b>1,326</b>
<b>2003</b> (rural and urban)	<b>194</b>	<b>3,893</b>
<b>2004</b> (rural and urban)	<b>322</b>	<b>8,344</b>
<b>2005</b> (rural and urban)	<b>343</b>	<b>8,829</b>
<b>2006</b> (remote rural outreach) *	<b>108</b>	<b>2,385</b>
<b>2007</b> (rural and urban) *	<b>245</b>	<b>4,209</b>
<b>2008</b> (rural and urban)	<b>196</b>	<b>3,343</b>
<b>2009</b> (rural and urban)	<b>238</b>	<b>4,811</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,700</b>	<b>37,140</b>

\* 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.

\* In 2007, we began working with the Cumaná city government to extend these workshops throughout the low income *barrios* of the city to adolescents both within and outside of the school system.

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## Tubal Sterilizations

<b>Year</b>	<b>Patients</b>	<b>Average Age</b>	<b>Average # of Children</b>
<b>1997</b>	72	30.3	5.8
<b>1998</b>	282	29.2	4.8
<b>1999</b>	227	29.8	4.3
<b>2000</b>	222	28.9	4.0
<b>2001</b>	163	27.7	3.9
<b>2002</b>	266	28.4	3.5
<b>2003</b>	230	27.3	3.2
<b>2004</b>	228	27.7	3.2
<b>2005</b>	226	28.8	3.5
<b>2006</b>	223	28.8	3.5
<b>2007</b>	320	30.1	4.2
<b>2008</b>	227	30.1	4.7
<b>2009</b>	251	28.6	3.3
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>2,937</b>	<b>28.9</b>	<b>3.9</b>

The Foundation has provided more than 2,900 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 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 more than 300 women.