



# Turimiquire Foundation

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The following tables summarize the Turimiquire Foundation's activities in family planning, reproductive health, and rural education, at selected public and private facilities in the city of Cumaná, and in nearby rural counties in the state of Sucre, **from May 1997 through December 2011**. In this period, we have offered a total of **58,374 Couple Years of Protection (CYPs)**, the metric by which USAID measures family planning achievement, to the low income rural and urban populations that we serve, but the enormous unsatisfied demand for family planning, and the unmet need for reproductive health services, far exceeds our ongoing capacity to provide.

## Family Planning Services: Our Story in Numbers

| 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                        |
| 2009           | 1427***                    | 6957                          | 5265 *   | 102                    | 23.0                  | 1.3                        |
| 2010           | 1769                       | 8279                          | 6173   | 174                    | 23.4                  | 1.6                        |
| 2011           | 2451                       | 11022                         | 7439   | 247                    | 26.2                  | 1.8                        |
| <b>TOTALS:</b> | <b>26297</b>               | <b>95306</b>                  | <b>74478</b>   | <b>5441</b>            | <b>23.9</b>           | <b>2.0</b>                 |

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\* Starting in 2006, these numbers reflect both birth control pills and monthly injections, which became available in Venezuela. In 2007, we facilitated a large state government purchase and distribution of these hormonal methods, so that our numbers for 2008 mainly reflect our supplementation in the rural sector alone.

\*\* We also facilitated a state government purchase and distribution of several thousand IUDs in 2007, so that our numbers for 2008 and 2009 mainly reflect our supplementation in the rural sector alone. The actual number of IUDs placed in both the public and private sector during 2008 and 2009 was much larger, on the order of 2500 plus.

\*\*\* In 2009, our numbers 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 unfortunately reducing the number of new women that we can help.

- 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, to provide these reproductive health services.
- 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. In 2011, our averages rose again owing to increased outreach in rural counties where women often have several children before they seek to control their fertility at a later age.
- Every year, we distribute more than 6,000 condoms through our reproductive health education and family planning programs, primarily to adolescents in urban as well as rural areas. In 2011, we distributed 6895 condoms.
- The Foundation has also facilitated more than 8,000 consultations in family medicine and reproductive health from 1997 through 2011, including gynecological and prenatal consultations, ultrasounds, and pap smears. In 2011, 924 rural women were attended for individual and family health issues apart from family planning consultations.

## Educational Workshops in Responsible Sexuality, Reproductive Health and Family Planning

| <b>Cumaná and Four Rural Counties</b> | <b># of Workshops</b> | <b># of Participants</b> |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| <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>2010</b> (rural and urban)         | <b>165</b>            | <b>2790</b>              |
| <b>2011</b> (rural and urban)         | <b>162</b>            | <b>2577</b>              |
| <b>Total</b>                          | <b>2027</b>           | <b>42507</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

| 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                   |
| 2009          | 251         | 28.6        | 3.3                   |
| 2010          | 250         | 28.7        | 3.1                   |
| <b>2011</b>   | 202         | 29,3        | 3,2                   |
| <b>Total:</b> | <b>3389</b> | <b>28,8</b> | <b>3,9</b>            |

Through December 2011, the Foundation has provided 3389 surgical sterilizations to qualified candidates, serving an average of more than 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. Starting in 2006, we have performed several inguinal hernia repair operations and several laparoscopic exploratory operations per year for low-income rural patients. In 2007, we were given the opportunity to provide surgical sterilizations at no cost to clients in a removed, much poorer rural county, and were thus able to achieve our highest annual total of 320 women.

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## Community Center Brito-Barrancas (CCBB)

When families have gained control of their fertility, they immediately concentrate on giving their children the best possible future through schooling. In 2005, in response to this dynamic, the Foundation started a *rural community center* focusing on education, located in Barrancas along the Cumaná-Cumanacoa highway, south of Cumaná.

| Activities    | Student Tutoring     |                                  | Computer Classes     |                                  | Distribution of School Supplies |                            |
|---------------|----------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------|
|               | Number of Activities | Number of Student Participations | Number of Activities | Number of Student Participations | Number of Beneficiaries         | Number of Subsidized Sales |
| <b>2007</b>   | 542                  | 558                              | 126                  | 672                              | 309                             | 773                        |
| <b>2008</b>   | 1354                 | 1380                             | 262                  | 879                              | 954                             | 2385                       |
| <b>2009</b>   | 1116                 | 1125                             | 287                  | 1399                             | 788                             | 1970                       |
| <b>2010</b>   | 1120                 | 1163                             | 115                  | 2800                             | 807                             | 2018                       |
| <b>2011</b>   | 1038                 | 1073                             | 368                  | 2893                             | 1483                            | 2175                       |
| <b>Totals</b> | <b>5170</b>          | <b>5299</b>                      | <b>1158</b>          | <b>8643</b>                      | <b>4341</b>                     | <b>9320</b>                |

This project supports 45 scholarship students who study in rural high schools, and ten students who are continuing in higher education, a real first for this rural community. Teenagers come from the nearby hamlet populations of Brito, Barrancas, Tigre, Agua Santa, San Fernando, Tataracual, Guaripa, and Cumanacoita, to benefit from the school library, tutoring, computers, and subsidized distribution of school supplies.

Adults also use the center to leave their pack animals and personal belongings when they go to the city of Cumaná, to deposit community construction supplies, and to temporarily store the agricultural products that they sell in the city.

**“When we dream alone, it is only a dream.  
When we dream with others, it is the beginning of reality.”**  
*Dom Camera Helder*