



# 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 2012**. In this period, we have offered a total of **68,586 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 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
<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>2010</b>	1769	8279	6173	174	23.4	1.6
<b>2011</b>	2077	9967	6681	247	26.2	1.8
<b>2012</b>	<b>2999</b>	<b>13821</b>	<b>9135</b>	<b>350</b>	<b>24.5</b>	<b>1.3</b>
<b>TOTALS:</b>	<b>28922</b>	<b>108072</b>	<b>82855</b>	<b>5791</b>	<b>24.0</b>	<b>2.0</b>

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\* Starting in 2006, Monthly Cycles of Hormonal Birth Control include birth control pills, emergency contraception, and the increasingly popular monthly injections which have become available in Venezuela. From 2005 through 2007, we worked closely with the state government in the purchase and distribution of these hormonal methods in rural and urban sectors. Our numbers from 2008 onward mainly reflect our supplementation in the rural sector alone, our target population.

\*\* We facilitated a state government purchase and distribution of several thousand IUDs in 2007, so that our own 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 from 2008 onward is much larger, on the order of 2500 plus.

\*\*\* In 2009, our numbers declined, owing in part to our reduced budget due to the global economic crisis, and in part to the marked deterioration of the public health infrastructure and services 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 gradually increasing 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 health organizations and clinics, 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 due 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 thousands of condoms through our reproductive health education and family planning programs, primarily to adolescents in urban as well as rural areas. In 2012, we distributed 9024 condoms.
- The Foundation has also facilitated more than 10,000 consultations in family medicine and reproductive health from 1997 through 2012, including gynecological and prenatal consultations, ultrasounds, and pap smears. In 2012, we provided 1114 consultations for rural women with 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>1326</b>
<b>2003</b> (rural and urban)	<b>194</b>	<b>3893</b>
<b>2004</b> (rural and urban)	<b>322</b>	<b>8344</b>
<b>2005</b> (rural and urban)	<b>343</b>	<b>8829</b>
<b>2006</b> (remote rural outreach) *	<b>108</b>	<b>2385</b>
<b>2007</b> (rural and urban) *	<b>245</b>	<b>4209</b>
<b>2008</b> (rural and urban)	<b>196</b>	<b>3343</b>
<b>2009</b> (rural and urban)	<b>238</b>	<b>4811</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>2012</b> (rural and urban)	<b>119</b>	<b>2159</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>2146</b>	<b>44666</b>

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- \* 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 to 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
2011	202	29.3	3.2
2012	197	30.1	2.9
<b>Total:</b>	<b>3586</b>	<b>28.9</b>	<b>3.8</b>

Through December 2012, the Foundation has provided 3586 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 additionally performed several inguinal hernia repair operations and several laparoscopic exploratory operations per year for low-income rural patients as well. In 2007, we were given the opportunity to provide surgical sterilizations at no cost to clients in a remote, 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>2012</b>	1144	610	106	3040	1284	4673
<b>Totals</b>	<b>6314</b>	<b>5909</b>	<b>1264</b>	<b>11683</b>	<b>5625</b>	<b>13993</b>

This project supports a yearly average of 45 scholarships for students in regional rural high schools, and twelve students who are continuing in higher education. We now have two college graduates in nursing, 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 community center to leave their pack animals and personal belongings when they travel 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*