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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 2013**. In this period, we have offered a total of **73,948 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. The unsatisfied demand for family planning - and the unmet need for reproductive health services - continues to far exceed 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
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	2077	9967	6681	247	26.2	1.8
2012	2999	13821	9135	350	24.5	1.3
2013	3041	16442	11140	372	23.3	1.6
TOTALS:	31,963	124,514	93,995	6,163	23.9	2.0

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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 now available in Venezuela. We have worked closely with the state government in the purchase and distribution of these hormonal methods for rural and urban sectors. Increases since 2008 reflect our implementation through social marketing in the rural sector, our target population.

** Our IUD numbers for 2008 and 2009 reflect our implementation in the rural sector. We also facilitated a state government purchase and distribution of several thousand IUDs so that the overall number of IUDs placed in both the public and private sector in 2008 and 2009 was larger, on the order of 2500 plus.

*** Our numbers declined in 2009 due to our reduced budget, a reflection of the global economic crisis, as well as deterioration in the state's public health infrastructure through which we work. We maintained reliable contraceptive supplies for the women we already serve, while implementing service to new women as we were able to.

- 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 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, these averages rose due to increased outreach in rural counties where women often have multiple children before they seek to control their fertility.
- 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 2013, we distributed 11,261 condoms.
- Since 1997, the Foundation has also facilitated more than 10,500 consultations in family medicine and reproductive health, including gynecological and prenatal consultations, ultrasounds, and pap smears. In 2013, we provided 576 consultations for rural women with individual and family health issues aside from family planning.

Educational Workshops in Responsible Sexuality, Reproductive Health and Family Planning

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
2009 (rural and urban)	238	4811
2010 (rural and urban)	165	2790
2011 (rural and urban)	162	2577
2012 (remote rural outreach) *	119	2159
2013 (rural and urban)	267	2123
Total	2413	46789

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- * In 2006 and 2012, we focused our outreach on more distant rural areas, 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.

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
2013	280	29.3	3.1
Total:	3866	29.0	3.8

Through December 2013, the Foundation has provided 3866 surgical sterilizations (200+ per year) to low-income women 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. In 2005, we became the first and only provider of modern laparoscopic surgical sterilizations for low-income families in our State. We occasionally perform hernia repair and laparoscopic exploratory operations 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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Rural Education

When families gain control of their fertility, they immediately concentrate on giving their children the best possible future through schooling.

Since 2003, in response to this dynamic, we have offered a yearly average of 45 scholarships for rural high school students. Before we instituted this program, most of these rural students abandoned their formal education at or before the sixth grade. Now, some 400 students have attended high school, 15 students are currently continuing in higher education, and two of our students have graduated from college in nursing, a real first for this rural community.

In 2005, the Foundation started a *rural community center* focusing on education, located in Barrancas along the Cumaná-Cumanacoa highway. In 2013, we extended this rural center to a remote site up the Rio Brito valley, several walking hours from the road.

Activities	Tutoring		Computing and Internet		Distribution of School Supplies	
	Number of Activities	Number of Students	Number of Activities	Number of Students	Number of Beneficiaries	Number of Subsidized Sales
2007	542	558	126	672	309	773
2008	1354	1380	262	879	954	2385
2009	1116	1125	287	1399	788	1970
2010	1120	1163	115	2800	807	2018
2011	1038	1073	368	2893	1483	2175
2012	1144	610	106	3040	1284	4673
2013	1060	901	85	2639	1189	3926
Totals	7374	6810	1349	14322	5625	13993

Teenagers from other nearby hamlet populations -- including Brito, Barrancas, Tigre, Agua Santa, San Fernando, Tataracual, Guaripa, and Cumanacoita -- benefit from tutoring, computers, and subsidized school supplies as well.

Adults use the community center to safe keep their pack animals and personal belongings when they go to town (Cumaná); to deposit community construction supplies; and to store the agricultural products that they sell.

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

Dom Camera Helder