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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 2014**. In this period, we have offered a total of **79,543 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.

## Family Planning Services: Our Story in Numbers

Year	New Women Served Each Year	Total Client Visits	Hormonal Birth Control Distributed	IUDs Placed	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
2014	3320	19694	15955	329	23.4	1.6
<b>TOTALS:</b>	<b>35,283</b>	<b>144,208</b>	<b>109,950</b>	<b>6,492</b>	<b>23.9</b>	<b>1.9</b>

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- Starting in 2006, Hormonal Birth Control includes birth control pills, emergency contraception, and the increasingly popular monthly injections now available in Venezuela. We work with the state government in the purchase and distribution of these hormonal methods for rural and urban sectors. Increases include social marketing in the rural sector, our target population.
- Our numbers vary yearly due to budget, as well as collaboration with -- and deterioration in -- the state's public health infrastructure through which we work. We try to maintain reliable contraceptive supplies for the women we already serve, while implementing service to new women as we are 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 2014, we distributed **14,723 condoms**.
- Since 1997, the Foundation has also facilitated more than **11,500 consultations** in family medicine and reproductive health, including gynecological and prenatal consultations, ultrasounds, and pap smears. In 2014, we provided **906 consultations** for rural women with individual and family health issues aside from family planning.
- The unsatisfied demand for family planning - and the unmet need for reproductive health services - continues to far exceed our capacity to provide.

## 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> (remote rural outreach) *	<b>119</b>	<b>2159</b>
<b>2013</b> (rural and urban)	<b>267</b>	<b>2123</b>
<b>2014</b> (rural and urban) *	<b>130</b>	<b>1990</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>2543</b>	<b>48779</b>

\* Outreach to more distant rural areas do 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
2013	280	29.3	3.1
2014	288	29.2	3.0
<b>Total:</b>	<b>4154</b>	<b>29.0</b>	<b>3.7</b>

Through December 2014, the Foundation has provided 4154 surgical sterilizations (200+ per year) to mature, 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 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.

## Rural Primary and High School 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

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abandoned their formal education at or before the sixth grade. Now, some 450 students have attended high school, 13 students are currently continuing in higher education, and three of our students have graduated from college (two in nursing), a real first for this rural community.

Since 2005, the Foundation has maintained a *rural community center* focusing on education, located in Barrancas along the Cumaná-Cumanacoa highway. In 2013, we moved this rural center to a remote site up the Rio Brito valley, several walking hours from the road, in order to be near the recently established remote rural high school.

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
2014	830	657	80	1853	1260	7530
<b>Totals</b>	<b>8204</b>	<b>7467</b>	<b>1429</b>	<b>16175</b>	<b>8074</b>	<b>25449</b>

We maintain three outlets for subsidized school supplies for pre-school, primary and high school students from neighboring hamlet populations -- including Brito, Barrancas, Tigre, Agua Santa, San Fernando, Tataracual, Guaripa, and Cumanacoita.

## College Education

We now support 13 of our most motivated high school students who are continuing their studies at local community colleges and university. Here we chart the progress of our students through high school and into college since 2007, including *our first three college graduates*:

Academic Year	Entering High School	Graduating High School	Entering University	Leaving University	Graduating University
2007/2008	10	3			
2008/2009	11	5	5	1	
2009/2010	11	4	4		
2010/2011	9	8	2		
2011/2012	12	5	3		
2012/2013	11	13	2	2	2
2013/2014	14	11	1	1	1

\* College attrition is high for students coming from rural semi-literate communities. Not all of the college students we support are reflected in this chart. Several additional students come from low-income, urban *barrio* communities.

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

*Dom Camera Helder*