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The following tables summarize the Turimiquire Foundation's activities in family planning, reproductive health, and education, at various public and private facilities in the city of Cumaná, and in nearby rural counties in the state of Sucre, **between May 1997 and December 2010**. To date, we have offered almost **55,000 Couple Years of Protection (CYPs)**, the metric by which USAID measures family planning achievement, to the populations that we serve, but the enormous unsatisfied rural and urban demand for family planning, and the unmet need for reproductive health services, far exceeds our current 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
TOTALS:	23846	84284	67039	5194	23.8	2.1

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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.
- 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 6,000 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 2010, including gynecological and prenatal consultations, ultrasounds, and pap smears. In 2010, 896 rural women were attended for individual and family health issues apart from family planning consultations.

Educational Workshops in Reproductive Health and Family Planning

Cumaná and Four Rural Counties	# of Workshops	# of Participants
2002 (rural)	54	1,326
2003 (rural and urban)	194	3,893
2004 (rural and urban)	322	8,344
2005 (rural and urban)	343	8,829
2006 (remote rural outreach) *	108	2,385
2007 (rural and urban) *	245	4,209
2008 (rural and urban)	196	3,343
2009 (rural and urban)	238	4,811
2010 (rural and urban)	165	2790
Total	1865	39930

* 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
Totals:	3187	28.8	3.9

The Foundation has provided 3187 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. 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 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 Attendances	Number of Activities	Number of Attendances	Beneficiaries	# Articulos
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
Totals	4132	4226	790	5750	2858	7145

This project also supports 45 scholarship students who study in rural high schools, and four students who are continuing on 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 while in Cumaná, deposit community construction supplies, and temporarily store the merchandise that they sell and buy in the city.