

COMMENTS ON THE UNFPA DRAFT COUNTRY PROGRAMME DOCUMENT FOR DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

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Comments by Spain	UNFPA country/regional office response to comments
<p>The 4 lines of work that UNFPA proposes to work in Dominican Republic are reflected in our MAP 2019-2022 where it is established that all the actors of the Spanish Cooperation present in the country will be working: Development Outcome 2: Women and girls know and exercise their rights, within an institutional framework that promotes gender equality and participation in all areas, and ensures the elimination of all forms of gender-based violence. With the following <u>intermediate results</u>, we are supporting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The population, with emphasis on the young population, is sensitized to issues of equality and gender violence, in an institutional context that promotes prevention and information. - The state guarantees women and girls victims of gender-based violence effective care and protection services, and mechanisms for persecution and punishment. - The legal and institutional framework encourages the incorporation of gender equality in public policies - The population, especially adolescents, has information, legal and psychological assistance services on sexual and reproductive rights. <p>And one line that we are working directly with the Dominican Government, through the National Statistics Office, is to incorporate gender indicators into public policies, harmonizing the concepts of gender violence statistics, which corresponds to the 4th line of action of the UNFPA program document for Dominican Republic.</p>	<p>UNFPA thanks Spain for the comments and appreciates the priorities outlined in the MAP 2019-2022, which are well aligned to UNFPA strategic focus in the Dominican Republic. UNFPA has been working closely with Spain to assist the country in achieving our mutual goals, particularly in the areas of equality and violence against women, and looks forward to continued cooperation.</p>
<p>In relation to the line of work of having disaggregated statistical data and georeferenced information systems on population changes, it is an area of</p>	<p>UNFPA agrees on the high priority of obtaining disaggregated statistical data and georeferenced information systems in the country</p>

<p>significant need to address and support in the country in an integral way, in order to also measure access and use of public services that are adjusted to the reality and needs of populations. We need to have disaggregated statistical data for each of our actions to support the development of real and effective public policies. It is a line of work that from AECID RD we could coordinate synergies with UNFPA.</p> <p>Also, inform that the Dominican Government, at this time, is preparing the X National Census of Population and Housing (the last census was prepared in 2010), with an unprecedented deployment of human and technological resources. This Census has been highly criticized by ultraconservative national sectors since they allege that undocumented immigrants were being registered, Haitians, The Census collects all the data of the people who live in the Dominican Republic, whether documented or not. This will allow us by 2023 to have real statistics on the situational state of the population and the real needs of the population, a photograph of the Dominican population reality, in order to be able to develop public policies adjusted to Dominican needs and the deployment of public services.</p>	<p>and looks forward to building synergies with AECID to advance efforts in this area.</p> <p>UNFPA is currently supporting the Government of the Dominican Republic in the conduct of the National Population and Housing Census and in the preparation of the Third National Survey of Immigrants.</p>
<p>The public institutions that are proposed as partners in each of the lines of action are mostly strategic partners of the AECID RD, for example: Ministry of Women (with whom we have several development actions ranging from prevention and care for women victims of gender violence, prevention of gender violence to issues of economic entrepreneurship for women), Office of the Attorney General of the Republic (initiative for the care and effective protection of victims of gender violence, which also works with the National Police), Ministry of Public Health (in the care of women and girls who suffer gender violence), the National Statistics Office. Ministry of Economy, Planning and Development, among others...</p>	<p>UNFPA thanks Spain for this comment and will continue to maintain strong synergies with AECID in its work with national partners.</p>
<p>Coordination with civil society entities that are also carrying out work in the areas of sexual and reproductive rights is not observed in the proposed program. Some actions are being supported substantively from AECID RD, especially protecting the most vulnerable groups and where the state does not reach, as is the case of Dominican-Haitian women (MUDHA, Movement of Dominican-Haitian Women) and rural women (CONAMUCA) -National</p>	<p>UNFPA thanks Spain for this important observation. UNFPA will continue to work with civil society organizations as strategic partners to support legislative reforms within the common AECID/UNFPA strategic priorities.</p> <p>Due to the CPD's word limit, only general references to work with civil society entities are made in Paragraph 33, and the Results and</p>

<p>Confederation of Rural Women) who are excluded from public services as actions are not homogenized throughout the national territory. As well as women who suffer from disabilities with the Dominican NGO La Red and the Spanish NGO COCEMFE (which is the Spanish Confederation of People with Disabilities), among others... It would also be strategic to take into account in the legislative reforms that are being proposed, such as the Criminal Procedure Code and the Penal Code, in the decriminalization of abortion under the 3 causes, to be able to count on the support of the organizations of the civic society, as strategic partners.</p>	<p>Resources Framework. However, subsequent CPD implementation plans, such as the Country Programme Action Plan (CPAP), will provide detailed information on the specific civil society organizations with which UNFPA in Dominican Republic will work, including those working with AECID.</p>
<p>The lines of action proposed in the Program are aligned and respond to the National Development Strategy, a development policy agreed with all the actors of the Dominican State with a vision of development of the country until 2030.</p>	<p>UNFPA thanks Spain for this comment. UNFPA would like to acknowledge that, indeed, there is perfect alignment with government priorities, as outlined in the National Development Strategy 2030.</p>