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UN Population Fund, UNFPA, supports the preparation of an Andean Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention Plan

YOUTH FROM ANDEAN COUNTRIES BECOME MEMBERS OF THE CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

Sponsored by ORAS CONHU (Andean Health Organization – Hipolito Unanue Convention), UNFPA and IYO (Iberoamerican Youth Organization), the 2nd Meeting of the Andean Sub-regional Committee for Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention was held in the city of Quito, Ecuador, on January 17 and 18 of this year.

One of the most important objectives of the meeting was to incorporate Andean youth (from Bolivia, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, and Venezuela) through a Consultative Committee and a youth network, so they may contribute to the fulfillment of an Andean Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention Plan.

The main objective of the Plan is to contribute to bridging the gap of access to health services among adolescents, promoting the exercise of their human rights, including sexual and reproductive rights, and social and gender equality, with an intercultural approach and social participation.

The Plan will develop a baseline of the situation of adolescent pregnancy in the sub-region. It will identify services models that ensure that barriers in access are overcome and the problem-solving capacity in the health sector. It will promote the participation of youth through experience exchanges. It will sensitize authorities, civil society, communication experts and health services providers on the importance of having actions and policies to prevent adolescent's pregnancies.



Youth from the Ucayali region participated in the project "Strong Voices" work by the Population Found and coordinated with the Regional Direction of Ucayali

Participants in the 2nd Sub-regional Committee Meeting included: technical teams from the UNFPA offices in Bolivia, Colombia, Chile, Ecuador, Peru and Venezuela; representatives from PAHO/WHO, representatives from the Iberoamerican Youth Organization, the Technical Team of ORAS CONHU, and members of the Andean Sub-regional Committee for Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention.

The Peruvian delegation was composed by: Patricia Ortega, President of JULVES (Youth Organization from the Ucayali Region), Dr. Lucy del Carpio, National Coordinator of the Health Strategy for Sexual and Reproductive Health of the Ministry of Health – MINSa, and Claudia Saravia, responsible for Youth of the UN Population Fund – UNFPA.

This important meeting concluded with the signature of the Articles of Incorporation of the Consultative Committee of Youth in Support of the Andean Sub-regional Committee for adolescent pregnancy prevention.

IMPORTANT DATA ON PERUVIAN YOUTH

¿How many are they?	
2007	2020
20.5% (slightly over 5.6 million)	17.2% (slightly less than 5.4 million)

Unwanted pregnancies during adolescence

58.6%	Would have preferred to become pregnant later on
6.6%	Did not want to become pregnant
34.8%	Had reproductive purposes when they became pregnant

Place of residence

8.4% of adolescents who live in urban areas	were pregnant at some point
21.1% of adolescents who live in rural areas	were pregnant at some point

Sexual initiation

Has increased in youth under 15 years old	From 3.6% in 1992 To 4.8% by 2006
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Poverty: national average 48%

Youth 10-14 years old	62% live in a situation of poverty
Youth 15-19 years old	53% live in a situation of poverty

Extreme poverty: national average 19%

Youth 10-14 years old	26% live in a situation of extreme poverty
Youth 15-19 years old	19% live in a situation of extreme poverty

Poverty and pregnancy

32.2% was pregnant at some point	Of youth 15 to 19 years old who live in poverty
3.4% was pregnant at some point	Of youth 15 to 19 years old who belong to the upper 5th in terms of income

Poverty and education

33.2% who only have primary education	was pregnant at some point
3.4% who have higher education	was pregnant at some point

Unsatisfied demand for birth control

Reaches 15.4% among adolescents	13.9% corresponds to birth control aimed at spacing pregnancies 1.6% represents the percentage to limit pregnancies
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International Migration

By 2005	28 thousand adolescents did not return to the country after they left
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Sources: ENDES 2004 / 2006 and Encuesta Nacional de Hogares.