



## Pan American Health Organization

Regional Office of the World Health Organization

### Gender and health indicators moving forward gender equality in health

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## Gender and health indicators

### Gender health indicators to:

- advocacy
- informed decision-making
- monitoring of progress on gender equality in health



## Sex and Gender Difference

### Infant mortality

Males have higher infant mortality ratio compared to females

Biological difference? Gender difference?

### Avoidable Diabetes Mortality in the Americas

A man under 50 years old has 32% more risk to die by diabetes compared to a woman in the same age group.

Women tend to seek for health care and have better adherence to treatments than men.



Analysis, Interpretation, Explanation, Knowledge

## Gender and health indicators

### PAHO strategy includes:

- compilation and publication of statistics disaggregated by sex and other relevant variables
- strengthening national capacities to integrate a gender perspective into generation, analysis and use of health data
- definition of basic indicators to analyze and monitor gender equity in health
- participation of other sectors and institutions (users and producers)
- developing mechanisms to institutionalize the generation, analysis, and use of gender-sensitive health indicators

Based in a conceptual framework on gender and health

## Gender and health indicators

### Linked to

#### PAHO regional initiatives:

- Regional strategy to strengthen the vital and health statistics
- Regional Health Observatory

#### UN initiatives:

- Regional Observatory on Gender Equality



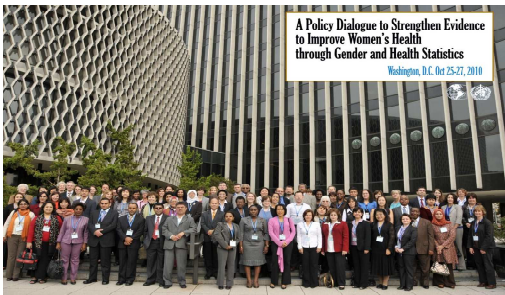
## Gender and health indicators

### Two recently experiences

- Global consultation on improving health statistics (organized by WHO gender offices and statistics areas)
- Selecting gender and health indicators for the Andean Region



### Global consultation. Result: call to action



In collaboration: WHO-PAHO- USAID-MLI



## Call to Action

To strengthen the generation and analysis of gender and health data:

- Establish consensus by means of continued dialogue between users and producers
- Develop, adapt or strengthen tools
- Develop and/or strengthen sustainable institutional, group and individual capacity
- Procure and allocate adequate human and financial resources
- Promote data-sharing
- Empower individuals, groups and communities to generate demand for gender and health data

## Call to Action

To use gender and health data effectively in policy actions:

- Build and develop sustainable group and individual capacities
- Ensure data access
- Translate information for different stakeholders
- Identify strategic venues for dissemination
- Leverage partnership
- Monitor progress, establish accountability and evaluate impact

## Experience in the Andean Region

- National working groups identified basic indicators on gender and health for the Andean Region
- The basic indicators were discussed in Andean countries meetings
- Eight indicators were selected
- The working groups asked the Regional Mechanism of Integration for the Andean Region (Comunidad Andina de Naciones) to integrate the gender and health indicators into the Andean Social Information System
- PAHO is delivering technical collaboration in harmonizing the indicators in the Andean countries

## Thank you

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