

Fundación para Estudio e Investigación de la Mujer- Red Nacional de Jóvenes y Adolescentes para la Salud Sexual y Reproductiva (FEIM_REDNAC)



Narrative:

The Foundation for the Study and Research of Women (Fundación para Estudio e investigación de la Mujer - FEIM) is an Argentine non-profit, non-governmental organization created in 1989 by a group of professional women specialists in gender to improve the social, labor, educational, legal, political, economic and health conditions of women, girls, adolescents and young people.

In Argentina, the current government's policy hinders and limits access to comprehensive sexual education (CSE) and sexual and reproductive health services for adolescents and young people. The National Plan for the Prevention of Unintentional Pregnancy in Adolescence (Plan ENIA) has been dismantled. This was a policy implemented since 2018 with the aim of linking primary-level health services with schools and throughout 6 years, it contributed to the reduction in adolescent fertility rates and reduced teenage pregnancy by 50%.

In this context, some provincial and municipal governments and different civil society organizations, such as FEIM, we are trying to continue advancing the goals of this policy. We are very committed to promoting comprehensive sexual health and the prevention of unintentional pregnancies, as well as guaranteeing access to them through the public health system. This effort does require the provision of supplies by the Ministry of Health of the Nation; yet, at this moment there is no certainty on whether the National government will provide them.

Objectives:

By the end of 2024, FEIM (together with REDNAC - the National Network of Youth and Adolescents for Sexual and Reproductive Health, made up of more than 20 groups from different Argentine provinces), aim to:

- 1) generate data and prepare a report on accessibility to comprehensive sexual education and information, access to public health services and provision of supplies: contraceptive methods and others;
- 2) map the situation in the different provinces to graphically identify needs and challenges and use this tool to influence political decision-makers and to disseminate information about sexual and reproductive rights among adolescents, youth and the general population.