

Save the Children Colombia



Narrative:

At Save the Children Colombia, our mission is to protect the most vulnerable children, who face the challenges of migration, conflict, climate change and violence. In this context, sexual and reproductive health (SRH) becomes a fundamental pillar to ensure their well-being and holistic development. In 2023, we took an important step by providing comprehensive care to over 6,000 people directly, offering SRH counseling, prevention of sexually transmitted infections, and supply of contraceptive methods for young people and adolescents. Additionally, we indirectly benefited 17,000 people through key messages and SRH education in community and school settings, in collaboration with various sectors and projects.

As part of the global strategy "Ambition for Children 2030," we reaffirm our commitment to ensuring access to quality services, accurate information, and a non-discriminatory environment. We aim to empower children, adolescents, women, and men of all sexual orientations, gender identities, ethnicities, and health conditions, including LGBTIQ+ individuals, people with disabilities, and indigenous communities, to make informed decisions about their sexual health.

Training 17,000 Community Members on SRH

- Develop and implement community workshops on SRH, covering topics such as adolescent sexual and reproductive health, prevention of unwanted pregnancies, sexually transmitted infections, family planning, and sexual and reproductive rights.
- Implement campaigns on SRH in prioritized communities, using various communication channels such as radio, television, social media, and printed materials.
- Distribute educational materials on SRH in prioritized communities, including brochures, informational guides, posters, and digital materials.

Strengthening the Capacities of 500 Health Professionals in SRH

- Develop and implement SRH capacity-building processes for 500 health professionals, including doctors, nurses, psychologists, and social workers. These actions will focus on gender and human rights approaches, comprehensive SRH care, effective counseling, STI prevention, and the provision of contraceptive methods.
- Provide continuous support and update materials to trained health professionals, ensuring they stay up-to-date on the latest practices and recommendations in SRH.

Consolidate Strategic Partnerships for Advocacy in SRH

- Establish strategic alliances with governments, local organizations, the private sector, and civil society to advocate for SRH and maternal-child health rights.
- Develop and implement advocacy campaigns to promote public policies that favor access to quality SRH services, comprehensive sexual education, and the protection of sexual and reproductive rights.
- Actively participate in decision-making and dialogue spaces on SRH and maternal-child health to influence public policy formulation and implementation.
- Use various media outlets to disseminate information about SRH and maternal-child health, including radio, television, and social media.

Continuous Improvement Process

- We will conduct regular evaluations to monitor progress and adjust strategies as needed. This initiative will be renewed annually to continue making a positive impact on the lives of the most vulnerable. At Save the Children Colombia, we are convinced that sexual and reproductive health is a fundamental right that opens doors to a more prosperous and equitable future. With unwavering commitment and the collaboration of all, we will build a world where every child has the opportunity to live a full and healthy life.

Objectives:

- Provide comprehensive sexual and reproductive health (SRH) services to 7,000 people in Colombia, including children, adolescents, women, and men of all sexual orientations, gender identities, ethnicities, and health conditions.
- Offer information and education on SRH to 17,000 community members through workshops, informational campaigns, and educational materials.
- Conduct capacity-building programs for 500 health professionals, focused on SRH with an emphasis on gender and human rights. These programs will improve the quality and patient-centered care of SRH services, ensuring that healthcare providers are well-prepared to meet the unique needs of vulnerable populations.