

Women's Health

PAHO Foundation is committed to improving women's health as a part of a systems approach that supports our belief that investments in women will positively impact entire communities.

Rationale



Globally, women continue to be marginalized and constrained from actively participating in their local economies due to a myriad of factors. In the Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC) region where traditional gender roles appear entrenched, the greatest health burden often fall on women and girls, who provide care and other responsive solutions to their communities. Without access to health care, this burden further undermines the ability of females to progress and prosper.

Current Areas of Focus



PAHO Foundation (the Foundation) recognizes that a One Health approach must be adopted to effectively address threats to women's health, thereby advancing the health of entire families, communities, and countries. Our current focuses to improve women's health are:

- Empowerment
- Training
- Equity in Care
- Workplace Health

Goal

Advancing this multi-pronged paradigm to public health via women's health is a platform that engenders multi-stakeholder participation, allows for innovative and novel approaches, and yields outcomes that will demonstrate impact and provide for sustainable improvements to women's health.

PAHO Foundation Approach

The Foundation's approach asserts that optimum public health exists within the interactions of complex systems that create conditions conducive to healthy and productive lives. Our framework highlights the existence of these systems and the intractability of challenges within sectors ranging from family/community practices, culture, nutrition, and the environment to policies and responsive capacities. Each sector contributes to the complexity and challenges that constrain the development of effective and sustainable solutions. Below is the Foundation's innovated approach to public health.



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