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# years of evolution

Management report from  
the Executive Director  
of Ipas Latin America  
and the Caribbean

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## Presentation

This report reflects the achievements, challenges and lessons learned from the past five years of Ipas Latin America and the Caribbean (Ipas LAC). Since 2019, we have worked hard to strengthen resilient ecosystems of safe abortion and contraceptive services, advancing our mission to promote reproductive justice in the region.

It is an enormous privilege to lead such a committed and passionate team. Throughout this time, I have witnessed their courage, dedication and effort to transform realities. Together, we have faced significant challenges that have tested our work: the COVID-19 pandemic, which forced us to adapt quickly; the election of ultra-conservative governments that threaten to reverse advances in reproductive rights; and the shrinking civic space that has made the work of organizations like ours more difficult. However, these challenges have strengthened us and pushed us to be more creative and resilient in the search for solutions.

Throughout these years, we have learned valuable lessons. Collaboration and building strong partnerships with local stakeholders have been fundamental. We have also understood the need to be flexible and adapt to a constantly changing environment. These experiences are key to advancing our mission.

This report not only reflects our commitment to reproductive justice but is also a call to action. By sharing our experiences, achievements and learnings, we hope to inspire more people to join this cause. Leading this team in such challenging times has been one of the greatest privileges of my life, and I am confident that together, we will continue to build a future where all people can make reproductive decisions in freedom and enjoyment.



**María Antonieta Alcalde Castro**  
Executive Director



October 2024

## Summary

### Our results:



We collectively designed our theory of change with a strategic vision until 2025.



We became a regional organization, with active projects in 10 countries in the region.



We simplified our governance, and the first autonomous Ipas LAC board was elected.



We doubled our budget.



214,750 people had access to safe abortion through the different channels that Ipas LAC accompanies (public system, accompaniment networks, community clinics and direct health providers).



We strengthened the capacities of 8,682 health professionals in the region to improve the quality of abortion and contraceptive services.



We accompanied 118 health units (public and private) in the implementation of safe abortion services.



We collaborate with more than 62 civil society organizations and 23 networks of accompaniers in Central America, Mexico and South America.



We organized the longest safe abortion livestream in history. 4,500 people from 45 countries visited the website and, on social media, we achieved more than 11,000 views.



The misoprostol safe abortion video accumulated 6,020,579 views since its creation on April 23, 2020, through October 2024.



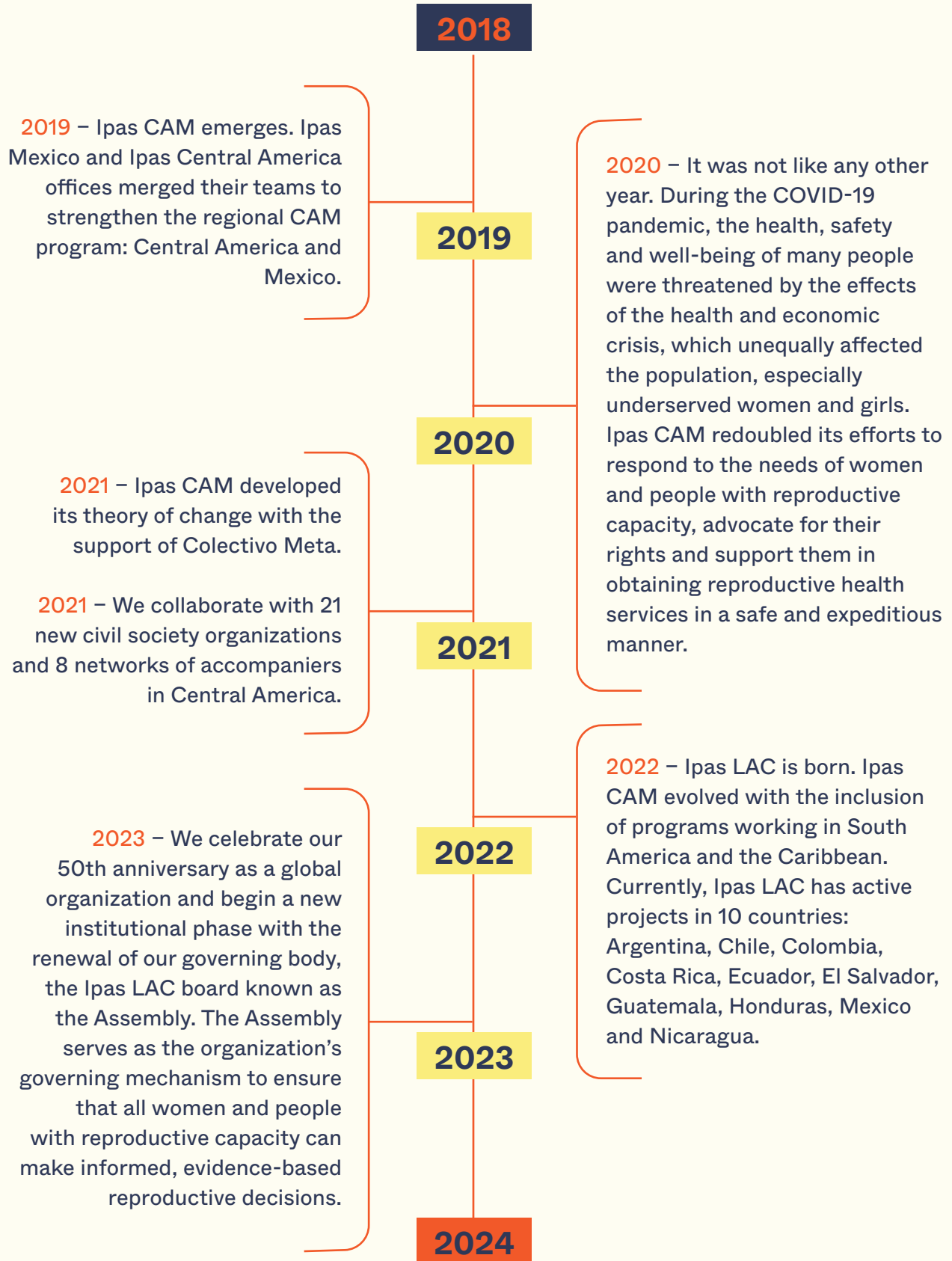
The interactive map "Access to Abortion in Latin America" was launched in January 2022, accumulating to date 192,961 visits by 36,979 people.



We significantly improved the organizational climate. In 2018, only 68 % of the Ipas Mexico team (as Ipas LAC was called in that year) considered Ipas a good place to work. In 2024, 82 % would recommend Ipas as a good place to work.



# Our transformation story:



## Analysis of the internal context

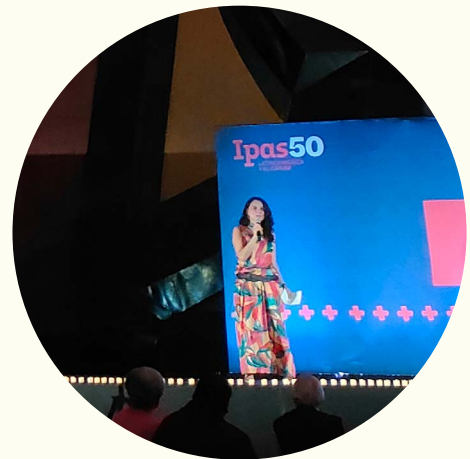


During this management period, Ipas global underwent a transformation process in which Ipas, and particularly María Antonieta Alcalde Castro, participated actively. This evolution allowed Ipas to transform its structure from a traditional international organization to a network.

In line with this global transformation, Ipas LAC undertook a series of internal reforms aimed at strengthening its sustainability, governance and operational capacity. These reforms enabled us to adapt to an increasingly challenging environment in the region, making us more efficient and better prepared to face external challenges and take advantage of new opportunities.

Our funding context became complex during these five years, as our main anonymous donor which for a long time represented more than 40 percent of the organization's budget, announced its decision to withdraw from Latin America, which meant that it would also stop funding Ipas. This situation not only presented a significant challenge to our sustainability, but also forced us to rethink our funding strategies and explore new partnerships.

It was crucial to find alternatives that would allow us to continue our work and maintain the positive impact we had achieved up to that point. We grouped these alternatives into: strategic vision, sustainability and governance, organizational structure, financing, and alliances & voice.



## Strategic vision

Our institutional strategic vision is focused on the transformation to a regional organization that operates under a collectively developed theory of change (ToC). This ToC guides all our actions, ensuring that they are aligned with our common objectives and maximize our impact in the region.

### *What motivated this strategic definition exercise?*

The interest in developing an institutional ToC for the organization arose from three important junctures:

- 1 The transition of leadership at Ipas Mexico, with a new Executive Board arriving towards the end of 2019.
- 2 Ipas's global decision to merge the Mexico and Central America offices into a single organization, motivating these teams to work from a regional rather than a country perspective.
- 3 The definition of a new global strategic framework for Ipas, which invites national and regional organizations to adapt their vision to this framework.

The Ipas LAC ToC is the result of a process of collective discussion and reflection that has been built on the experiences and visions of the entire team.





# MISSION

To create resilient ecosystems of abortion and contraception services using a comprehensive approach that encompasses all sectors, institutions, and communities.

Why?  
MISSION

## GENERAL OBJECTIVES

### External

1

**Improved policies, laws and financing**

Decision-makers design, approve, and oversee compliance with laws, public policies, and budgets that ensure access to abortion and contraception for all women and persons with reproductive capacity.

2

**Improved social norms and agency**

Women and persons with reproductive capacity in Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC) have access to information and receive social support enabling them to exercise autonomy and agency in making decisions about their sexuality and reproductive life, with reduced stigma and discrimination, especially regarding the prevention of unwanted pregnancies and access to abortion services.

3

**Improved access, availability, and acceptability**

Pathways to access abortion and contraception services in the region are strengthened, ensuring reproductive autonomy and providing quality, accessible, acceptable, timely, and affordable care.

4

**Ipas LAC is a benchmark for strategic and comprehensive vision**

Ipas LAC and its personnel are recognized as a regional, national, and subnational reference in sexual and reproductive health and rights, which, from an ecosystemic perspective, builds strategic, diverse, and cross-sectoral alliances.

5

**Ipas LAC is a sustainable organization**

Ipas LAC is an innovative, efficient, strategic, and sustainable organization that operates under shared leadership, with robust governance and a positive organizational climate.

### Internal

How?  
GOALS

How?  
STRATEGIES

## STRATEGIES

**Defense and neutralization of opposition**

**Knowledge management**

**Capacity Strengthening**

**Comunicaciones**

**Communications**



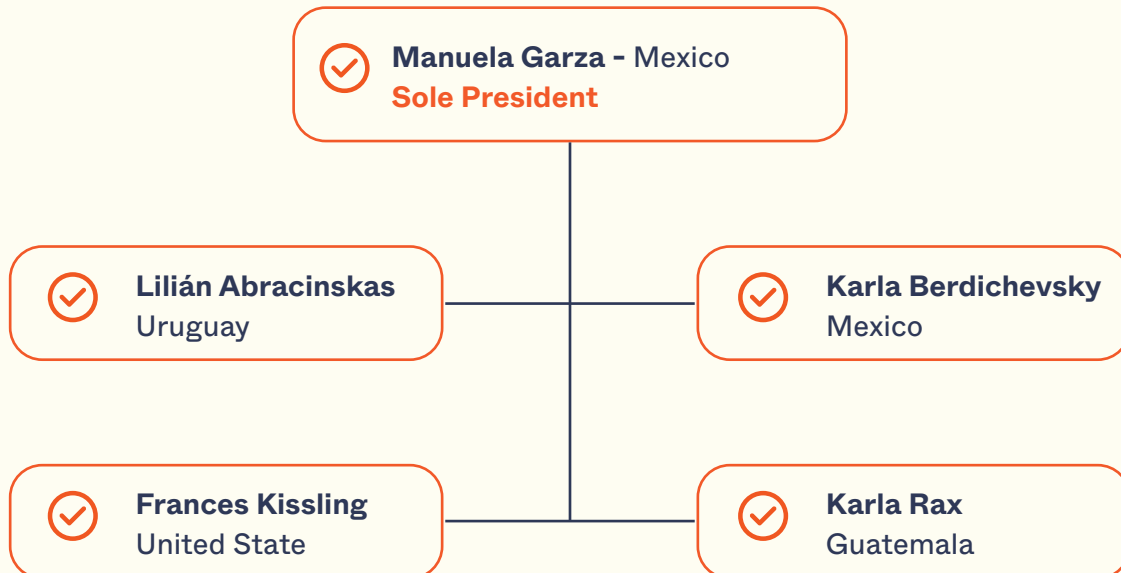
## Sustainability and governance

The organization has developed and implemented sustainability policies that guarantee the continuity of our operations, as well as efficient resource management. These policies include updating our legal obligations, which were not fully covered before, as well as creating and updating internal mechanisms and procedures to ensure that there are no gaps in this area; for example, the creation of the *Internal Project Monitoring Panel* and we assume the internal management of the electronic accounting, which is an official requirement of the Mexican tax laws.

Both initiatives represent a significant improvement in the quality and timeliness of the organization's financial information, facilitating strategic decision making and compliance with local and global regulations.

In addition, for the first time in its history, Ipas Mexico A.C. (the name under which Ipas LAC is legally registered) has a completely external and autonomous governing body that strengthens the organization's sustainability and presence. In a participatory process with all staff, which gathered their concerns and proposals, it was determined to have an Assembly (our board) with a minimum of two and a maximum of seven members with regional, multicultural and intergenerational representation.

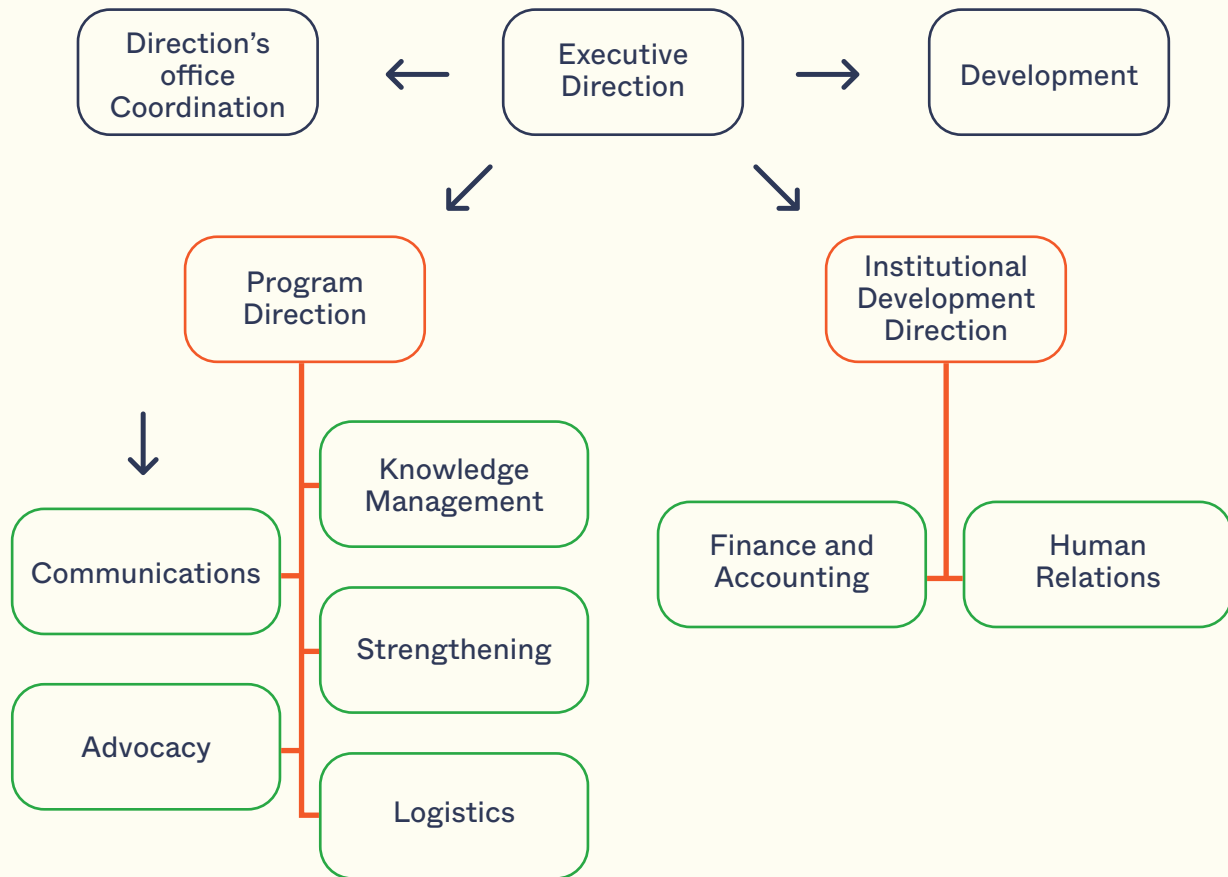
In October 2023, the new Ipas LAC Assembly was presented, integrated by:



## Organizational structure

Over the past five years, a reorganization of the team was carried out to align it with the ToC. This has involved updating all job descriptions and creating a team evaluation model to strengthen the capabilities of both the people working at Ipas LAC and the organization as a whole. With this we aspire to have an agile, transparent and efficient structure.

### Basic Ipas LAC structure



A comprehensive personnel evaluation model was designed that includes specific key performance indicators (KPIs) for each position, facilitating an objective evaluation aligned with organizational objectives. In addition, a 360° evaluation was introduced to provide comprehensive feedback to identify areas for improvement and strengthen the team's capabilities. In turn, an evaluation plan tailored to the needs of the organization was developed, with clear and measurable objectives for each person. These achievements represent a significant advance for Ipas LAC, contributing to the consolidation of a stronger team, prepared and aligned with the theory of change.

## Financing

The organization has diversified its sources of income by exploring new funding opportunities, which has allowed us not only to cope with the departure of our main donor, but also to double our budget.

**Ipas LAC budget by fiscal year**  
(amounts expressed in thousands of US dollars)

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|-------------|----------|
| <b>2020</b> | 2,796.82 |
| <b>2024</b> | 5,610.70 |

Over the past five years, Ipas LAC's fundraising capacity has grown considerably. In 2022, after a thorough analysis of the organizational landscape, funding opportunities and institutional needs, we developed a regional strategy to guide our efforts. Since then, we have successfully secured a diversity of donors for the region.

In addition, we have strengthened and expanded our relationship with a large number of donors, including an anonymous who increased their annual contribution by 10 % and have given Ipas more than US\$15 million over the past five years.

In 2024, after extensive prospecting and management efforts, we were invited to participate in the design phase of a nationwide intervention in Mexico. Through this, we will be eligible for a funding opportunity of around \$10 million.



Today we have a strong resource mobilization area, supported by an effective fundraising strategy, and we directly manage our relationships with all our donors. This consolidation has reduced our financial vulnerability and ensured long-term sustainability.

## Alliances & voice

We strengthened and expanded strategic alliances with local and international organizations, allowing us to expand the scope of our actions and increase the impact of our program. All these collaborations are based on the principles of respect, collective empowerment and solidarity.

We have also increased our participation in regional and international forums, strengthening our influence on policymaking and the international reproductive rights and justice agenda. This positioning has empowered us to effectively advocate for the rights of women and people with reproductive capacity in Latin America.

**In these five years, Ipas LAC has become a reference on the issue of safe abortion in Latin America, occupying national and international spaces, such as the Follow-up Committee to the Montevideo Consensus, the International Dialogue on Population and Sustainable Development, the Nexus Initiative, the United Nations General Assembly, the 68th session of the Commission on the Status of Women, Partnership for Maternal, Newborn & Child Health, among others.**



## Analysis of the external context: abortion ecosystem in Latin America

Our organization's work over the past five years has been deeply influenced by Ipas's eight-component abortion ecosystem model<sup>1</sup>, which recognizes the interconnectedness of diverse factors that affect access to safe and legal abortion. Within this framework, we have adapted our strategies to strengthen each of the key elements of the ecosystem, ensuring a comprehensive and sustainable approach.



## Main achievements by component of the abortion ecosystem

It would be extremely long to talk about each of the achievements in these five years, so we have selected some of the most relevant in each of the components of the safe abortion ecosystem.





**Individual knowledge and agency**

We know that the strategic use of technology opens new and effective routes to access services and exercise of rights; therefore, we established the area of Technological Innovation in Abortion Communication Safe Abortion.

- This area, in collaboration with the rest of the organization, has promoted important technological developments:
  - **The virtual assistant Sofia,** who accompanies people who need information on different ways to access safe abortion services in Latin America.
  - Chatbot on sexual violence and safe abortion for migrants **“Te acompaño”,** which offers automated conversations to facilitate access to safe abortion in the main migration routes in Mexico. It was developed by a team of 14 institutions and organizations with expertise in health and migration.
  - **Interactive map “Access to abortion in Latin America”,** which provides information on the legal context and the different access routes to safe abortion in all Latin American countries.
  - **Map of misoprotol points of sale,** launched in February 2023, which presents the misoprostol points of sale in 10 Mexican states: Baja California, Mexico City, Chiapas, Chihuahua, Coahuila, Nuevo León, Oaxaca, Sonora, Tabasco and Tamaulipas; with the purpose of providing information about how to access medicines to perform a safe abortion.
  - Safe and legal abortion minisites: which provide information on abortion legislation in each state and offer details about access to abortion as a health service. To date we have minisites for the states of

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| Baja California Sur | Baja California |
| Guerrero            | Veracruz        |
| Colima              | Oaxaca          |
| Hidalgo             | Tlaxcala        |



- In collaboration with the Sarape Group agency, 16 co-host organizations and almost 200 participating organizations from 13 countries in the region, we carried out the “I don’t know whether to have an abortion or not” campaign that included the longest safe abortion livestream in history and the construction of the website [www.nosesiabortarono.org](http://www.nosesiabortarono.org) where all the questions about abortion that we received during the transmission are answered.
- During these years, we designed and implemented sustained information campaigns with the objective of providing people with the necessary knowledge to make informed decisions about their sexuality and reproduction. These campaigns were incorporated by civil society organizations (CSOs) with which we maintain joint work plans. With them we also carry out information fairs, theater plays, forums and informative materials for their audiences.



**Community  
social norms  
and support**

Community partnerships and collaborations were fundamental to this component:

- We collaborated with 62 civil society organizations and 23 networks of accompaniers in the region, with whom we implemented local strategies aimed at demanding the guarantee of reproductive rights, strengthening comprehensive sexual education, informing the community of the different ways to access sexual and reproductive health services, strengthening the capacities and links of the networks that accompany people in situations of abortion, and preventing gender-based violence. This has strengthened the links between organizations and broadened their impact in addressing the needs of women, girls, youth, trans men, non-binary people, indigenous people, migrants and afro-descendants.
- We have been able to motivate the development of tools built by and for the accompaniment networks, by supporting the creation and validation spaces. This has allowed them to participate in in-depth dialogues on topics that require self-critical reflection: stigma in accompaniment and personal and collective self-care in accompaniment. While we have been part of these dialogues and reflections in person, we have ceded leadership in the creation of the instruments to those who experience first-hand the challenges of stigma and the need for care in the network environment. This has



put us in touch with our commitment to respect and value knowledge, and to contribute our experience to accompany these processes.

- Due to the increase in abortion restrictions in the United States, we support the creation and expansion of support networks that provide accompaniment to those who need it in that country, and that reduce the risk for people in a situation of abortion. From Mexico, we provided support to cross-border networks that offer information and manage resources to assist women and people with gestational capacity in a situation of migration; we also strengthened awareness of the sale of misoprostol and mifepristone in pharmacies located on the U.S.-Mexico border.
- We strengthened and expanded the work of various organizations and community leaders in Argentina, Chile, Colombia, Mexico, Ecuador, El Salvador, Honduras, Guatemala, Nicaragua and Costa Rica to improve access to safe abortion. In collaboration with these organizations, we conducted information, education and training events on reproductive rights with an emphasis on contraception and abortion, benefiting a total of 154,803 people over the last five years.



**Political support and leadership**

During these five years, has highlighted several actions in the political support and leadership component:

- In the Beatriz<sup>2</sup> vs El Salvador case, the first case explicitly on the right to abortion to be analyzed by the Inter-American Court of Human Rights (IACHR), Ipas LAC is one of four collitigants and, among several actions, we coordinated the amicus curiae strategy, achieving an unprecedented participation of global, regional and national experts and institutions, who contributed diverse arguments for a ruling in favor of what the collitigants requested. We also monitored the publications and strategies of anti-choice opponents, enabling the regional feminist movement to act and disseminate evidence-based information on the implications of the absolute criminalization of abortion.

- Collaboration agreements were established with the Latin American Federation of Obstetrics and Gynecology Societies (FLASOG), the Central American Federation of Obstetrics and Gynecology Associations and Societies (FECASOG) and several obstetrics and gynecology societies in the region, through which we created spaces for clarification of values and transformation of attitudes about abortion. With this initiative we reached more than one thousand OB/GYNs from 15 national societies in various countries of the region. The results of this initiative were shared at the XXIV World Congress of Gynecology and Obstetrics, in Paris, France, through the poster *Building Alliances with Medical Societies to Promote Human Rights-Based Values in Sexual and Reproductive Health*.<sup>3</sup>
- Ipas LAC co-hosted the second Green Wave Gathering of the Americas (GWG), which held its first meeting in Washington, D.C., in January 2023, and the second in Mexico City in May 2024, with the goal of developing joint strategies between movements in Latin America and the United States to advance access to legal, safe and free abortion.
- We coordinated efforts with allied organizations, at the local and regional levels, to prepare and present information in various spaces for the evaluation of States before different United Nations human rights treaty bodies. Active participation in these spaces has allowed us to disseminate evidence on the state of women's rights and other vulnerable groups, contributing to greater visibility and attention to these issues at the local and international levels.





## Policy and legislation

In this five-year period, we have made efforts to generate policy changes:

- With support from Ipas LAC, health authorities in Argentina, Mexico, Colombia, Guatemala, Honduras and Ecuador developed and presented new national guidelines, guidelines and protocols for abortion care in line with updated World Health Organization (WHO) recommendations to ensure access to quality abortion care.
- We contributed to the expansion of the legal framework for abortion in Mexico, where in the last five years 13 states have decriminalized abortion up to 12 or 13 weeks of gestation.
- We support key partners and activists in Argentina as they work to raise awareness among decision-makers about the need to decriminalize abortion in the country and make it legal and accessible. Abortion rights advocates across Latin America are now wearing green bandanas, known as the “green wave”<sup>4</sup> that is sweeping the region and demonstrating the power of collective activism to build a more just world for all.
- In Mexico, our relationship with the National Center for Gender Equity and Reproductive Health (CNEGySR) has allowed us to support public policies that promote access to safe abortion. Of relevance has been the joint national convening of state legal officers and advising health professionals on their opportunities for legal protection for the provision of services. This allowed us to spearhead a paradigm shift in the country, as it is health professionals who are defending their right to provide services, with the support of Ipas LAC, to operationalize the law changes for the decriminalization of abortion.





## Financing

During these five years we have become a benchmark organization that plays the role of a bridge, bringing together relevant actors from governments, the feminist movement, the reproductive justice movement and donors to promote significant projects and actions; one of them was:

- The Second Safe Abortion Dialogue in Latin America, which we held in 2023. The event brought together representatives of 37 social organizations from twenty countries and nine donors. During this meeting, we discussed, reflected and dialogued around four key areas: financing, strengthening access pathways, comprehensiveness of advocacy efforts and accountability, and neutralizing opposition. The objective was to identify key challenges and opportunities to strengthen the safe abortion agenda in the region.



## Commodities

During these five years:

- Our counterparts trusted our technical contributions and vision of safe abortion, thanks to which we were able to influence the availability of necessary supplies, as is the case of mifepristone in Argentina and the introduction of this drug in the essential supplies list in Ecuador; as well as issue recommendations on the use of appropriate technology, which promotes that people with safe abortion requirements can enjoy the highest standard of quality care.

- In 2023, we developed a new course on supply chain management of medicines and supplies for safe abortion care on our virtual platform. With the purpose that the personnel in charge of guaranteeing abortion supplies, through the health systems, have the necessary knowledge to calculate, budget, purchase and distribute at the necessary times.
- We strengthened abortion services in the public health systems of Argentina, Colombia, Ecuador, El Salvador and Mexico by donating abortion drugs, contraceptive supplies, instruments and training models that enable sustainable safe abortion and contraceptive services.



**Health  
workforce  
and service  
delivery**

We developed a strategy of visibility and strengthening of all the paths that lead to safe abortion, which we call: pathways to safe abortion, with which we recognize that there are various options through which women and people with gestational capacity can realize their right to reproductive freedom, self-determination and free choice.

Thanks to the recognition of safe abortion access pathways, we have achieved:

- Develop and disseminate the **Quick Reference Guide for Health Professionals**, which provides key elements for comprehensive abortion care (CAC) and postabortion care (PAC).
- Ipas LAC currently supports 45 best practice centers (BPCs) in the region, distributed as follows:
  - 18 in Argentina
  - 1 in Chile
  - 5 in Colombia
  - 6 in Ecuador
  - 6 in Guatemala
  - 9 in Mexico

The objective of the BPCs is to establish professional training centers that promote collaboration between health units at different levels, and that in turn contribute to the training and updating of health professionals. These centers focus

on strengthening the comprehensive abortion care model, placing special emphasis on the person-centered approach and encompassing contraceptive care, to ensure that these centers meet national and international standards that ensure the provision of quality health services.

- We are pioneers in promoting best practices and strengthening the capacities of health professionals in late gestational stage abortion. In coordination with the Latin American Consortium against Unsafe Abortion (Clacai), we provided technical assistance for the development of two technical documents that provide guidance on the approach and clinical procedures: The timing of abortion and asystole. This initiative benefits women and others with gestational capacity in various contexts: pregnancies that are complicated for maternal and fetal health reasons, people who do not have early access to pregnancy termination, young people with little or no support networks and who do not know their rights, people who face stigma, persecution or criminalization, who do not have reliable health services, people whose context changes in the course of pregnancy, or people who do not have access to personnel trained in these procedures, among many other situations that are poorly understood and, if not addressed, force them to continue pregnancies in risky and challenging contexts.
- We facilitated the establishment of the first specialized network of late term abortion providers in Latin America and the Caribbean, fostering a robust exchange of knowledge and best practices.



Thanks to our participation in different meetings with Ipas LAC, we have had the impulse to continue improving the ways to attend women in advanced stages of gestation and to date we have already attended three successful cases with asystole.

(Testimony of a service provider of a health unit in Yucatan).



- We worked on a strategy to increase and improve the available information, knowledge and attitudes of pharmacy staff and health professionals about misoprostol as a safe method of terminating a pregnancy. In this way we contribute to reducing barriers to access to the drug in pharmacies.



### Health information

In 2022, we created the Knowledge Management area, formed by the Research and Learning Coordination. To date, the most important achievements are:

- Building and strengthening research alliances with strategic partners, such as the Ministry of Health of Argentina (province of Buenos Aires and Santa Fe), Profamilia Colombia, the “International Development” program of the London School of Economics (LSE), the Mexico office of the Population Council, the Research area of the Oregon Health and Science University.
- Dissemination of research results through four scientific publications in high-impact international peer-reviewed journals. The topics of the studies highlight information on abortion care through telemedicine and challenges in accessing abortion services during the COVID-19 pandemic.<sup>5</sup>
- Validation of the Abortion Care Quality Tool (ACQTool) for the LAC region.
- Development of strategies and tools to build capacity with community-based organizations for the diagnosis, design and evaluation of results of community interventions.

## Conclusions

Over the past five years, our comprehensive approach to each component of the abortion ecosystem has enabled Ipas LAC to make significant contributions to advancing reproductive justice in Latin America. Through collaborative, multidisciplinary work, we have been able to address the various dimensions that influence access to safe abortion services and the defense of reproductive rights.

The interaction among the components of the abortion ecosystem has fostered an environment more conducive to the exercise of people's rights. This approach has also made it possible to identify and remove barriers, while promoting more inclusive and respectful practices.

In addition, we have established strategic alliances with local organizations, community groups and key stakeholders in the region, which has amplified our impact and created a strong impact network. As a result of this joint effort, we have laid the foundation for a sustainable and equitable abortion ecosystem in the region.



**Our work has led to the implementation of fairer policies, improved health care, and the promotion of a culture that respects and guarantees people's autonomy over their bodies. As we move forward, we remain committed to the struggle for full reproductive justice and the well-being of all people in Latin America.**



We would like to express **our deep gratitude** to the entire **team of the organization, our strategic allies, local organizations, donors** and all **the people who have supported and contributed to the success** of our initiatives throughout these **five years.**

Their **dedication and commitment** have been essential to advancing **reproductive justice** in the region.

Without their support, our achievements would not have been possible.



## Notes

- **Individual knowledge and agency:** This component focuses on ensuring that all individuals have access to accurate and understandable information about their reproductive health, especially in relation to contraception and safe abortion. The main objective is for them to make informed and autonomous decisions about their health, independent of social norms or external pressures.
  - **Community social norms and support:** In Ipas LAC's sustainable abortion ecosystem, social norms are free of abortion-related stigma and discrimination, which supports people's ability to exercise their reproductive rights. To achieve this, we work in partnership with civil society organizations, strengthening their capacities, promoting accountability of those who guarantee these rights, and promoting the creation of social norms.
  - **Political support and leadership:** In a sustainable abortion ecosystem, States prioritize health and reproductive rights, protect human rights, and ensure access to services. There are advocates for safe abortion access at all levels of government and the health sector, as well as a strong civil society movement that mobilizes to promote and defend fundamental rights.
  - **Policy and legislation:** This component drives the creation and enforcement of regulatory frameworks respectful of human rights on the issue of abortion, a fundamental action for people to be able to access this right.
  - **Financing:** Crucial to our abortion ecosystem are mechanisms that ensure resilient, affordable and equitable access in health systems. In addition, as part of our model of accompanying these systems, we focus on strengthening the processes of calculating needs, costing, allocating funds and procuring supplies for abortion services.
  - **Commodities:** In order for local health systems to offer safe abortion and contraceptive services, it is also necessary for them to have the necessary supplies, medicines and technology, which requires a distribution chain to ensure that supplies are available at the right place, in the right quantity and in the right condition.
  - **Health workforce and service delivery:** Abortion will only be safe when countries ensure universal access with adequate supplies, a trained workforce that meets established clinical guidelines, and stigma-free, human rights-respecting services that address community needs.

- **Health information:** A sustainable abortion ecosystem considers the use of reproductive health data and information systems to identify needs, create programs of care, and appropriate the results for the improvement of pregnancy termination services.

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2 Beatriz was a young Salvadoran woman living in poverty and vulnerability, with a pregnancy that put her health and life at risk.

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3 **VCAT Cartel FIGO\_200923**

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4 “The green wave in Argentina has energized all of Latin America,” says María Antonieta Alcalde, executive director of, at the time, Ipas CAM; on the backdrop of December 30, 2020, when Argentina recognized the right to safe and free abortion as a government service up to 14 weeks gestation. “This victory to advance the right of women to make their own reproductive decisions in Argentina is being celebrated throughout our region. We are convinced that this will have an impact beyond Argentina’s borders for the regional movement for legal and accessible abortion.”

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