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**PRESENTATION
PROGRESS REPORT
2 WORK PLAN TO COMBAT TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS IN THE WESTERN
HEMISPHERE**

Progress Report 2 Work Plan to Combat Trafficking in Persons in the Western Hemisphere 2015-2020

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SECURITY



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2 Work Plan to Combat Trafficking in Persons in the Western Hemisphere (2015-2020)

- Guidelines: prevention, protection and prosecution;
- Indicators for measuring progress;
- First regional report on trafficking in persons
Participation of 33 of the 35 active OAS member states;

7 Content Sections:

- i. National Authority
 - ii. Legislation, policy and plans
 - iii. Characteristics of the crime
 - iv. Prosecution and sanction
 - v. Identification, assistance and protection
 - vi. Information systems
 - vii. Gender perspective
- + **Final comments**

Main challenges

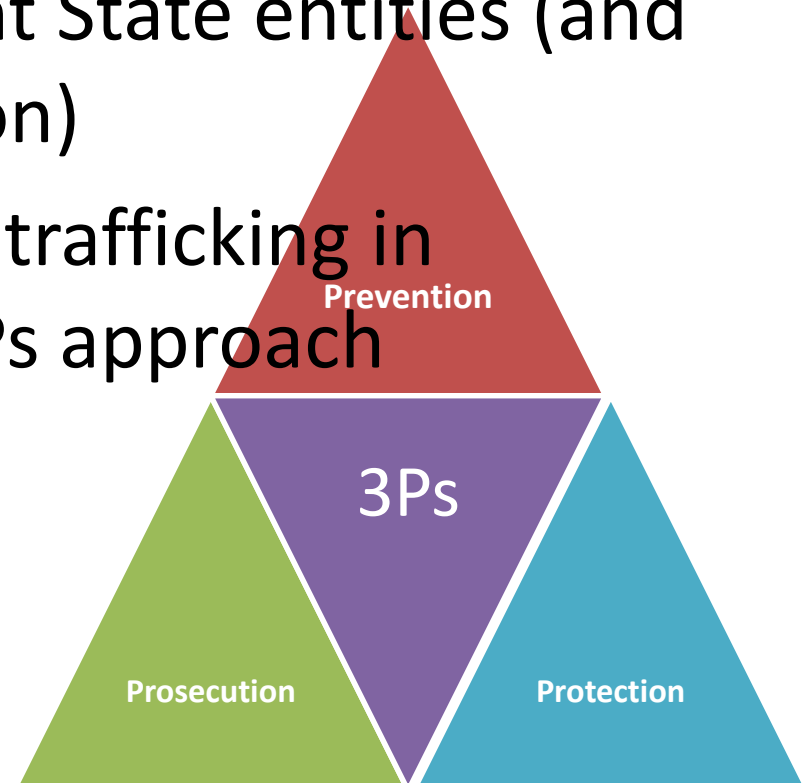


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A. National Authority

- Set up as a collegiate commission, inter-institutional body composed of representatives of different State entities (and even with CSO participation)
- 25/33 countries cover the trafficking in persons crime from the 3Ps approach (integrality)



Main challenges



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B. Legislation, policy and plans

- Typification of trafficking in persons as a specific crime: Laws that modified the respective Criminal Codes
- "Comprehensive laws" that included typification
- Legal structure focused on trafficking in persons as one of the main achievements
- 14 current national plans
- On 4/9 it was possible to confirm a new plan

C. Characteristics of the crime

- Differences in the way of reporting:
- Populations in a situation of vulnerability
- Vulnerability zones
- Profiles of the victims: by sex and age
- Sexual and gender diversity and disability
- Flows: emphasis on intra- and inter-regional flows, few mentions of internal trafficking
- Purpose: emphasis on sexual exploitation, fewer references to labor exploitation, nothing about other purposes
- Lack of information regarding traffickers

Main challenges



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D. Prosecution and Sanctions

- 21 countries created specialized units in at least 3 areas: police, prosecution and courts
- Among the possible investigation strategies, the most mentioned was the proactive one



Reactive
4 countries



Proactive
8 countries



Disarticulation
3 countries



Financial
3 countries

Main challenges



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E. Identification, assistance and protection

- Main channel for assistance to victims and reporting are the telephone hot lines
- 13 hot lines established exclusively for trafficking in persons
- 6 characteristics:

No cost	Anonymity	Easy to remember
Specialized personnel	Possibility of derivation	Multi-languages
- In 1 country it was possible to verify the compliance of 5 of them
- Rich and quantitative production of protocols of several areas and beneficiaries (20/33 countries)

Main challenges

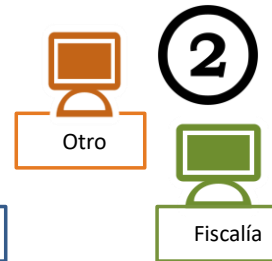


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F. Information Systems

Single digital system



Multiple institutions, each of them with its own system focused on trafficking in persons

Four types

National Authority centralizes the information sent by multiple institutions



Reporting registration system already existing in the institution

- Most countries use number 4
- Need to standardize variables and inter-operability

Main challenges



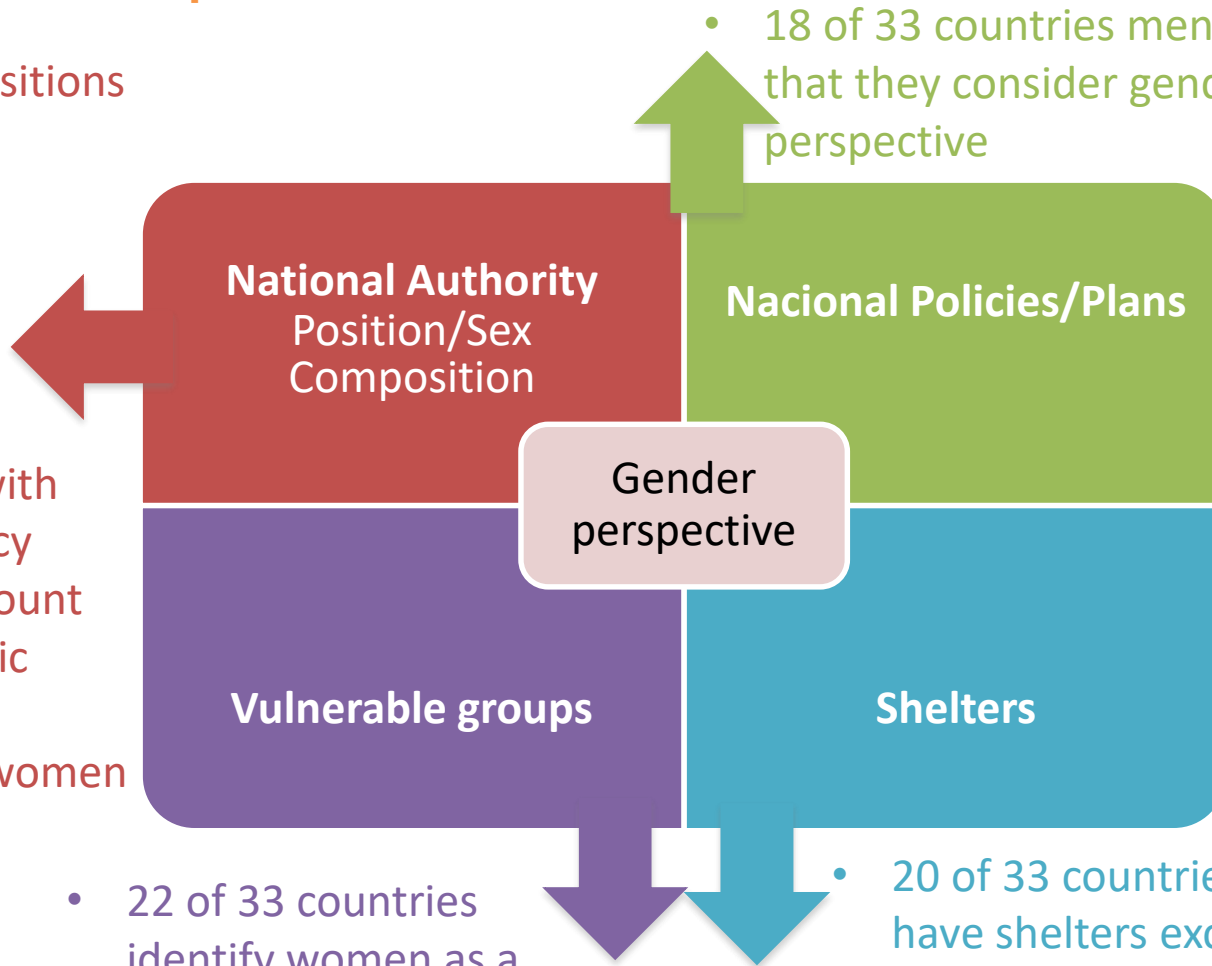
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G. Gender Perspective

- Director positions are equally distributed

- 18 of 27 countries with multi-agency instances count with a public agency for gender or women matters.



- 22 of 33 countries identify women as a vulnerable group

- 20 of 33 countries highlighted they have shelters exclusively for women (of all ages) victims of trafficking in persons

- Important to count with hemispheric instruments on subjects of mutual interest and transversal for the region
- Balance of the progress
 - Share, exchange and learn
 - Identify lacks, needs and unclear subjects
 - Project and plan for the future
 - Knowledge platform on Trafficking in Persons

Report available at:



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Inter-American Network for the Prevention of Violence and Crime:

<https://www.oas.org/ext/en/security/crime-prevention-network/>

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