



# Health and justice for all:

## Integrating HIV and GBV response services for female sex workers, transgender women, men who have sex with men, and members of the general population in the Dominican Republic

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**Análisis**  
**RD superaría este año tasa feminicidio región**  
 PNUD DICE QUE 2 DE CADA 5 MUERTES SON POR VIOLENCIA DOMÉSTICA

Artículo

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República Dominicana ocupa uno de los tres primeros lugares en la región en la manifestación más grave de violencia, que son los feminicidios, mientras de continuar la tendencia actual, superará este año el tercer lugar entre las tasas más altas, después de El Salvador y Honduras.

Los datos están contenidos en el informe “De compromiso a la acción: políticas para erradicar la violencia contra las mujeres en América Latina y el Caribe”, presentado ayer por el Programa de las Naciones Unidas para el Desarrollo (PNUD), una entidad de la ONU para la igualdad de género y el



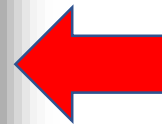
Yanet Camilo, ministra de la Mujer, pronuncia discurso en la presentación del informe “De compromiso a la acción: políticas para erradicar la violencia contra las mujeres en América Latina y el Caribe”.

<http://www.lascalientesdelsur.com/nacionales/63027/rd-superaria-este-ano-tasa-feminicidio-region.html>



# Goals and activities

- Link HIV and GBV response services while improving quality and key-population friendly care
- Coordinate and strengthen referral, conduct trainings, and provide education to influence supply and demand for GBV response that links to HIV services



## Services that should be available to victims of violence\*

### Health

- Evaluation/treatment of injuries
- Post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP)
- Emergency contraception (EC)
- HIV testing
- STI testing/treatment
- Mental health screening/services
- Forensic evaluation

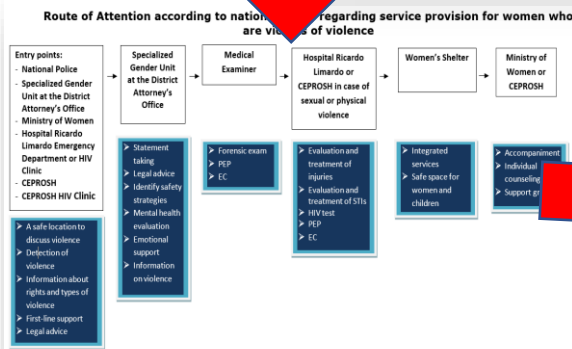
### Justice

- Documentation/statement taking
- Legal counsel

### Psychosocial

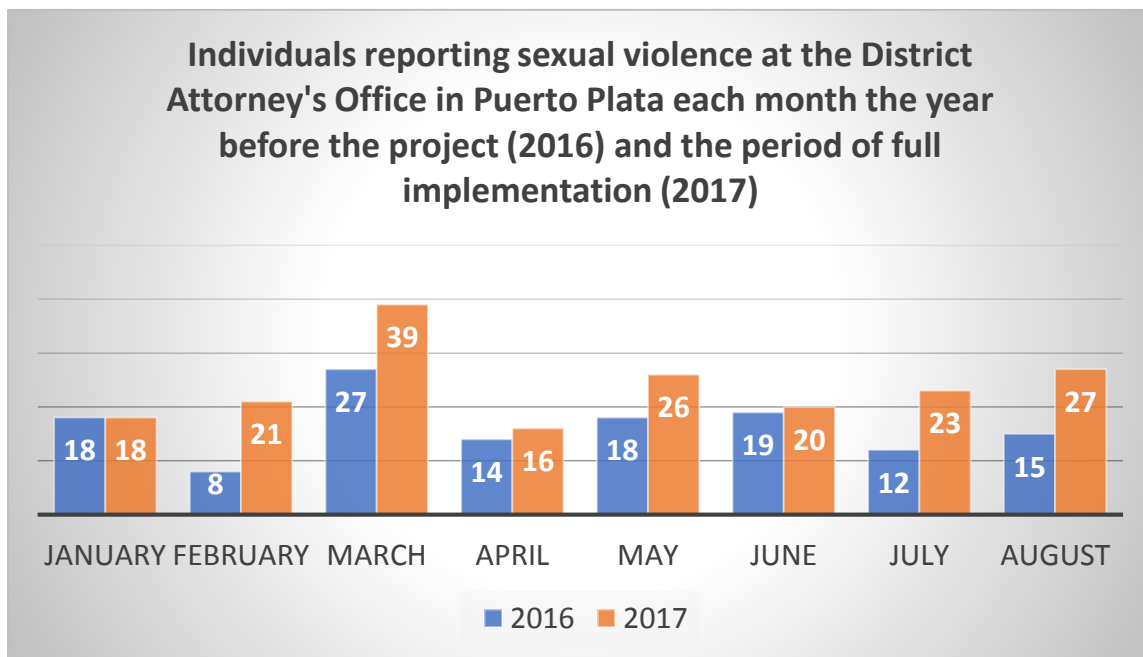
- Immediate/longer term mental health support
- Shelter
- Child protection

\*In addition to first-line support



# Results

- Improved GBV response services linked to HIV prevention, care and treatment
  - “**Now we know where to refer** the clients if needed, and they feel more comfortable, because we offer them accompaniment; we call the institution and tell them to expect the client and they feel reassured by this. **Now everybody - the institutions - speaks the same language.**” – Doctor from HIV clinic at CEPROSH
- Increased service use in the justice sector and at the Ministry of Women
- Increased HIV testing and adherence
- Improved quality of life
  - “I understand a lot of things better... I believed that that man was everything for me... but after the appointments with the psychologist I **became stronger and understood that I deserved better.** I left that relationship and feel better about myself. They lifted my self-esteem.” – SW client of violence response services



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