Ciudad Mujer

A New Strategy to Promote Women's Health and Violence Prevention in El Salvador

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Agenda

- Introduction to El Salvador
- What is Ciudad Mujer?
- Preliminary usage data
- Discussion

DONDE ESTA EL SALVADOR?





BIENVENIDOS A EL SALVADOR





EL SALVADOR

- The smallest country in Central America
- Smaller than Massachusetts
- Borders:
 - Guatemala, Honduras, Pacific Ocean
- Only Central American nation without a Caribbean coastline
- Constitutional, multiparty democracy
- Population: 6.1 million
- Only a few hundred indigenous people

EL SALVADOR

- Volcanoes
- Earthquakes
- Floods
- Conquests
- Devastating civil war 1908 1992
 - 75,000 died during civil war
 - 1992 Peace Accords

EL SALVADOR

- Pervasive poverty
 - 800,000 in "extreme poverty"
- Suboptimal infrastructure
- Violent crime
- Gangs
- Drug cartels
- Post-war trauma
- Political polarization
- Gender-based violence



















CIUDAD MUJER

- Women's City / City of Women
- Concept of Vanda Pignato, El Salvador's First Lady and Minister of Social Inclusion
- 48 yo, Brazilian born lawyer and activist
- Best educated and most politically savvy first lady in El Salvador history
- Passion for women's rights





VANDA PIGNATO



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CIUDAD MUJER

- "National network of centers designed to improve the lives of women by providing education and skills training, health care and cultural opportunities."*
- Menu of critical social services for women housed under a single roof
- One-stop access to many services
- Eliminates need to visit multiple facilities



- Odontología
- Medicina Interna Ginecología
- Estación de Enfermeria
- SEGUNDO NIVEL
- Oficina Polivalente Educadora en Salud
- **ANEXOS SALUD**
- Mamografia, Rayos X. Ultrasonografia Archivo
- Sala de Espera Estadística y

- Fiscalia General de la República (FGR)
- Procuraduría General
- de la República (PGR) Medicina Legal

SEGUNDO NIVEL

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- RNPN CONAMYPE
- Ministerio de Trabajo (MINTRAB)

EDIFICIO 4

- D Farmacia
- Sala de Informática
- Sala de Cómputo

EDIFICIO 5

PRIMER NIVEL

- Orientación Inicial
- **SEGUNDO NIVEL** E Dirección y Administración

OTRAS AREAS

- Acceso Peatonal
- Acceso Vehicular
- Parqueo General Estancia PNC
- Sub Delegación PNC

RECEPCION

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- Planta de Tratamiento de Agua
 Areas Deportivas



CIUDAD MUJER SERVICES

- Comprehensive health care
- Reproductive health care
- Pediatric care
- Dental care
- Mammography / ultrasonography
- Mental health care
- Child care for women being seen
- DV advocacy / safety planning
- Legal advocacy

CIUDAD MUJER

- Funded by IADB
- First CM March 28, 2011 Colon municipality (Dept. of La Libertad)
- Plan for one in each of 14 Departments
- Multiple participating agencies
- Rigorous monitoring and evaluation built in to design

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PROCURADURÍA GENERAL DE LA REPÚBLICA











VIOLENCE-RELATED SERVICES

- Crisis counseling
- Safety planning
- Police protection
- Legal assistance
- Support groups
- Individual counseling
- Community outreach
- All services are empowerment-based

CO-LOCATED SERVICES

- Policía Nacional Civil (PNC)
- Instituto Salvadoreño para el Desarrollo de la Mujer (ISDEMU)
- Fiscalía General de la Republica (FGR)
- Instituto de Medicina Legal
- Procuraduría General de la Republica

OTHER SERVICES

- Comprehensive sexual and reproductive health services
 - Family planning
 - Well woman care
 - Pre- and post-natal care
 - Nutrition
 - Cancer screening
- Children's health services

Major partner – Ministerio de Salud (MINSAL)

OTHER SERVICES, CONT.

- Outreach and empowerment workshops
- Job fairs and job placement
- Job training
- Labor mediation
- Economic self-sufficiency
 - Small business consulting
 - Micro credit

CIUDAD MUJER USAGE

- Opened March 28, 2011
- □ Visits in first 9 months 22,042 (62,100 services)
- 4,447 children cared for during maternal visits
- Average number of visits per week –560 (~140 per day)

CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES

- Fabulous concept
- Empowerment framework
- Now 15 months old
- Only preliminary usage data available
- No outcome data yet
- How to evaluate and scale up?

