

KEY MESSAGES OF “FROM COMMITMENT TO ACTION” REPORT

- **WORLD’ S HIGHEST RATES IN VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN:** The levels of violence against women we face in Latin America and the Caribbean are unacceptable. The region has the highest rate in the world in sexual violence outside the couple and the second highest rate in the world in violence by partners or ex-partners (WHO, 2013).

- **WHY TO STRUGGLE AGAINST VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN?:** Reducing violence against women is a catalytic factor for the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (Agenda 2030) and is fundamental to the achievement of peace, economic productivity, rights, justice and social cohesion (objectives 5 and 16).

- **CONTEXT OF THE FIGHT AGAINST VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN IN THE REGION:** 22 years after the Inter-American Convention of Belém do Pará, today ratified by 32 of the 33 countries of the region, Latin America and the Caribbean have made great strides in legislation and policies to address violence against women, but a significant qualitative leap is still required.

- **WHAT SHOULD WE WORK ON TO MOVE FORWARD?:**

- The need to strengthen the leadership of the Institutional Mechanisms of women.
- Low allocation of resources
- Lack of political commitment to support implementation
- Difficulties in inter-institutional coordination
- Lack of continuity in the implementation of the plans
- Limited capacities to collect, analyze and use VAW data for the implementation of policies and plans
- Inconsistent monitoring of the implementation of the plans
- Persistence of sexist cultural patterns that affect society in general as well as institutions

- **WHAT IS OUR PROPOSAL?:** The magnitude of the problem requires States to adopt a more holistic, more comprehensive and more resourceful institutional approach. It is required:

- Social pacts between government, private sector and society, to generate the commitment of all relevant actors to eradicate violence against women
- National plans at the local level to ensure that local authorities and other actors work to address violence against women on site.
- Policies with a multidimensional approach with locally prioritized actions
- Strategic interventions that have a multiplier effect

- Take the commitment to reality: allocate sufficient resources for the implementation of the plans.
- Strengthen reparation actions for victims, especially those of economic empowerment to help them move away from situations of violence
- Work with men to change the perception of masculinities: bring discussions to schools and workplaces, and try to make men, especially young people, partners in the fight to end violence against women
- Participation of women's organizations and social actors in the design and monitoring of policies and programs

- WHO IS BEHIND "FROM COMMITMENT TO ACTION"?: The UNDP Regional Office for Latin America and the Caribbean, in coordination with the Regional Office for the Americas of UN Women, have decided to promote "From Commitment to Action", in the framework of the Secretary-General's "UNETE (Join) to End Violence Against Women" Campaign.

- WHAT DOES THIS REPORT PRETEND? "From Commitment to Action" report presents the lessons learned in the implementation of national plans and policies aimed at eradicating violence against women and highlights 29 promising experiences of the states of the region in the areas of prevention, attention, punishment and reparation of Violence against Women.