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Where we work





Advocacy wins

- Development and approval of public policies
- Implementation of national policies at a local level
- Accountability and monitoring



Dominican Republic advocacy wins and Impact

Wins

 The Ministry of Public Health developed and adopted an unprecedented national Contraceptive Counseling Protocol for Adolescents

Impact

- National implementation
- Horizontal services
- Specific contraceptive counseling protocol for adolescents
- Developing of monitoring tools



Colombia advocacy wins and Impact

Wins

 The Municipal Development Plan includes youth friendly services program in the health plan that has been implemented in hospitals and clinics, and it includes a specific budget line

Impact

- The Municipality of Rionegro allocates roughly **\$42,000USD**, to prioritize the prevention of adolescent pregnancy
- YFS were implemented in hospitals and clinics
- Installed capacity and health professionals trained
- Youth champions conducted social monitoring to guarantee the sustainability of YFS



Mexico advocacy wins and Impact

Wins

 The Ministry of Health opened their public health clinics to social monitoring by youth champions and incorporated resulting recommendations in their 2017 work plan.

Impact

The Ministry of Health:

- Commits to train providers on LARCs and service promotion
- Validates social monitoring methodology
- Plans to continue co-financing social monitoring



Advancing family planning advocacy

- Advocate for the prioritization of adolescents in vulnerable situations and ethnic populations in SRH programs
- Ensure that governments allocate and execute sufficient budget for SRHR
- Improve quality of services through social monitoring exercises and evaluation of their impact
- Invest in advocacy efforts led by Civil Society Organizations



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