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*Americas and Caribbean:*  
Accelerating Progress on SDG5

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# Challenges and Progress towards SDG 5

- ❑ Different realities/diverse sub-regions within the region
- ❑ Changing political and economic landscape
- ❑ Persistent high levels of inequalities
- ❑ Feminization of poverty
- ❑ Change of political cycle many elections coming
- ❑ Middle to low levels of women's political participation
- ❑ Persisting high levels of VAW and femicide
- ❑ Overlapping and distinct forms of VAW
- ❑ Women not considered as essential to reduce risks in events of Climate change and disaster.

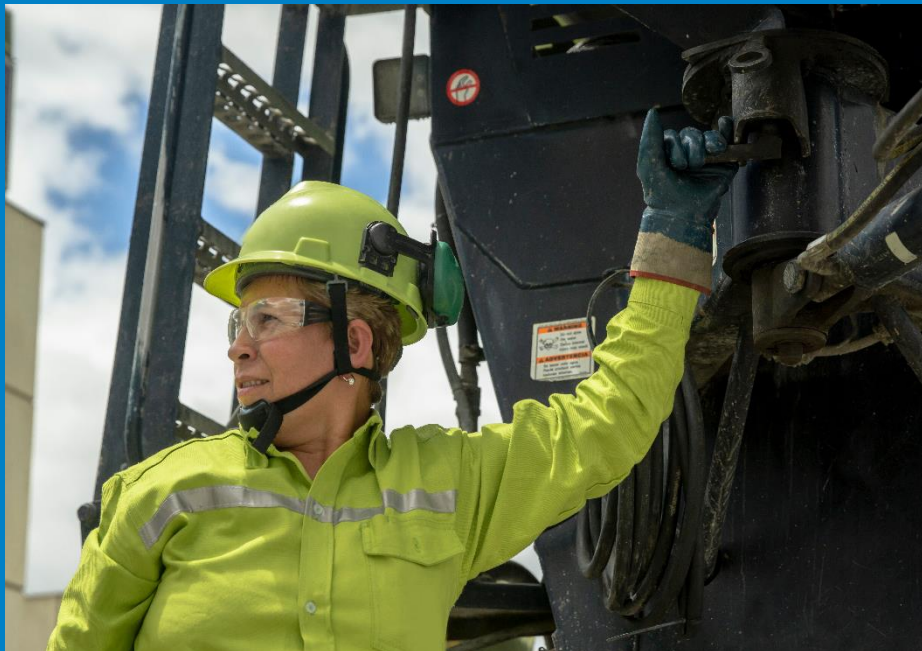


# Governance and Economic Empowerment



## Governance and political participation: **PARITY ONLY:**

- **Mexico** – Constitutional reform for parity at all levels approved
- **18 countries** with a parity or quota laws
- 30.7% of women in lower chambers
- **6 Parity Cabinets** (Peru, Colombia, Costa Rica, Nicaragua, El Salvador, Mexico)
- **Dominican Republic:** 8 public institutions track resources for GEWE in their budget



## Women's economic empowerment: **Private Sector and SMEs**

- **Win-Win** project in Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Costa Rica, Jamaica, Uruguay: total 449 WEPs signatories; launch of Gender Pay Gap tool and of innovative financing mechanism
- **Bolivia:** More than 500 women's entrepreneurs trained in business development in 2018
- **Chile:** Originarias programa: 300 indigenous women entrepreneurs supported in North Chile (Teck)
- **Guatemala:** more than 1,500 indigenous rural women increased their income in 2018

# Ending Violence Against Women



## Elimination of violence against women and access to justice: **END IMPUNITY** and **PREVENT**

- Launch of **UN-EU Spotlight initiative** in Argentina, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Mexico; (Combined target to reach nearly 25M people); Caribbean Spotlight under development
- **Model law on femicide** approved by OAS
- Training on gender-sensitive administration of justice for judges with the **Caribbean Court of Justice** and Sexual Offences Model Court in Antigua and Barbuda (Jurist project funded by Canada)
- More than 260 women in preventive detention in **Haiti** received legal assistance in 2018
- **Safe cities programme** implemented in 16 cities in 8 LAC countries (BOL, COL, ECU, GUA, HON, MEX, RD, URU)
- **Violence prevention through sports** and self-esteem for girls (IOC, CAF): Argentina, Brasil, Chile and Uruguay

# Migration, Climate Change and Peace Building



## Human mobility

- Bi-national programme **Colombia/Ecuador** to address gender-based violence and trafficking
- Programmes to address Venezuelan women's migrants needs in **Colombia and Brazil**

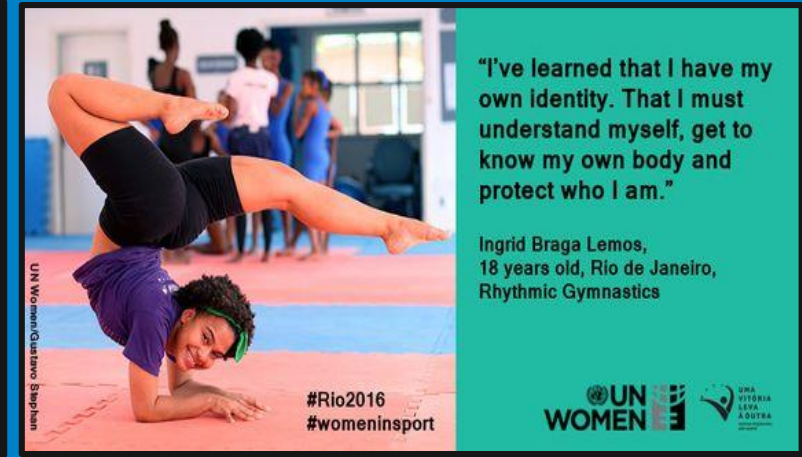
## Climate change and disaster risk

- **Ecuador:** Rural women from the Province of Azuay developed Sustainable Development Community Plans
- **Guatemala:** Delivery of emergency kits for women affected by the volcano eruption in 2018
- **Early warning** with Directorate of Civil Protection in Haiti and with CDEMA in English speaking Caribbean
- **Immediate disaster response:** English speaking Caribbean and Haiti, Central America, Chile, Colombia Ecuador, and Mexico

## Peace Building Fund

- **17,028 beneficiaries in 4 countries** (Colombia, Ecuador, Guatemala, Haiti)

# From Rio to the World: Women, Girls and Sport



## Results from Rio include:

- 89% of girls said they were a leader, compared to 46% before the programme
- 93% of girls know where to report violence
- 79% of girls now know how to prevent pregnancy, compared to 25% before
- 77% of girls now know how to prevent sexually transmitted infections, compared to 21% before



## Policy Support

- Design and evaluation of national gender equality plans (Argentina, Costa Rica and DR)
- Gender ATLAS (Colombia, DR, Mexico and Paraguay)
- Gender mainstreaming in public policies (e.g. Colombia, DR)

## Data/ Statistics

- Annual meetings on gender statistics and on time use and unpaid care work in Aguascalientes
- Global Centre of Excellence on Gender Statistics (Mexico)
- National systems to measure violence against women (e.g. Costa Rica)
- Time use surveys (e.g. Paraguay)
- Support to national survey on gender equality (Cuba)
- CARICOM Gender Equality indicators
- First-ever prevalence data on violence against women in the Caribbean

## Knowledge production and dissemination

- *Progress of Women in LAC, Progress in Colombia*
- Regional studies on discriminatory legislation



# Innovating for Women in LAC



## Innovation in programmes:

- **New concepts and models:** gender in climate change adaptation and mitigation; tools for gender equality in the private sector; leadership school for women entrepreneurship; social innovation initiative; campaigns and programmes for cultural change
- **Cross-border** peacebuilding and crisis response programmes; **sub-regional** programmes and **multi-country initiatives** with strong South-South, North-South and knowledge sharing components

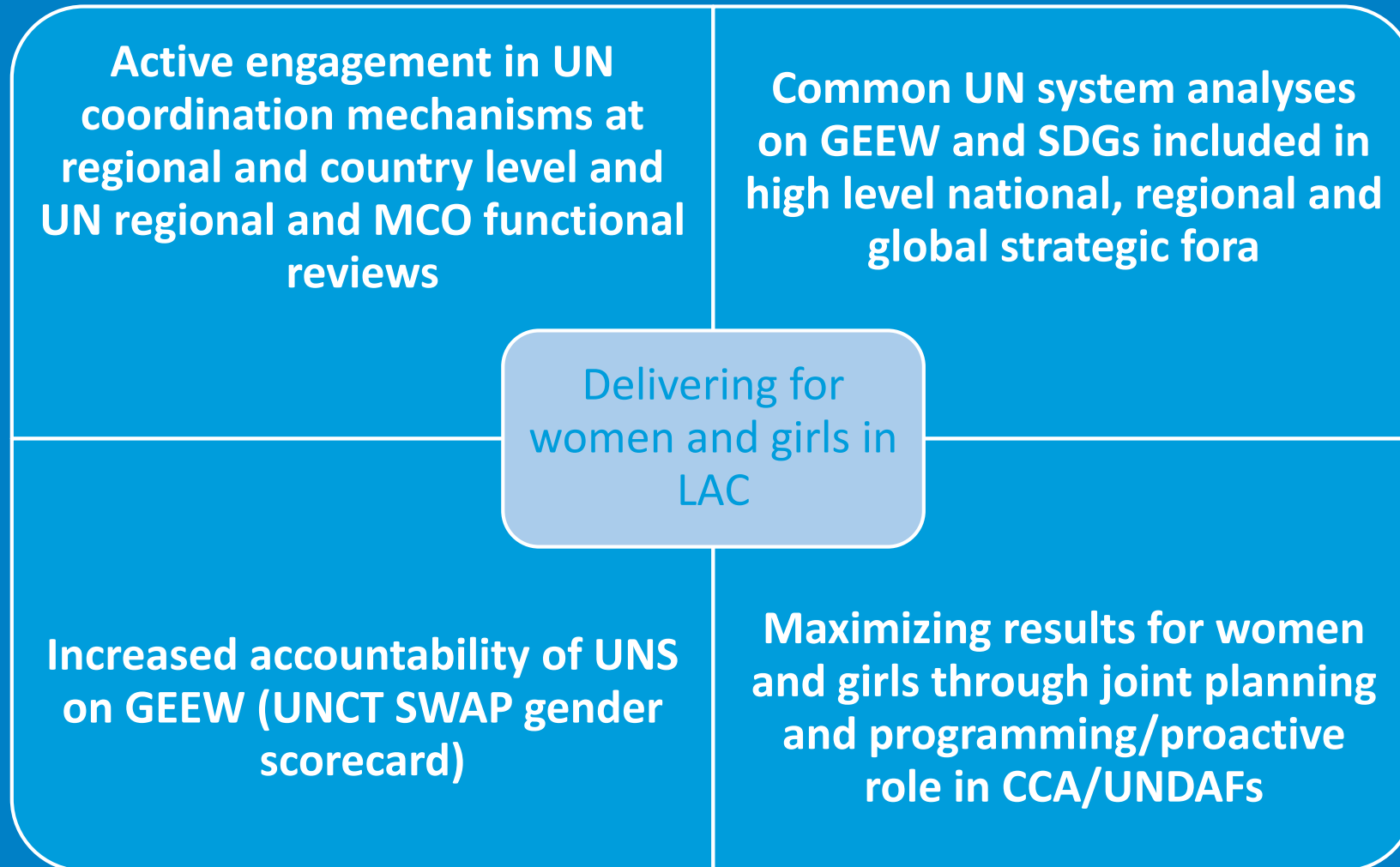
## Innovation in partnerships:

- **Private sector** partnership models
- Digital innovation and **STEMs**
- Pro-bono PR and **media partnerships** and networks for social and behaviour change
- **Innovative Financing facility:** regional mechanism to: 1) facilitate funding to women entrepreneurs, and 2) to influence quality and quantity of gender lens investing among financial institutions

## Innovation in knowledge management:

- Roll out of the **LAC action model** for UNW's efficiency and sustainability: regional thematic strategies; programmatic offers by priority areas; partnerships; policy design and costing; and revamped internal KM platform

# UNW in LAC fully aligned with UN reform



# Towards Beijing +25 celebrations



Leverage the priority themes of CSW61, 62 and 63 to promote women's economic empowerment and the inclusion of women in the labor market as a smart economic decision in LAC (2016-2018)

Co-secretariat with ECLAC of the Regional Conference on Women in LAC "Women's autonomy in changing economic scenarios", 4-8 November 2019, Santiago de Chile

Regional civil society forum, including youth, and the regional preparatory meeting of Women Ministers to CSW64/Beijing +25 (third quarter of 2019)

Regional Declarations prior to the CSW

Launch of the *Progress of Women* in LAC

Launch of Equal Pay International Coalition

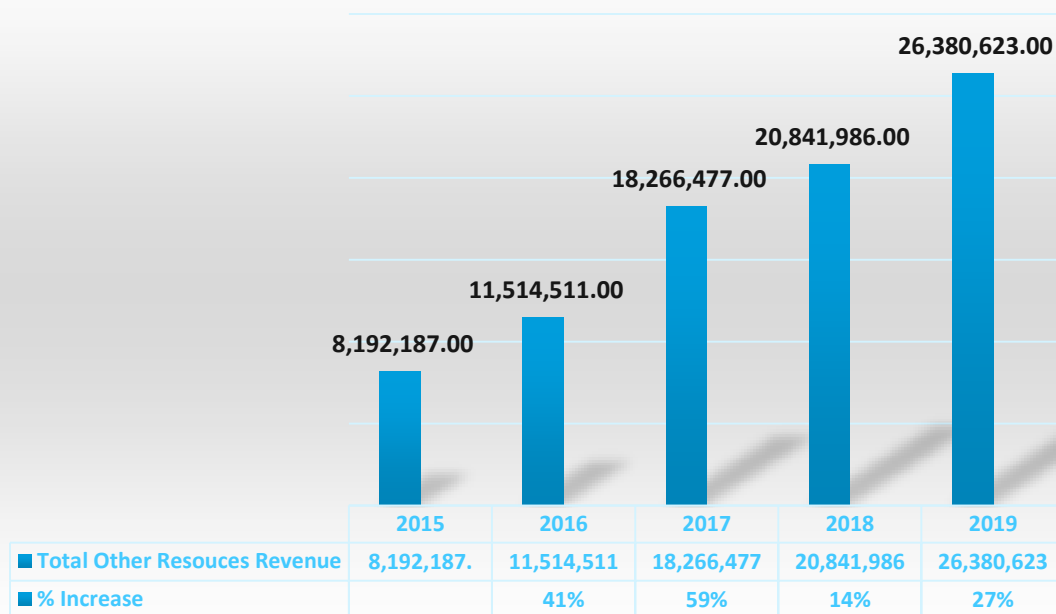
W20 in Argentina

Launch of the *Progress on Families*

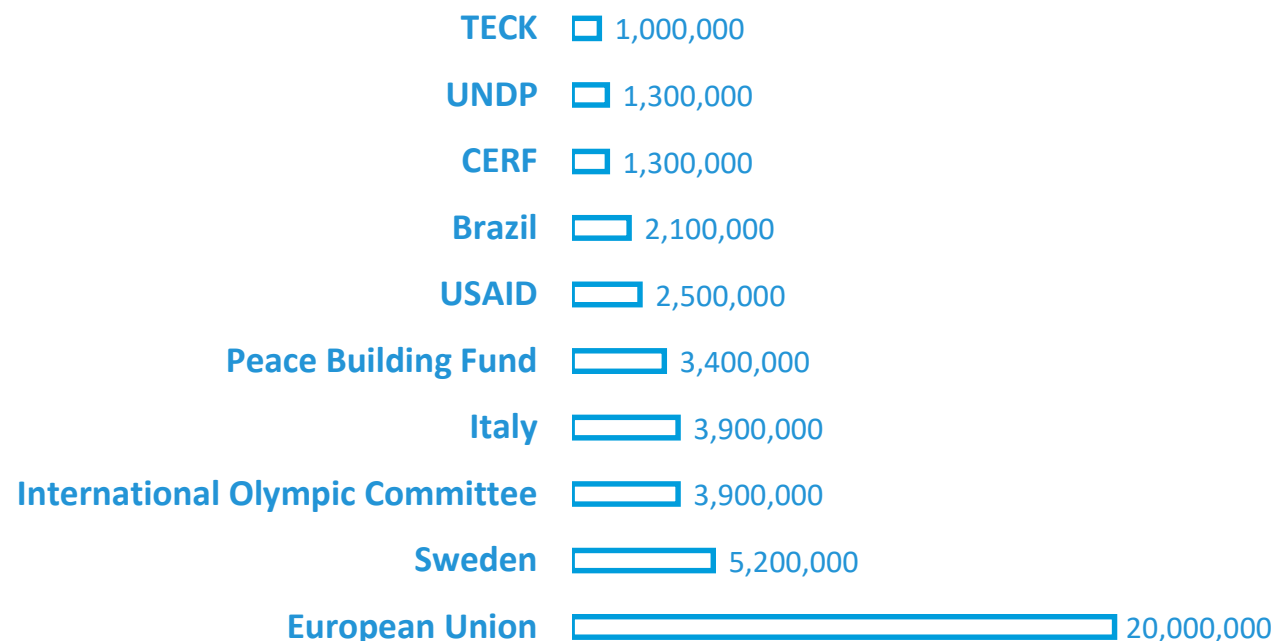
# Resource Mobilization (USD)



## Revenue Increasing Since 2015



## Top 10 Donors since 1 Jan 2018



- Importance of global pooled funds (PBF) and private sector funding
- Increased engagement in joint programmes (more than 50% of our programmes in LAC)
- Sustainability of UNW relies on a combination of Government cost-sharing, private funding and “traditional donors” funding. Recognizing the challenges faced by MICS in accessing financing, we offer our services to identify innovative financing mechanisms to finance the SDGs, including of course SDG 5 in LAC.



Thank you