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PAHO and Global Affairs Canada renew CAD\$15 M partnership to advance women's health

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The Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) and Global Affairs Canada (GAC) have renewed their partnership through a CAD\$15 million agreement to strengthen sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) for women and adolescent girls living in situations of vulnerability in six countries in the Region of the Americas.

The collaboration, which spans 2026–2030, builds on a long-standing alliance between PAHO and Canada. Through the *Closing the Gaps in Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights by Strengthening Health Systems for Women and Adolescent Girls* (C-Gaps) project, the partnership will continue supporting efforts in Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador, Guyana, Honduras, and Peru.

Aligned with Canada's Feminist International Assistance Policy and PAHO's Strategic Plan (2026-2031), the initiative focuses on strengthening service delivery, advancing women's and girls' leadership and agency, and promoting enabling environments for SRHR.

While countries in the Region of the Americas have improved coverage of services with a focus on primary health care, barriers to access persist, particularly among populations in situations of vulnerability. Addressing these gaps is essential to meet the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and ensure access to sexual and reproductive health and rights for all women and girls.