



Spotlight Initiative

**ANNUAL NARRATIVE PROGRESS REPORT
EU SPOTLIGHT LAC - GUATEMALA**

**PROGRAMME DURATION: 48 MONTHS
REPORTING PERIOD: 26 JULY 2018 – JUNE 2020**

<p>Programme Title & Programme Number</p> <p>Programme Title:</p> <p><i>Spotlight Initiative in Guatemala: The elimination of femicide, other forms of violence and intersectional discrimination against mayan, garifuna, afro- descendant, xinka and mestizo women, girls, and adolescent girls through the adoption of a multisectoral prevention and response approach, that promotes their rights to a life free of violence.</i></p> <p>MPTF Office Project Reference Number:² 00111638</p>	<p>Country, Locality(s), Priority Area(s)/ Strategic Results¹ (if applicable) <i>Country/Region: Guatemala</i></p> <p>National level. Municipalities of Chinautla and Guatemala, Department of Guatemala, Zone 18 of Guatemala City and Municipality of Cobán, Department of Alta Verapaz.</p> <hr/> <p><i>Priority area(s)/Strategic results</i></p> <p><u><i>Spotlight Country Programme Results Framework</i></u></p> <p>Outcome 1: Evidence-based and with cultural approach, legislations, and policy frameworks on femicide, the continuum of all forms of violence, and intersectional discrimination against women, girls, and adolescent girls adopted and translated into action plans in line with international human rights standards through a political compact among decision makers, institutions and women's movements.</p> <p>Outcome 2: The Justice System and relevant specialized institutions, at the national and sub-national levels, implement programs based on evidence that prevent and effectively respond to femicide, violence and intersectional discrimination against women, girls, and adolescent girls.</p> <p>Outcome 3: The social norms, attitudes and the commitments on gender equality are transformed at the individual and community level to prevent femicide and other forms of violence against women/girls, and its recurrence, in line with the political and</p>
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¹ Strategic Results, as formulated in the UN Planning Framework (e.g. UNDAF) and Spotlight Country/Regional Programme Document

² The Multi-Partner Trust Fund (MPTF) Office Project Reference Number is the same number as the one on the Notification message. It is also referred to as “Project ID” on the project’s factsheet page the [MPTF Office GATEWAY](#).



normative frameworks of the country.

Outcome 4: State institutions and civil society organizations strengthened to ensure the accessibility, availability, acceptability, and quality of essential services for women, girls, and adolescent girls' victims and survivors of violence at the national and local levels.

Outcome 5: Quality, disaggregated and globally comparable data on femicide, other forms of violence and intersectional discrimination against women, girls and adolescent girls has been collected and analyzed, in line with international standards to contribute to decision making based on evidence.

Outcome 6: Strengthened the organizations, networks of Mayan, Garifuna, Afro-descendant, Xinka and Mestizo women, girls and adolescent girl's movements as autonomous political actors that influence and advance the elimination of femicide, other forms of violence and intersectional discrimination against women, girls and adolescent girls, their empowerment and gender equality.

Strategic Results as formulated in the Guatemala UN Planning Framework (UNDAF) that Spotlight Country Programme will contribute to achieved:

PROGRAMMATIC AREA: Inclusive and sustainable development

Effect:

The system of Councils of Rural and Urban Development and government institutions that correspond to and develop coordination; policies and investments that encourage protection; responsible use and conservation of natural resources; community resiliency under the threat of natural phenomena.



PROGRAMMATIC AREA: Safe society and free of violence

Effect:

Public security institutions adopt civilly minded, democratically focused and preventive measures that encompass a human rights perspective.

Effect:

The prioritized populations have better systems of protection and violence prevention in their public and private environments.

PROGRAMMATIC AREA: Justice for all people

Effect:

The Justice Sector Institutions increase the efficiency and effectiveness for the clarification of cases, incorporating levels of inclusion and equity.

Recipient Organization(s)

UN WOMEN, UNDP, UNFPA, UNICEF and UNESCO

Partners

National counterparts (government, private, NGOs & others) and other international organizations

Government:

- Congress of the Republic
- Ministry of Social Development (MIDES in Spanish)
- Ministry of Education (MINEDUC in Spanish) and local education sectors
- Ministry of Interior: III Vice Ministry on the Prevention of Violence and Crime, National Civil Police (PNC in Spanish) and Unit for the Communitarian Prevention of Violence (UPCV in Spanish).
- Public Prosecutor (MP in Spanish): Criminal Investigation Directorate, Criminal Analysis Directorate and Prosecutor against the Crime of Femicide, of Women, of Childhood and Adolescents, of the District of



- Coban and The Municipality of Chinautla.
- Ministry of Public Health and Social Assistance (MSPAS in Spanish)
 - Judicial Organs (OJ in Spanish): Penal Chamber, Control, Monitoring and Evaluation Unit of the Specialized Organs on Femicide and Other Forms of Violence against Women.
 - The Supreme Court of Justice
 - The Constitutional Court
 - National Attorney General (PGN in Spanish)
 - Secretariat of Social Welfare (SBS in Spanish)
 - Presidential Planning Secretariat, (SEGEPLAN in Spanish)
 - Secretariat of Social Works of the Spouse of the President (SOSEP in Spanish)
 - Presidential Secretariat for Women (SEPREM in Spanish)
 - National Coordinator for the Prevention of Intra-family Violence and Violence Against Women (CONAPREVI in Spanish)
 - National Women's Forum (FNM in Spanish)
 - The National Urban and Rural Development Councils
 - Ancestral and local justice administration authorities
 - Municipalities of Guatemala, Chinautla and Coban
 - Municipal Women's Offices, Municipal Offices for the Protection of Children and Adolescents.
 - National Institute of Statistics

NGOs, CSOs:

- Mayan, Garifuna, Afro-descendant, Xinca and Mestizo women, girls and adolescent girls' organizations, networks and movements, feminists, LGBTI women and women living with HIV, women living with



disabilities, domestic workers and women in unions, urban and rural women, and women human rights defenders with presence at the national level, in Alta Verapaz and in Chinautla.

- Human Rights' advocates' organizations, indigenous and other civil society organizations with national presence and presence in Alta Verapaz and in Chinautla.

- Support Centers for women, girls and adolescent girls' survivors of violence, like CAIMUS and other local support centers.

Others:

- Academy/Universities

- National and communitarian communications media.

- Observatories on Street Harassment and sexual violence against women, girls and adolescent girls.

Programme Cost (US\$)

Total approved budget as per Spotlight Country/

US \$ 6,371,551

Regional Programme Document:

**Spotlight funding³:
by Agency**

UN WOMEN: 2,022,526
UNDP: 1,641,474
UNFPA: 1,034,140
UNESCO: 341,480
UNICEF: 360,380
TOTAL: 5,400,000

**Agency Contribution
by Agency**

UN WOMEN: 188,986
UNDP: 230,700

Programme Duration

Overall Duration (*months*) 48 months

Start Date⁴ (*dd.mm.yyyy*) 14.12. 2018

³ The Spotlight Contribution refers to the amount transferred to the Recipient UN Organizations, which is available on the [MPTF Office GATEWAY](#)

⁴ The start date is the date of the first transfer of the funds from the MPTF Office as Administrative Agent; transfer date is available on the [MPTF Office GATEWAY](#)



<p>UNFPA: 182,671 UNESCO: 100,994 UNICEF: 268,200 TOTAL: 971,551</p> <p>Government Contribution <i>(if applicable)</i></p> <p>Other Contributions (donors) <i>(if applicable)</i></p> <p>TOTAL: USD 6,371,551</p>	<p>Original End Date⁵ <i>(dd.mm.yyyy)</i> 31.12.2022</p> <p>Current End date⁶<i>(dd.mm.yyyy)</i> 31.12.2022</p>
<p>Programme Assessment/Review/Mid-Term Evaluation</p> <p>Assessment/Review - if applicable <i>(please attach)</i> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Date: <i>dd.mm.yyyy</i></p> <p>Mid-Term Evaluation Report - if applicable <i>(please attach)</i> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Date: <i>dd.mm.yyyy</i></p>	<p>Report submitted by: Coordination Officer and Technical Coherence Officer</p> <p>Name: Rebeca Arias Title: Head of Resident Coordinator's Office and RCO Spotlight Focal Point e-mail address: rebeca.arias@one.un.org</p> <p>5 Avenida 5-55, zona 14, Edificio Europlaza, Nivel 10, UNDP Offices. (502) 23843120</p> <p>Name: Title: e-mail address:</p>

⁵ As per approval of the original Spotlight Country/Regional Programme Document by the Operational Steering Committee

⁶ If there has been an extension, then the revised, approved end date should be reflected here. If no has been extension approved, then the current end date is the same as the original end date. The end date is the same as the operational closure date which is when all activities for which a Recipient Organization is responsible under an approved Spotlight Programme have been completed. As per the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), agencies are to notify the Spotlight Secretariat and MPTF Office when a programme completes its operational activities.



Executive Summary

(All headings: Arial 12 point, bold)

Please capture the key results and any other developments of note of the Spotlight Initiative Programme in your country/region achieved during the reporting period. The Executive Summary should serve as a standalone summary of the Programme's results for the year in question.

(between 1000-1200 words)

(All paragraph text: Arial 12 point, normal)

This narrative annual report covers the main activities implemented by the Spotlight Guatemala Country Programme between July 26 and December 31, 2018 and it has been complemented with information on the activities and negotiations undertaken by the RC and the PUNOs with the Government of Guatemala for Spotlight Program approval. This report highlights the consultations, validations and workshops undertaken to finalize the Programme and obtain its approval; it also highlights the different stakeholders involved, and the main results achieved during the period of implementation of the pre advanced funds and the negotiations for program approval from Government.

Consultations activities, validating meetings and workshops for developing the Country Programme Document

To develop the Country Programme Document, more than 20 consultations and workshops were convened from July to November 2018, with a broad range of partners and stakeholders at the national level. These included:

- Outcome-specific workshops with Government's High-Level representatives at the national level.
- Outcome-specific workshops held with Mayan, Garifuna, Afro-descendant, Xinka and Mestizo women, girls and adolescent girls' organizations, networks and movements, feminists, LGBTI women and women living with HIV, women living with disabilities, domestic workers and women in unions, urban and rural women, and women human rights defenders with presence in Alta Verapaz, Chinautla and presence at the national level.
- Consultation meetings for the nomination and selection of representatives for the Interim Civil Society Reference Group.
- Consultation meetings with the Donor Group (G-13), Guatemala's 13 key donors, to create common criteria to select the programme location as well as to find synergies with other programmes currently active. In that sense, the agreed criteria were to prioritize those areas with higher rates of femicide and with limited presence of international cooperation. The selected territorial areas were Cobán (Alta Verapaz), Chinautla (Guatemala City) and Zona 18 (Guatemala City).
- Validation meetings with the representative from the interim Country-level Steering Committee.
- Validation meetings with representative from Civil Society Organizations (national and international), the G-13 Donor Group and other key stakeholders.
- Consultation and validation meetings with the European Union National Delegation Office.
- During the 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence Campaign in 2018, UN Women organized a graffiti wall painting project in Zone 18 of Guatemala City to raise-



awareness about violence against women and girls which included the involvement and participation of the local government (Municipality of Guatemala City) and a representative from the European Union's National Delegation Office. Likewise, the Resident Coordinator Office organized a breakfast with publicists and the media to discuss media reports on femicide and violence against women and girls. The findings obtained from this breakfast helped to develop the communication strategy of the Spotlight Country Programme.

Establishment of the Spotlight Technical Committee (TC)

During this period, the Spotlight Technical Committee (TC) was established. This TC is led strategically and politically by the UN Resident Coordinator's Office (RCO). UN Women is the technical leader agency and together with UNDP and UNFPA are the three core agencies of the Programme. The core agencies lead the six pillars according to their mandates and expertise. UN Women leads pillars 1, 3 and 6, UNDP leads pillar 2, and UNFPA leads pillars 4 and 5. These three core agencies are supported by two participating agencies: UNICEF which supports pillar 1, 3 and 4, and UNESCO, which supports pillar 3.

From July to November 2018, the TC had weekly or bi-weekly meetings to prepare the consultations and workshops. These meetings gathered qualitative and quantitative information at the national and local level as part of the situation analysis, and to review and to finalize the programme's documents.

Putting indigenous women voices and demands at the center of Guatemala Spotlight Country Programme

Following the 2030 Agenda commitment on "*leaving no one behind*", the participation of indigenous women was a key element in the roadmap for the development of the Spotlight Country Programme. In that sense, indigenous women organizations participated in the consultation as well as in the validation meetings and workshops.

Furthermore, Otilia Lux, a Maya K'iché former parliamentarian, was designated by the Interim Civil Society Reference Group to represent Guatemala in the launch of the Spotlight Initiative at the United Nations in September 2018.

Achievements

Through these actions, the Guatemala Spotlight Country Program achieved the following objectives:



- In order to guarantee the principle of *leaving no one behind*, the Programme was designed with an inter-sectional focus based on multiple variables that included identifying age groups that face the highest levels of violence; obtaining population balance between mestizo communities with high levels of femicide and violence against women and girls such as in the Municipalities of the Department of Guatemala; and finally, focusing attention in rural areas with a high percentage of indigenous peoples, such as the Department of Alta Verapaz.
- Ensured local ownership of the programme with a wide participation of the Government's High-Level representatives.
- Identified and agreed on common criteria based on evidence to promote articulated cooperation interventions with the key Donor Group (G-13) in Guatemala City. The local component focused on three territories identified as places with high femicide risk, where women face multiple and intersecting forms of violence, and where programmes and projects that address violence against women and girls in these three areas are limited.
- Enhanced civil society organizations as key partners to design and implement the Programme at local and national levels.
- In line with the reform of the UN development system, the process for developing the Guatemala Spotlight Country Programme was an excellent opportunity to strengthen the UN Country team to plan joint interventions for the prevention, sanction and eradication of femicide and violence against women and girls. It promoted the distribution of roles and responsibilities between the RCO as well as the different UN Agencies at the country level.

Summary and Context of the Action

Please provide a brief introduction to the Programme and the related Outcomes, noting whether implementation is on track, and capture any new developments that took place during the reporting period (especially those that were not anticipated/expected) that have had a bearing on the implementation of the Programme, either positive or otherwise. (up to 1000 words)

In Guatemala, significant progress has been made in the promotion and protection of women's rights through the adoption of international and regional human rights instruments. These include: The Convention on the Elimination of all forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW) and the Inter-America Convention on the Prevention, Punishment and Eradication of Violence against Women (Belem do Pará Convention). The country has also witnessed significant progress in the recognition of gender equality in the national constitution as well as other legislation and public policies. Many efforts have been made for the development of specific legislations on the elimination of violence against women, girls and adolescent girls (VAWG). Despite these advancements in the legal frameworks and public policies to address VAWG, Guatemala has some of the highest levels of femicide and of sexual violence world-wide.

The Spotlight initiative in Guatemala aims at contributing to the elimination of femicide, and other forms of violence and intersectional discrimination against Mayan, Garifuna, Afro- descendants, Xinka and Mestizo women, girls, and adolescent girls through the adoption of a multisectoral prevention and response model to promote their rights to a life free of violence. The initiative will



have a national component of strengthening the capacities of the relevant institutions and a local component that will focus on the Municipalities of Guatemala City, Chinautla, and Cobán.

The programme outcomes are:

Outcome 1: Evidence-based and with a multicultural perspective, legislations and policy frameworks on femicide, the continuum of all forms of violence, and intersectional discrimination against women, girls, and adolescent girls are adopted and translated into action plans in line with international human rights standards through a political compact among decision makers, institutions and women's movements.

Outcome 2: The Judicial System and relevant specialized institutions, at the national and sub-national levels, implement programs based on evidence that prevent and effectively respond to femicide, violence and intersectional discrimination against women, girls, and adolescent girls.

Outcome 3: Social norms, attitudes and commitments to gender equality are transformed at the individual and community level to prevent femicide and other forms of violence against women and girls, and its recurrence, in line with the political and normative frameworks of the country.

Outcome 4: State institutions and civil society organizations strengthened to ensure the accessibility, availability, acceptability, and quality of essential services for women, girls, and adolescent girls' victims and survivors of violence at the national and local levels.

Outcome 5: Quality, disaggregated and globally comparable data on femicide, other forms of violence and intersectional discrimination against women, girls and adolescent girls have been collected and analyzed, in line with international standards to contribute to decision making processes based on evidence.

Outcome 6: The organizations, networks of Mayan, Garifuna, Afro-descendant, Xinka and Mestizo women, girls and adolescent girl's movements are strengthened as autonomous political actors who influence and advance the elimination of femicide, other forms of violence and intersectional discrimination against women, girls and adolescent girls, and consequently in their empowerment and gender equality.

Programme Partnerships

Please provide information on key partnerships established under the Programme during the reporting period, inter-agency and external (with civil society, government, other stakeholders, etc.) and the broad objectives of each. This section should provide an overall picture, with key results being described under the relevant Outcomes/Outputs. Each Spotlight annual narrative report must be accompanied by a Civil Society Organizations (CSO) Engagement Report (Annex C attached) that provides details on the engagement of CSOs as Implementing Partners under Spotlight.

(up to 750 words)

During the reporting period, a strong inter-agency coordination and collaboration was established under the leadership of the Resident Coordination Office, amongst the recipient UN Agencies. The process to elaborate the Guatemala Spotlight Country Programme was an excellent opportunity for recipient UN Agencies to plan and program joint interventions, considering what



other stakeholders are doing, for the prevention, sanction and eradication of femicide and violence against women and girls. It promoted the distribution of roles and responsibilities between the RCO as well as the different UN Agencies at the country level.

Another key partnership strengthened during the development of the Country Programme Document was with Civil Society Organizations, especially with women's organizations and indigenous women organizations.

Results

Under each Outcome, please describe progress and results achieved in the reporting period against the relevant Outcomes and Outputs and their respective indicators as agreed upon in the results framework of the approved Country/Regional Programme Document. When describing activities that have been completed, please clearly articulate their contribution to the Programme's Outputs. Please provide details and specifics for all key activities completed (e.g. workshop dates, locations, etc.) and ensure that links to all relevant documents (e.g. reports, publications, studies, etc.) are embedded in the body of the report. For those documents that are especially significant, you may wish to include them as part of the annexes to the report. When reporting on the achievement of Outputs, please clearly articulate their contribution to the Programme's Outcomes. Using the format of the tables below, please provide updates for all Outcome and Output indicators approved under the Programme that have made progress during the reporting period as foreseen in the Annual Work Plan. Please also submit as an annex (Annex A attached)⁷ the updated Performance Monitoring Framework (PMF) for the Programme.

OUTCOME INDICATORS					
Outcome Indicator	Baseline	Target	Results for the reporting period	Cumulative results since start of Programme ⁸	On/Off Target ⁹
<i>Outcome X (Please fill in the description of the Outcome as set out in the approved Country/Regional Programme Document)</i>					
Indicator X.X (as in the approved CPD/RPD)					
Indicator X.Y (as in the approved CPD/RPD)					
OUTPUT INDICATORS					
Output Indicator	Baseline	Target	Results for the reporting period	Cumulative results since start of Programme ¹⁰	On/Off Target ¹¹
<i>Output X.X (Please fill in the description of the Output as set out in the approved Country/Regional Programme Document)</i>					

⁷ Please use the generic Spotlight PMF (Annex A attached) to develop your own customized PMF based on the results framework in your approved Country/Regional Programme Document

⁸ Only applicable in Years 2, 3 and 4 of the Programme

⁹ Please note this will not apply to all indicators. Indicators that are achieved should be noted as 'Achieved'. For indicators that are off target, please ensure that an adequate justification is provided in the narrative.

¹⁰ Only applicable in Years 2, 3 and 4

¹¹ Based on the percent of the target that has been achieved to date; please note this will not apply to all indicators



Indicator X.X.X (as in the approved CPD/RPD)					
Indicator X.X.Y (as in the approved CPD/RPD)					

Beneficiaries

Indicative numbers	Direct (Targeted)	Indirect (Targeted)	Direct (Actual)	Indirect (Actual)	Comments/Justifications
Women (18 yrs. and above)	983,799	2,666,311			
Girls (5-17)	483,932	1,654,780			
Men (18 yrs. and above)	850,448	2,304,897			
Boys (5-17 yrs.)	483,905	1,654,693			
TOTAL	2,802,084	8,280,681			

Challenges/Difficulties Encountered and Measures Taken

Please describe, if applicable, any difficulties encountered during the reporting period, measures taken to overcome them, and changes introduced. Please also include information on any problems that arose leading to delays or deviations from the approved Annual Work Plan for the reporting period and any course corrections that were undertaken to achieve the expected results. For this section, please draw on the Risk Management Matrix that was included as part of the approved Country/Regional Programme Document and include the Risk Management Matrix as an annex (Annex B attached).

(up to 750 words)

The risks as identified in the Guatemala Country Program Document were not encountered during the implementation of the activities covered on this report.

New Opportunities and Lessons Learned

Include in this section any information on new opportunities that have emerged during the reporting period and how the Programme will capitalize on them. Please share lessons learned during the reporting period that have informed the implementation of the Programme. If there are results from any monitoring missions, assessments and/or evaluations that took place during the reporting period, please include them here, along with details of how they have informed programme planning.

(up to 1000 words)

New Opportunities:

- ✓ The elaboration of the CPD was a unique opportunity to coordinate and collaborate with the Coordination of International Cooperation Group, known as G-13, on the catalytic, integrative and complementary actions which will be included in the PD related to the prevention, sanction and eradication of violence against women and girls.
- ✓ To position and scale these issues at the local, national and international level, the contributions of indigenous women to address the seriousness of femicide and other forms of violence against women and girls have been pivotal.



- ✓ To incorporate prevention and social protection frameworks for girls and adolescents in the general framework of intervention of violence against women has presented new opportunities in the eradication of violence processes.
- ✓ To incorporate essential services for female victims and survivors of violence at the municipal level is vital because municipal services are the first spaces women seek support from. However, these municipal centers lack essential services and trained personnel and are unable to take care of victims' needs. As a result, they transfer women to other centers with more capacity of providing support to survivors. Hence, with the Spotlight initiative, municipalities will be trained to adopt international standards for the care of victims and survivors of violence.
- ✓ The standardization of concepts for addressing VAW among the United Nations Agencies that participate in the implementation of the Programme, as well as coordinated inter-agency work with national counterparts favored inter-institutional coordination at different times.

Lessons Learned:

- ✓ Aside from the Implementing Partner (national counterpart), it is important to include SEGEPLAN and its technical teams from the beginning of the process of programme design and elaboration to identify a joint critical Road Map for the proposal and to facilitate both the appropriation of the process as well as a timely issuance of guidelines for all institutions, towards the approval of the initiative.
- ✓ It is important to keep the number of institutional partners manageable. A high number of institutional partners makes the process for its approval by SEGEPLAN very complex.
- ✓ It is important to consider the institutional capacity to generate information, and from there, to be able to support national institutional processes as windows of opportunity to be improved with UNS support, to improve decision-making.

Innovation and Good Practices

Please include information on any innovative and/or good practices (programmatic and operational) that emerged during the reporting period, that can be beneficial for this and future programmes and expand the body of knowledge on ending violence against women and girls (EVAWG) programming

(up to 1000 words)

- ✓ discussions took place on the need to promote public spaces for women and girls at the local level, as a strategy to prevent violence against women and girls by following the opportunities and lessons learned from the global flagship programs, Safe Cities and Public Secure Spaces.



- ✓ Synergies were established with the portfolio of programs financed by the Peace Building Fund in Guatemala in interventions that address women's access to justice, enhancing positive achievements and good practices that address these issues.
- ✓ A process of consultation was established, for the elaboration and validation of the program, which promoted high level of participation and appropriation amongst the women organizations in Guatemala.
- ✓ Coordinated actions were promoted between the G-13, to avoid duplication of interventions and improve coordination between the different donor's active programs in country which pursue the elimination of violence against women and girls.
- ✓ A large percentage of the program budget will be channeled through civil society organizations and this will strengthen dialogue between State institutions and will strengthen coordination between the different sectors of Civil Society. Mainstreaming the rights of intersectionality approaches throughout the implementation of essential services standards for victims and survivors of violence against women.
- ✓ A decentralization strategy approach for essential services will be adopted in the prioritized geographical areas of the program, which includes the strengthening of coordination mechanisms at the local level.
- ✓ Processes of design and development of proposals will be supported among all national counterparts linked to each pillar of the initiative.
- ✓ Review and validation processes for the content of the initiative and PD by the National Steering Committee and the Reference Group of Civil Society, were established
- ✓ The design of the victimization of violence against women survey, for the first time, will provide local level information, with an emphasis on intersectionality.
- ✓ The process of design and elaboration of the PD included the active participation of Government institutions that are part of the National Information System on Violence against Women (SNIVCM), as well as the National Institute of Statistics (INE) and the Presidential Secretariat of Women (SEPREM). This process valued their expertise and their own supporting demands in a homologation and standardization process of national information that was initiated years ago. Likewise, it included an international demand already foreseen in the work plan of the SNIVCM, for the design and development of the Survey on Violence against women; thus, joining through to a national effort for the generation of this information. This initiative will have South - South Cooperation support and advice (Mexico – Guatemala), through INEGI and further on, technical and financial support of the Spotlight initiative.



Next steps

Please include brief information on the next steps, specifically as they relate to the next reporting period (up to 750 words)

The primary next steps will focus mainly on obtaining approval by the Government of Guatemala of the Spotlight Program; preparation of the communication strategy, field visits and work plans at the institutional and program level will ensue.

Likewise, as a next step, the technical personnel of the program will be selected, including the technical personnel of the recipient agencies, and the baseline will be designed.

Stories from the Field

Please provide up to 5 stories from the field that demonstrate the success of this Programme.¹² This could include stories from women and girls who have participated in and benefited either directly or indirectly as a result of the Programme, government partners who have benefitted from trainings under the Programme and have successfully applied their newfound skills and knowledge to secure results for the Programme, etc. Each story should provide the context and background of the individual and the lead in to the interaction with the Programme, followed by the resulting success.

Testimonials

Please include testimonials from key programme partners obtained during the reporting period. Testimonials are short, pithy quotes from individuals who have engaged with the Programme at any level that capture their experiences in memorable ways. Please make efforts to secure testimonials from all programme partners (civil society, government, donors, media, academia, private sector, etc.) at all levels (heads of state, ministers, line officers, heads of CSOs, women and girls). Workshops, trainings, consultations, meetings, field visits, etc., should all be used as opportunities to capture testimonials at all stages of programme implementation.

Communications and Visibility

Please include highlights of all communications and visibility efforts and initiatives supported by the programme during the reporting period with respect to (and beyond if applicable) the Programme's approved Communications and Visibility Plan (up to 1000 words)

The communication strategy of the Spotlight Program is being prepared, which will be designed in a participatory manner with field visits, consultations with stakeholders and the beneficiary population.

¹² Since these stories will be developed and submitted over the course of the reporting year via the story reporting platform (<https://goo.gl/forms/bFcnaYa3Dm9HyQJ33>), the annual report may just list the links to the minimum 5 stories that the Programme has generated over the course of the reporting period. Spotlight communications colleagues are advised to read the [web-writing guidelines](#) prior to developing stories.



Some photographs:

1. Images show a mural painting project for the eradication of violence against women, which was prepared during the framework of the 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence Campaign in 2018 in Zone 18 of Guatemala City.



2. Consultation workshop with the Gender Group of the G-13 to identify areas of intervention of the program.



3. Consultation with women organizations



PLEASE INCLUDE IN THE REPORT, OR PROVIDE SEPARATELY WITH CAPTIONS, PHOTOGRAPHS THAT CAPTURE THE SPOTLIGHT COUNTRY/REGIONAL PROGRAMME IN ACTION. STRONG PHOTOGRAPHS WILL BE CONSIDERED FOR INCLUSION IN THE SPOTLIGHT INITIATIVE'S ANNUAL REPORT AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS MATERIALS AND KNOWLEDGE PRODUCTS THAT ARE PRODUCED BY THE SECRETARIAT.

PLEASE ALSO PROVIDE LINKS TO ANY VIDEOS THAT ARE PRODUCED DURING IMPLEMENTATION, INCLUDING TO DOCUMENT THE RESULTS OF SPOTLIGHT PROGRAMMES AT THE COUNTRY/ REGIONAL LEVEL.

Annual Work Plan and Forecast Budget

Please include the Annual Work Plan (based on the template provided by the Spotlight Secretariat) as an annex and forecast Budget for the coming year, as approved by the multi-stakeholder Spotlight Country/Regional Steering Committee.

Activities and negotiations undertaken by UNS to obtain Government approval for the Spotlight Program in Guatemala.

Activities in 2018:

- Spotlight program presentation with main counterparts of the Ministry of Interior, Secretariat for Women, National Institute of Statistics, and CSO.
- In collaboration with the Ministry of Interior, as main counterpart of the Program, preparation of the file, with all the necessary documentation, to present the Program for the approval of the Secretariat of Planning.
- December 2018, Ministry of Interior Request to make major modifications to the Program to reduce budget and results under the responsibility of CSO.



Activities in 2019:

- Implementation of 6 workshops to elaborate the workplans of the 6 pillars of the program approved by the Secretariat for Guatemala, and for Government institutions to have a better understanding of the Spotlight Program, as part of the process for Government to approve the implementation of the program in Guatemala.
- Preparation of the file to present the Program for the approval of the Secretariat of Planning. This process was rather long and complex for the following reasons:
 - ✓ Difficulties to obtain the endorsement letters from the counterpart ministries, secretariats and municipalities stating their technical and administrative commitment with the Program.
 - ✓ Additional requirements requested by the Secretariat of Planning to present the file for Program Approval.
 - ✓ Difficulties to have counterpart national institutions participation during the meetings to explain the Program in depth to obtain their endorsement letters.
- Per Ministry of Interior request, additional files were prepared to share with counterpart national institutions to facilitate their understanding of the programmatic design and budget of the program. During 2019, several meetings were held between PUNOs, RCO, Ministry of Interior and Segeplan for the preparation of these files to support the submission of the endorsement letters from the counterpart national institutions. These files were presented and sent to counterpart national institutions by the Ministry of Interior. In December 2019, all counterpart national institutions, including municipalities, submitted their letter of endorsement to the Spotlight Program. The file for Program approval was submitted by the Ministry of Interior to the Secretariat of Planning (Segeplan). Segeplan sent the file back to the Ministry of Interior requesting that additional information was included in the national counterpart endorsements letters.

Activities in 2020:

- In 2019, the RC had presented the Spotlight Program Document to the elected Government and she received from the elected Vice president, Guillermo Castillo, a letter expressing the commitment of the elected Government to approve the Program Document once they took office in 2020. In January 2020, the administration of President Alejandro Giammatei took office in Guatemala and they requested through the new authorities of the Secretariat of Planning and the Ministry of Interior modifications to the Program Document to reduce the budget and number of results under the responsibility of CSO. The RC had meetings with Leyla Susana Lemus, Secretary General of the Presidency, to present the Program Document and the importance for Guatemala to approve the Program for the advancement of women and girl's rights and institutions. After getting acquainted with the Program Document, Ms. Lemus also requested modifications to the Program Document, first reduce the participation of CSO and increase the participation and budget for national institutions. Ms. Lemus also requested support for the implementation of the new institutionalism for women that President Giammattei had planned to promote.



- The RC communicated Government requests to the Spotlight Secretariat and the European Union, and during the first quarter of 2020, the RCO and the leading technical agency, UN Women, in close collaboration with the Spotlight Secretariat and the European Union, worked to adapt the Program Document to respond to the requests of the new Government and to also maintain the global objectives of Spotlight and, as much as possible, the former design of the Program Document approved by the Spotlight Secretariat and the European Union (UE).
- After working for five months on the Program Document, in June the UE decided to terminate the Program in Guatemala and give the opportunity to another Latin-American country to implement the initiative

