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## PERU



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In November 2013 Peru's Ministry of Health, in collaboration with other ministries, civil society partners, and youth organizations, launched the Multi-sectoral Plan to Prevent Adolescent Pregnancy. The plan prioritizes the reproductive health and rights of adolescent girls in a national development and public health framework.

### Challenges

The rate of adolescent pregnancy in Peru has not changed in nearly 20 years. Today, 13 of every 100 adolescent girls in Peru aged 15 to 19 are already mothers or are currently pregnant. Pregnancy for adolescent girls heightens risks of health complications and gender-based violence, and limits opportunities for young women to rise out of poverty and fulfill their potential.

## Policy Innovations

Recognizing that the challenges of adolescent pregnancy are linked to broad goals of health and development, the government of Peru initiated a process for multi-sectoral engagement in the development and implementation of its pregnancy prevention plan. The following government ministries are working alongside regional and local governments, civil society and youth organizations: Health, Education, Labour and Employment, Women and Vulnerable Populations, Development and Social Inclusion, Foreign Trade and Tourism, Justice, and Foreign Affairs.

The five main objectives of the plan are each headed by a different ministry, outlined below:

- Delay sexual debut among adolescents (Ministry of Development and Social Inclusion)
- Increase secondary school completion rate at a good age (Ministry of Education)
- Incorporate comprehensive sexuality education in the National Education Curriculum (Ministry of Education)
- Increase use of modern contraceptive methods among sexually active adolescents and teen mothers (Ministry of Health)
- Reduce violence in all its forms, especially teenage sexual violence (Ministry of Women and Vulnerable Populations)

## Results

The Multi-sectoral Plan to Prevent Adolescent Pregnancy was launched in 2013 and includes the following targets:

- 20 percent reduction in teen pregnancies
- 30 percent increase in rate of secondary school completion among adolescents
- 50 percent increase in the use of modern contraceptive methods among sexually active adolescents and adolescent mothers
- 20 percent reduction in all violence and allegations of sexual violence



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