

A STANDARDS-DRIVEN APPROACH TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF HEALTH-CARE SERVICES FOR ADOLESCENTS

IMPLEMENTATION OF GLOBAL GUIDANCE IN THE REGION OF THE AMERICAS

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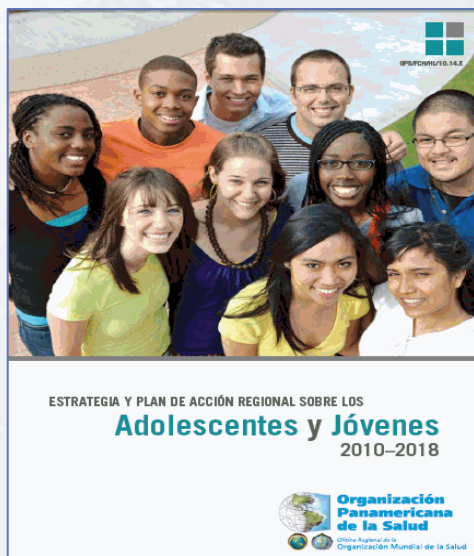
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CONSIDERATIONS



1. Mid-term evaluation of the Regional Strategy and Plan of Action for Adolescent and Youth Health 2010-2018

2. Preliminary results indicate limited progress in the improvement of the health situation of adolescents in the Region

Goals

Reduce adolescent and youth mortality

Reduce unintentional injuries

Reduce violence

Reduce substance use and promote mental health

Ensure sexual and reproductive health

Promote nutrition and physical activity

Combat chronic diseases

Promote protective factors



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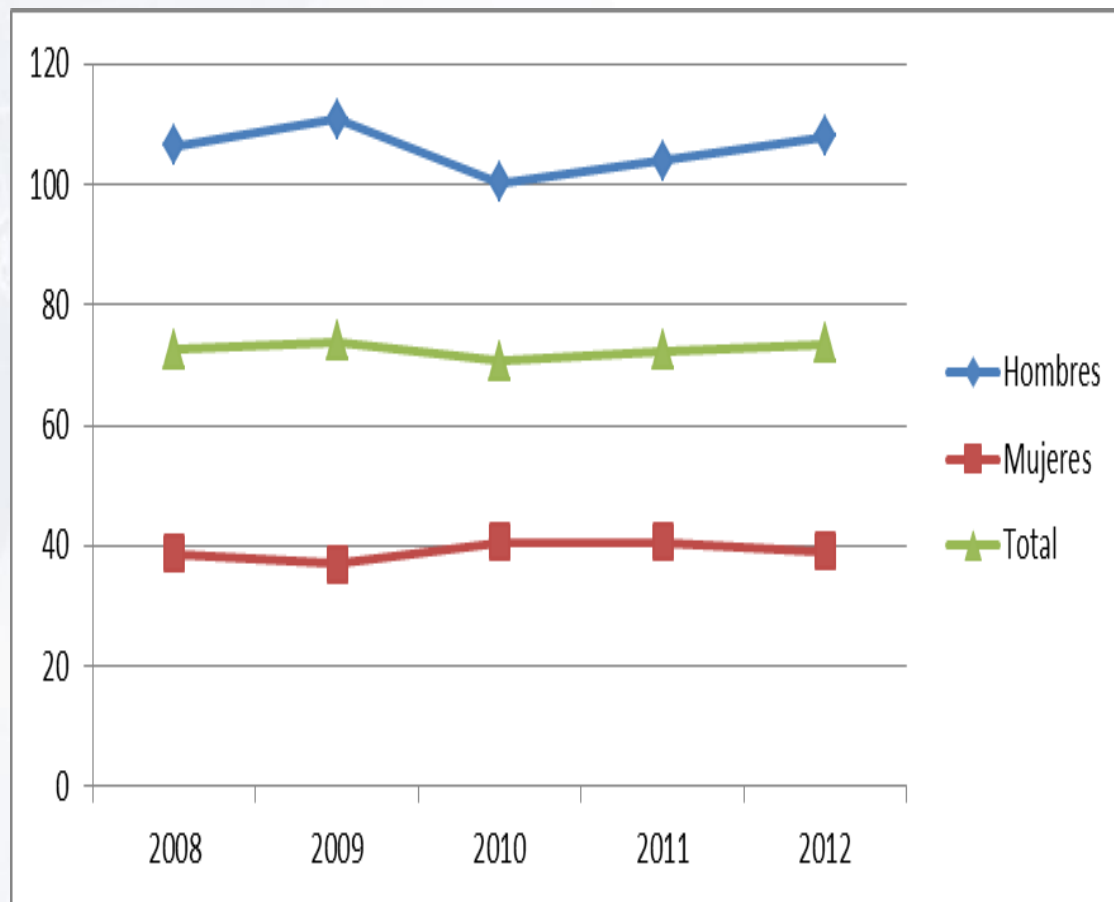
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MORTALITY RATE ADOLESCENTS AND YOUTH in LAC (10-24 YEARS), 2008-2012 (all causes)

(Source: PAHO, CHA/HA)

The mortality rate in adolescents and youth remained stable among males and females during the period 2008-2012

Mortality rates in young males are three times higher compared with females

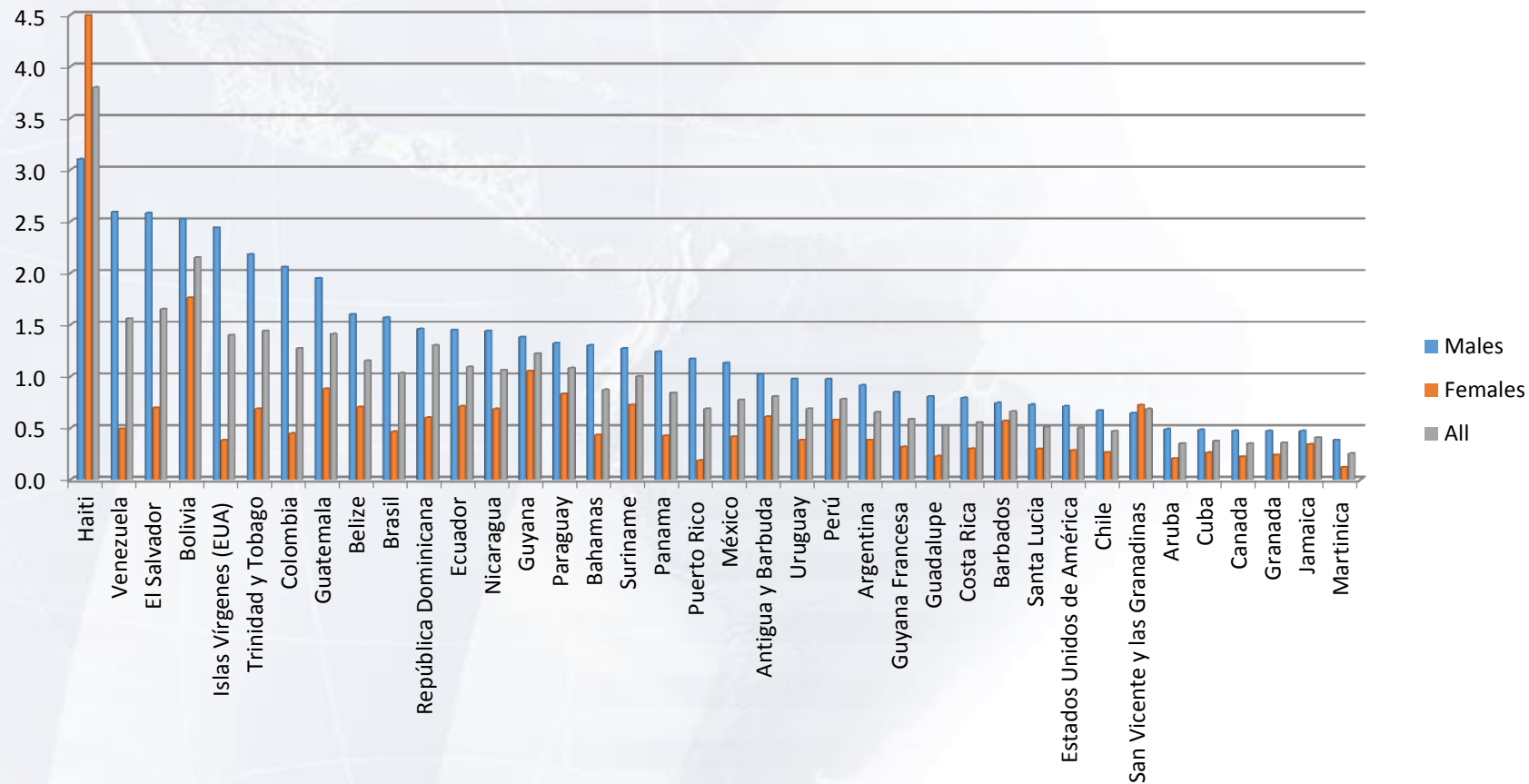


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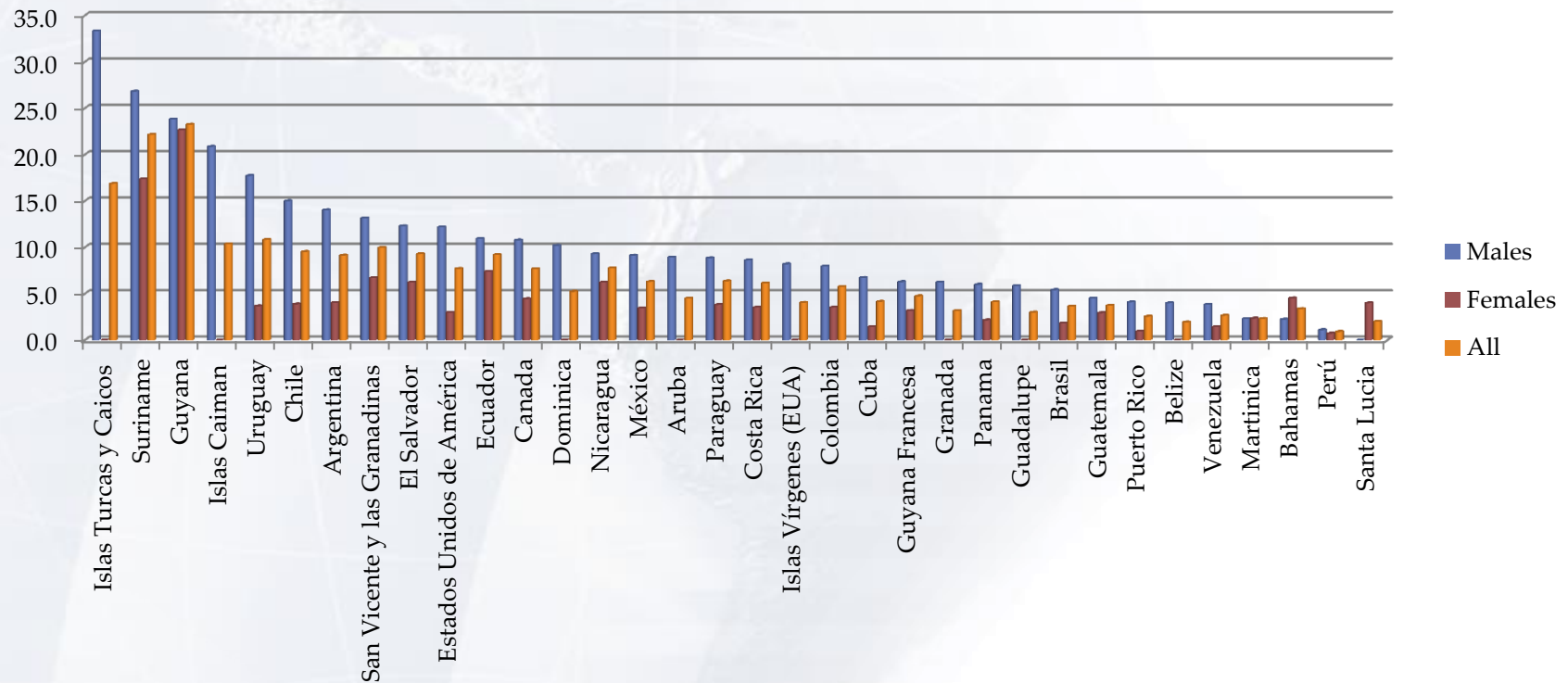


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Crude Mortality Rate of young persons (10-24 years) By Country And Sex (All Causes, Latest Year Available (Source: PAHO, CHA/HA)



Suicide rate by sex and country (15-24 years), 2009-2011 (Source: PAHO, CHA/HA)



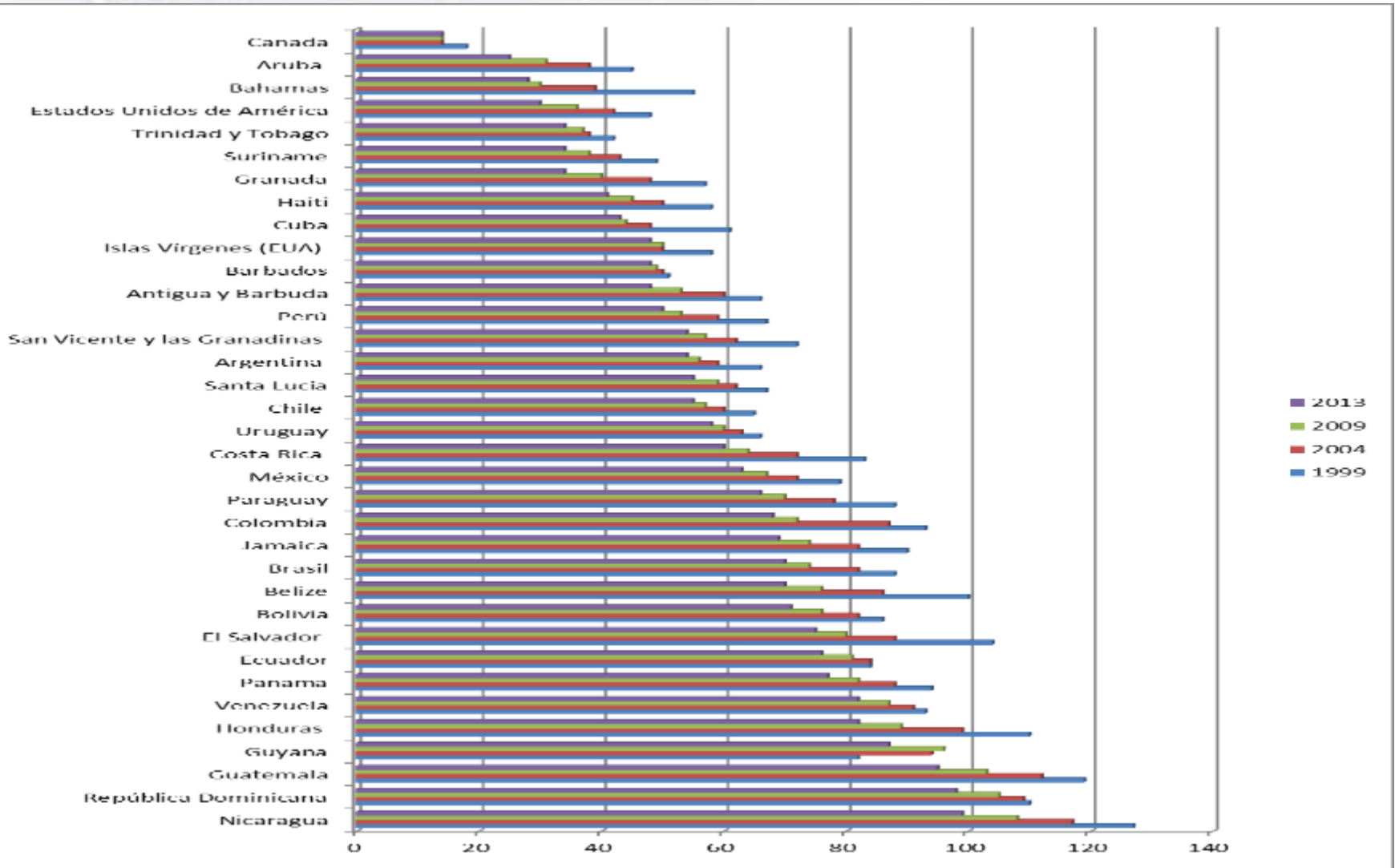


- The estimated fertility rate among adolescents (*number of births per 1,000 women aged 15-19 years*) in Latin America and the Caribbean is among the highest in the world, at 69, only surpassed by Sub-Saharan Africa (108).
- The global average is 45.

(Source: WHO)

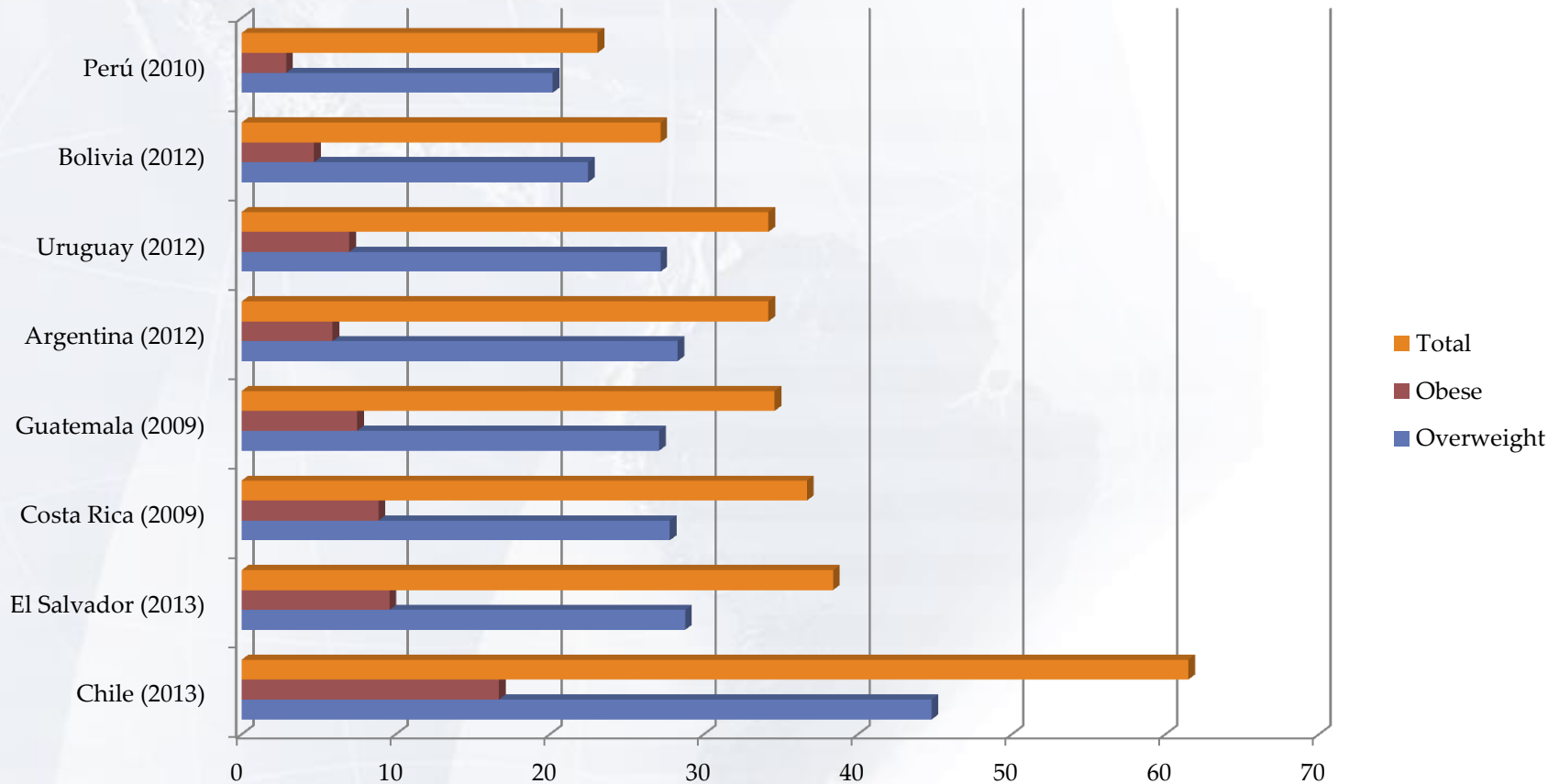
Specific Adolescent Fertility Rate (15-19 yrs.) 2009-2013

(Source: World Bank)



Prevalence of overweight and obesity among adolescents 13-15 years, 2009 -2013

Source: Global School-Based Health Survey (GSHS)



Proposed Regional Strategy for Dissemination and use of the Global Tools

- Dissemination in English and Spanish of both documents (Spanish translation & printing in progress)
- Global Standards:
 - Regional adaptation for SRH facilitated by UNFPA
 - Regional advocacy through PAHO structures.
 - Pilot review of policies, programs & systems (1-2 countries in 2015, additional countries in 2016), support follow-up & share experiences.
 - Pilot implementation of quality and coverage measurement surveys in 2-4 countries (interested?)
 - Direct support to countries for (pilot) implementation: updating of norms, standards, SOPs
 - **Anything else?**

Core Competencies

- Wide dissemination in progress (great response!)
- Country-level dissemination by PAHO country offices in progress (stakeholder meetings, etc.)
- Incorporation in PAHO Human Resources for Health strategy: working with educational institutions to incorporate core competencies in pre-service curricula
- Support to partners for incorporation of Core Competencies in existing post-graduate training (Chile, ARG Diplomado)
- Partnership with UWI for development of CAR Adolescent Health Diploma Training)
- *Anything else?*

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