



PRIORITIZING FP/SRH AND WORKING IN THE NEW AID ENVIRONMENT: THE CASE OF COLOMBIA

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WHAT IS THE NEW AID ENVIRONMENT (NAE) ?

NAE and new aid modalities (NAM) in principles and agreements reached in the Paris Declaration (2005), the Millennium Conference (2005) and the Accra Agenda for Action (2008): make more efficient international aid and national efforts

Key principles:

- MDGs-framework for national policy setting
- National development plan - center of programs
- Country ownership and government leadership
- Strengthening national and local capacities
- Scaling up effective interventions
- Reliance on national systems and procedures

NAE & NAM IN COLOMBIA

- Middle-income country – international aid is not financially important
- Social investment: health and education
- No SWAPs or direct budget support
- NDP, NHP & Local Health Plans and budgets
- Health system: privatized w/government regulation
- Decentralization: departments and municipalities

NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN

- Social & economic policy document (CONPES 2002) on MDGs. MDG 5 named as Universal access to SRH.
- Implementation of the National SRH Policy (2003)
- National Poverty Reduction Strategy: access to SRH/FP and sex education to vulnerable groups
- Guarantees FP information and services (NSSS), eliminate access barriers, emphasis on adolescents
- Concern for adolescent pregnancy particularly among poorest groups

COUNTRY OWNERSHIP AND GOVERNMENT LEADERSHIP

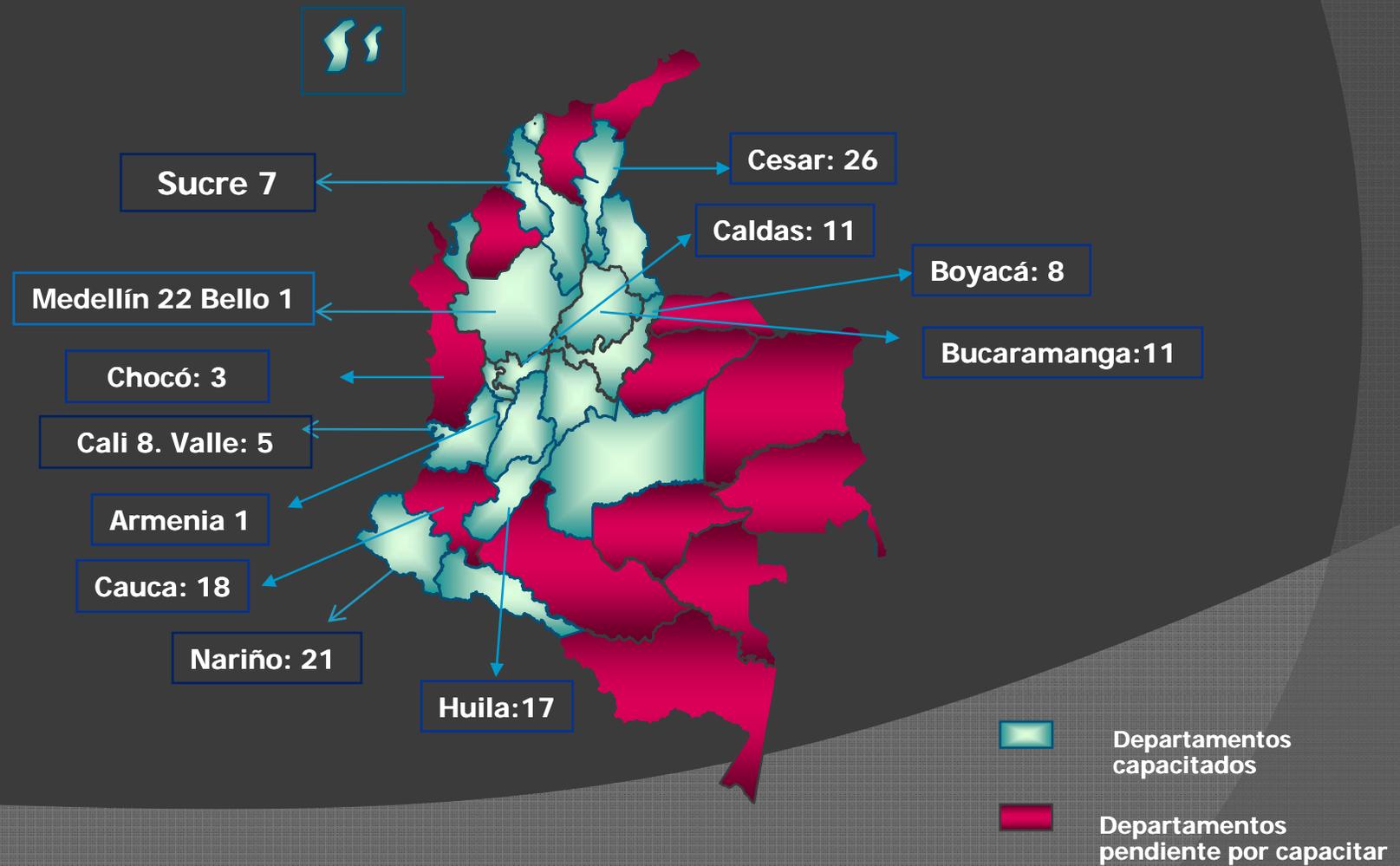
- National Public Health Plan (2007). Objective aimed at improving SRH poorest groups, adolescents and young people
- Increase access to FP services and information
- Obligatory implementation - district, departmental and municipal levels; private health institutions and providers
- Implementation of adolescents SRH friendly services model, counseling and access to contraceptive methods, including emergency contraception.

UNFPA ROLES

- Policy dialogue and advocacy for inclusion of SRH/FP in NDS & poverty alleviation strategy
- Technical support for developing SRH-A model; guidelines for preparation of LPHPs
- Resource mobilization
- Scaling up implementation of SRH/FP model
- Capacity development at decentralized levels
- Strengthening public and private health providers
- Performance-based/results-oriented
- Inter-institutional coordination: health, education, social protection, information, vocational

SCALING UP ASRH/FP SERVICES

(IN OPERATION AS OF JUNE 2009)



NEXT STEPS

- ✓ Disseminate ASRH model to ONGs and CSOs, to replicate model
- ✓ Bring on board universities to include in curricula
- ✓ Continue with training of health secretariats at departments and municipalities
- ✓ Strengthen policy advocacy with decision makers at local levels and also w/private health providers
- ✓ Support M&E of ASRH model implementation