Many countries in Latin America and the Caribbean have made significant commitments to eradicate gender-based violence, including the Inter-American Convention on the Prevention, Punishment and Eradication of Violence against Women (Belém do Pará). However, despite the advances in the legislation, some forms of violence have become more prevalent. Many of the projects in the region supported by the UN Trust Fund to End Violence against Women (UN Trust Fund) focus on addressing the needs of young or marginalized women who are at particular risk.

**CHILE, COLOMBIA AND EL SALVADOR**

Sur Corporacion de Estudios Sociales y Educacion is working with the police to strengthen recording and follow up of reports of violence against women in private and public spaces in Chile, Colombia and El Salvador. It is rolling out in-person and online courses, especially targeted and designed for the police force, which address women’s right to live free from violence. Working in partnership with the Latin American Women and Habitat Network and women’s organizations in each of the three countries, this initiative engages police in implementing national laws to end violence against women. The project has also fostered improved communication between the police and women’s organizations in all three countries.

**TOTAL AMOUNT INVESTED IN LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN SINCE 1996**

MORE THAN US$22.7 MILLION IN 106 PROJECTS, REPRESENTING NEARLY 25 PER CENT OF THE TOTAL
JAMAICA

Jamaica AIDS Support for Life (JASL) is working to address violence against women and girls as one of the key sources of HIV infection. The project is seeking to mobilize community-based and faith-based organizations and to empower women living with HIV/AIDS; lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex (LGBTI) people; women living with disabilities; and sex workers by providing training in life skills and legal literacy. Dedicated clinical sessions are also being delivered to increase access to sexual and reproductive health services for women and girls. JASL is the only non-governmental organization providing clinical services to people living with HIV and other key populations in the country and has consistently been part of the best practices submission to the Global AIDS Response Report. The perspective of more than 90 per cent of all clients who access JASL services is that they are enjoying better health.

PERU

Estudio para la Defensa de los Derechos de la Mujer is working to end impunity for sexual violence through improved application of the new Peruvian Code of Criminal Procedure. The project worked with the National Judicial Academy to integrate gender criteria in the training and evaluation of judges, thereby helping to institutionalize knowledge. More than 60 magistrates took part in awareness raising on the importance of reforming justice processes in order to implement the new Code effectively. The city of Junín has approved a Protocol on the Constitution of a Unified Declaration Procedure for Victims of Sexual Violence which was drafted by Estudio para la Defensa de los Derechos de la Mujer.

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The UN Trust Fund to End Violence against Women

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CURRENT PORTFOLIO

$57M TOTAL GRANT VALUE
111 GRANTS
76 COUNTRIES & TERRITORIES

PROJECTS IN LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN

OVER US$11 MILLION CURRENTLY INVESTED IN GRANTS
8 COUNTRIES & TERRITORIES