



The CIM/OAS promotes the gender perspective in the Caribbean to address the COVID-19 crisis

Washington DC, June 20, 2020. The Inter-American Commission of Women ([CIM](#)) of the Organization of American States ([OAS](#)) held two online seminars for the technical staff of the National Mechanisms for the Advancement of Women (NMAW) in the Caribbean, whose central axis was the document "[COVID-19 in women's lives: Reasons to recognize the differential impacts](#)". This round in the Caribbean adds up to the seminars held in Latin America, with a total of five meetings with more than 300 participants, bringing the technical capacity of the CIM to all OAS Member States.

"By including the specificity of the gender impacts of COVID-19 in the lives of women and their families within the Caribbean subregion, we seek to recognize and address specific issues from a multidimensional perspective, highlighting the diversity of life of women within the hemisphere. Our objective is to strengthen the technical capacities of the States, aware of the different political, social, economic and cultural realities. In this way, the CIM will be able to provide truly inclusive recommendations at the hemispheric level" said Alejandra Mora Mora, Executive Secretary of the CIM/OAS.

These seminars were directed to 13 countries in the region, but divided into two sessions: one for the OECS Member States - Antigua and Barbuda, Dominica, Grenada, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia and Saint Vincent and the Grenadines - held on June 16, and the other for the rest of the Caribbean - Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Guyana, Jamaica, Suriname, and Trinidad and Tobago - which was held on June 18. In total, the Caribbean had the participation of 44 people. These seminars also included the participation of civil society, representatives of the Ministries of Health and Economic Development and the CEVI Experts from the subregion.

These sessions sought to provide a roadmap for response and decision-making teams, incorporating a cross-cutting approach that considers universal human rights principles, a gender perspective and intersectionality

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