Estimation of Fertility in Colombia through an adjustment for coverage of births with immunization records

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Build information systems to guide the formulation of public policy and protect the survival of vulnerable ethnic communities (Wayuú people)
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2 Methodology
The EPI is a program that is in charge in the country of the elimination, eradication and control of the immuno-preventable diseases, with the objective of diminishing the mortality and morbidity rates.
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## Coverage analysis at the local levels

Absolute, relative differences and percentage distribution of the undercoverage at local level, from 2010 to 2014.

The 9 territories highlighted in the table, of the 32 territories in the country, 78% and 80% of coverage focuses on the country in 2013 and 2014 respectively.

Source: NSO and MoH-EPI(BCG). Own calculations. * Bogotá is contained in the department of Cundinamarca, due to the large volume of human mobility because of the quality of the health centers of the capital city.
Analysis of coverage at the municipal level

Map of relative differences and absolute for the territory of La Guajira from 2013 to 2014.

Monitoring and strengthening of the VS registry at municipal level.

Source: NSO and MoH-EPI(BCG). Own calculations
Where can we improve the coverage of EEVV in La Guajira?

The 6 municipalities highlighted in the figure, of the 15 in the department, 82% and 83% of under-coverage focuses on the department in 2013 and 2014 respectively.

Source: NSO and MoH-EPI(BCG). Own calculations
3 Results
Expanded Program on Immunization (EPI)

Update of results of the exercise according to the latest available data

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## Estimation of ASFR through a coverage adjustment

### AGE SPECIFIC FERTILITY RATES PER YEAR

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### Source
- NSO, DHS and MoH-EPI(BCG). Own calculations
Findings
(i) These results strengthens the evidence for raising awareness and executing actions that reduce the gaps in the coverage and quality of information, which translates into better decisions in the territories.

(ii) If we want to see progress (or improvements) in the coverage of VS, we must work to strengthen the system in small areas of the country.

(iii) With the monitoring of births in the country through other registers (EPI case), the planning problems mentioned for MoH and education can be avoided.

(iv) With the historical correction of the ASFR, tools are provided for the best understanding of the pattern and level of fertility of the country, through the VS.

(v) These estimations represents a way to investigate and describe the dynamic retrospective of fertility, ensuring time and quality estimates
Challenges and recommendations
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(i) Manage this experience to strengthen statistical information in other territories with **local decision makers who are not experts in population studies**.

(ii) Achieve **cohesion of actions** with other governmental and non-governmental teams to serve the vulnerable population.

(iii) Replicate exercise for others territories.

(iv) For the measure of SDG index, EPI help as supplementary source, to understand better the adolescent fertility rate, infant mortality and maternal mortality.
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