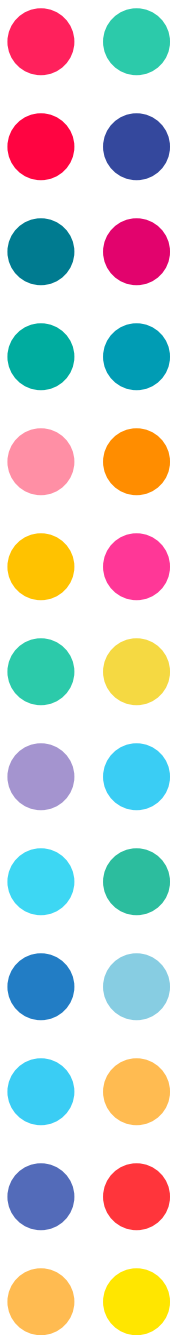




COORDINATED AUDIT

Gender-based violence:

State response in the prevention, punishment and eradication of violence against women



The Working Group on Gender Equality and Non-Discrimination (GTG) of the Latin American Organization of Supreme Audit Institutions of Latin America and the Caribbean (OLACEFS), led by the Office of the Comptroller General of the Republic of Chile (CGR), with support from the Regional Project “Strengthening External Control for the Prevention and Fight against Corruption,” implemented by the German Cooperation, through GIZ, will carry out the third coordinated audit¹ on gender equality of the Organization and the first by the Working Group, entitled: “Coordinated Audit on Gender-Based Violence; State Response in the Prevention, Punishment and Eradication of Violence against Women.”

Gender equality is essential for building more democratic, peaceful and just societies. The greatest expression of discrimination against women and girls is violence, which can take various forms. According to United Nations data, one in five women and girls have suffered physical and/or sexual violence from an intimate partner during the last 12 months.

In our region, the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights has expressed alarm at the increase in reports of violence following the establishment of the confinement and social distancing measures adopted to contain the spread of COVID-19 in the countries of the region and has called on States to strengthen response services to gender-based violence².

SAIs are committed to accompanying governments’ implementation of the 2030 Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals. This coordinated audit is aligned with the SDGs, in particular target 5.2 which seeks “to curb all forms of violence against all women and girls in the public and private spheres, including trafficking and sexual and other types of exploitation,” as well as with SDG 16 on peace, justice and strong institutions.

In view of this reality, the Audit to be carried out aims to evaluate the efficiency of government actions, whether plans or programs, in order to eradicate violence against women, during the 2019-2021 period. In this way, the reality before and during the pandemic will be observed, which will allow a comparison of the state response and the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on it.

¹ The first was the Audit on Gender Equality carried out in 2014, whose report is available at: <https://olacefs.com/gtg/wp-content/uploads/sites/12/2021/12/AC-Equidad-de-Genero-Informe.pdf>, and the second was the Ibero-American Audit on the Implementation of SDG 5, whose report is available at: <https://olacefs.com/gtg/document/auditoria-iberoamericana-sobre-ods-5-2018/>

² IACHR, Practical Guide for the Elimination of Violence and Discrimination against Women, Girls and Adolescents, 2021. Available at: https://www.oas.org/en/cidh/informes/pdfs/01_GuiaPractica_MV_V1_SPA.pdf



In line with international standards of international human rights law, in particular the obligations arising from CEDAW and the Convention of Belém do Pará, States are called upon to condemn all forms of violence against women and undertake to adopt, by all appropriate means and without delay, policies aimed at preventing, punishing and eradicating such violence³.

It is also a performance audit, known as a 3E audit⁴ by SAI Chile, that is, one that implies an independent, objective and reliable review of whether the projects, systems, operations, programs, activities or governmental organizations operate in accordance with the principles of economy, efficiency and/or effectiveness, and whether there is room for improvement by the governments reviewed⁵.

The Coordinated Audit on Gender-Based Violence; State Response in the Prevention, Punishment and Eradication of Violence against Women will involve 24 OLACEFS members (13 full members and 11 associate members).

Full members

- Argentina
- Bolivia
- Brazil
- Chile
- Costa Rica
- Ecuador
- El Salvador
- Guatemala
- Honduras
- Mexico
- Paraguay
- Puerto Rico
- Venezuela

Associate members

- HTC Buenos Aires
- TCE Santa Catarina
- TCE Bahía
- TCE Distrito Federal
- TCE Amazonas
- TCM Rio de Janeiro
- TCE Pernambuco
- TCE Rio Grande do Norte
- TCE Rio Grande do Sul
- TCE Alagoas
- TCE Paraná

³ Article 7 of the Belém do Pará Convention. Text available at: <https://www.oas.org/juridico/spanish/tratados/a-61.html>

⁴ Efficiency, efficiency and cost-effectiveness

⁵ ISSAI 3000



This activity, which will begin its execution during the first quarter of 2022 to culminate in 2023, contemplates the execution of several stages, namely:

- Regional Call and selection of OLACEFS SAs;
- Definition of technical aspects;
- General training
- Specific training on gender and non-discrimination issues;
- Coordinated audit planning;
- Coordinated Audit Execution
- Consolidation and preparation of the final report; and
- Dissemination strategy to publicize results and impact

It should be noted that this coordinated audit contributes directly to the compliance of the indicator M1 of the OLACEFS-GIZ Regional Anti-Corruption Project, so its main focus will be on the evaluation of the national anti-corruption systems of the participating SAs, including cross-cutting issues such as the promotion of citizen participation, dissemination actions with various governmental and non-governmental bodies, and contemplating the differential impact of corruption on women.



Currently, the coordinated audit is in its initial stage, coordinating technical aspects with the teams of the participating SAls to proceed with the respective training.

SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

| ACTIVITY | DATE |
|---|-----------------------------|
| Kick-off Meeting | May 19, 2022 |
| Planning Stage | June - August, 2022 |
| Course "Introduction to Gender Equality and Non-Discrimination" | June, 2022 |
| 1st Technical Meeting | July 7, 2022 |
| Course "Communication of audit products" | July, 2022 |
| 1st webinar: The phenomenon of gender-based violence | July 26, 2022 |
| 2nd webinar: International standards and government obligations around gender-based violence | August 2, 2022 |
| 2nd Technical Meeting | August 4, 2022 |
| MOOC on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) | August, 2022 |
| Planning Workshop (Paraguay) | August 23, 24 and 25, 2022 |
| Execution | October, 2022 - April, 2023 |
| Planning Workshop with Citizen Participation | November 2 and 3, 2022 |
| Evidence of Audit Findings Workshop (Virtual) | December 12 to 16, 2022 |
| Results Consolidation Workshop (Santiago) | May 17, 18 and 19, 2023 |
| Preparation of the individual report | May – June, 2023 |
| Final deadline for delivery of the final report to the GTG | June 30, 2023 |
| Preparation of the consolidated report | July 2023 |
| Presentation of results and dissemination | July - November 25, 2023 |