

# Collaboration to Prevent and Control Cervical Cancer in the Americas

## Increasing Civil Society's Role in Cancer Prevention and Control

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# Civil Society: More Important Than Ever

Civil society movements have tremendous potential:

- Patient voices must be represented.
- People must advocate for governments to do more to help them stay well and get well.
- Most countries are more responsive to the will of their people than ever before.

# Empowering Women is Key

- Empowered women are a true force.
- They are the key to addressing the cervical cancer burden in the Americas.



# Women and Civil Society

## Civil Society Organizations Making Progress

### Cervical Cancer Action

- Key vehicle for civil society-led advocacy and engagement.
- Coalition of more than 1,200 organizations.
- Priorities include strategic advocacy, political mobilization, coordination, and resource mobilization.



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## Latin American Cervical Cancer Partnership

- Partners include NCI, CDC, RINC/UNASUR, and PAHO.
- Includes outreach to unscreened women and increasing vaccination among girls.
- ACS is committed to facilitating media engagement to destigmatize cervical cancer and build awareness.

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## Healthy Caribbean Coalition

- Includes more than 40 Caribbean-based health NGOs, 45 nonprofit organizations, and 150 individual and organizational members across the Caribbean and the globe.
- End Cervical Cancer Now program called on governments to increase access to cervical cancer screening in the region.



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## ULACCAM

Works to strengthen regional and national legislation and public policy for control of women's cancers.

Members in 8 countries:

- Argentina
- Brazil
- Colombia
- Costa Rica
- Ecuador
- Mexico
- Peru
- Venezuela



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## Femama

- Largest member of ULACCAM.
- Focuses on breast cancer.
- Important example of women collaborating to make progress against breast cancer.



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# Collaboration is Key to Saving Lives

- Civil society advocacy is important to bringing cervical cancer under control.
- We must find new ways to break down barriers that hinder our progress – and engage women in this important fight.
- Every woman deserves access to quality health care – to education, prevention, and treatment services that could save her life.