People of African descent in Latin America and the Caribbean disproportionately experience high levels of violence and social and economic exclusion. Afro-descendants remain the most persistent segment of the region’s population living in poverty, given a history of endemic and structural subjugation, marginalization and discrimination. Over the past decade of rapid economic growth in most of Latin America (ending 2015), about 80.5 million people were lifted out of poverty with an expanded middle class. However, Afro-descendants were left behind.

OBJECTIVES OF THE PANEL

To advocate for strategies to address the ongoing health disparities related to sexual and reproductive health and rights.

To provide recommendations to governments to improve access to comprehensive social protection that includes access to sexual and reproductive health and rights for women and girls of African descent.

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