

## AN INTRODUCTION TO IPPF/WHR

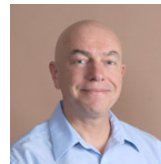
IPPF/WHR is a network of 40 sexual and reproductive health organizations across North America, Latin America, and the Caribbean. Last year, our Member Associations provided over 28 million services. These range from sexuality education, contraceptive services, and prenatal care to HIV testing, abortion-related care, and screening for gender based violence. We also act as advocates for sexual and reproductive rights at the local and international levels. Our clients are women, men, and adolescents from diverse economic, cultural, and geographic backgrounds.

Our work is grounded in the belief that health care is a basic human right. We strive to ensure every individual's access to quality health services, in particular the poor and underserved. We strategically structure our work around five programmatic areas: Abortion, Access, Adolescents, Advocacy and AIDS/HIV/STI.

Our Regional Office, based in New York City, has more than 55 staff members who offer support to our Member Associations in a variety of areas, which include program planning, sustainability, monitoring and evaluation, governance, and fundraising. We are one of six worldwide regions of the International Planned Parenthood Federation.

## MEDIA INQUIRIES

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**IPPF/WHR strives for a world where all people have control over their own bodies, where gender and sexuality are no longer a source of inequality or stigma and where the right to pursue healthy sexual lives is safeguarded.**

## NEW MEDIA

IPPF/WHR uses online tools and new media.



Follow us on twitter for the latest news on sexual and reproductive health in Latin America and the Caribbean.  
[www.twitter.com/IPPF\\_WHR](http://www.twitter.com/IPPF_WHR)



Visit the IPPF/WHR facebook page for the latest news from the field as well as photos, publications and videos that document IPPF/WHR projects.



Visit our online video collection at YouTube, The Hub, and Blip.tv where you can find quality footage of IPPF/WHR projects and activities throughout Latin America and the Caribbean.

## DID YOU KNOW?

IPPF/WHR works with 40 autonomous, locally-based associations throughout the region. IPPF/WHR's Member Association in the United States is the Planned Parenthood Federation of America (PPFA). "Planned Parenthood" is a trademark of the PPFA, which has affiliates across the country. PPFA is unique to IPPF/WHR's other associations in several ways: it is the largest Member Association; it does not receive funds from IPPF/WHR; and it is the only member that has its own international program for family planning.



All media, including photos, are available upon request.  
The IPPF/WHR logo is also available upon request. Please contact  
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## OUR SPOKESPEOPLE



### **Dr. Carmen Barroso, Regional Director**

A widely acknowledged leader in the field of sexual and reproductive health and rights, Dr. Camen Barroso has led IPPF/WHR since 2003. Under Dr. Barroso's direction, the organization now combines quality health services with powerful advocacy in defense of sexual and reproductive rights. Previously, she served for twelve years as Director of the Population & Reproductive Health Program of the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation, funding hundreds of NGOs in Africa, Asia, and Latin America and helping to bring the voices of women in the developing world to international policy fora.

She has been the Hubert Humphrey Distinguished Professor at Macalester College and professor of sociology at the University of São Paulo. As a senior researcher with the Chagas Foundation, Dr. Barroso had a pioneer role in creating Brazil's first and foremost women's studies center. She is the author of numerous books and articles, both in academic journals and in the popular press. She was a founding member of DAWN, a network of Third World women, and of the Funders Network on Population, Reproductive Health and Rights. Dr. Barroso holds a PhD in Social Psychology from Columbia University and has been a Visiting Scholar at Cornell University.



### **Vicente Diaz, Deputy Director**

Vicente comes to IPPF/WHR with an extensive background in national and international reproductive health, program design, and evaluation. Prior to joining IPPF/WHR, Vicente served as the Executive Director for Fundación Mexicana para la Planeación Familiar A.C. (MEXFAM), IPPF/WHR's Member Association in Mexico. During this time, Vicente received a MacArthur grant to create a sexual and reproductive health service provision model for adolescents living in rural areas. Vicente holds a Medical Degree from the National University of México and a Masters Degree in Business Administration from the University of Phoenix. He has published more than 60 research papers in international peer reviewed journals.

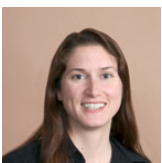


**Dr. Pierre M. La Ramée, Director of Development and Public Affairs**

Dr. Pierre La Ramée oversees IPPF/WHR's communications, media, and fundraising activities, and directs emerging cutting-edge advocacy programs in the region. He has more than twenty-five years of experience in the area of Latin American politics and social issues. Dr. La Ramée came to IPPF/WHR in 2004 from the Puerto Rican Legal Defense and Education Fund, where he served first as Director of Development and then as Executive Vice President. He previously served as Executive Director of the North American Congress on Latin America, and as Assistant Professor of Sociology and Latin American Studies at St. Lawrence University. He is fluent in French and Spanish and has authored and co-authored numerous articles, book chapters, and reviews. Dr. La Ramée holds a Masters in Political Science from McGill University and a PhD in the Sociology of International Development from Cornell University.

**Giselle Carino, Deputy Director**

Giselle Carino leads IPPF/WHR's regional initiative to eradicate unsafe abortion in the region. Her experience with IPPF/WHR programs includes supporting the implementation of recent gender-based violence and emergency contraception initiatives. Prior to joining IPPF/WHR, she worked for the Inter-American Parliamentary Group on Population and Development, educating Latin American parliamentarians and advocating for legislative commitments to sexual and reproductive rights. Giselle holds a Political Science degree from Argentina and a Masters in Public Policy from New York University.



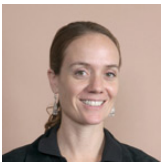
**Rebecca Koladycz, Deputy Director**

Rebecca Koladycz provides leadership to IPPF/WHR's evaluation unit and oversees the provision of technical assistance to Member Associations across program areas. She has been conducting evaluations and social research since 1993 and has been at IPPF/WHR since 2000. In the area of evaluation, she manages a team of four evaluation experts who design projects, develop monitoring and evaluation tools, and provide technical assistance to Member Associations in evaluating their programs. In the area of Institutional Development, Rebecca coordinates a team of five professionals with expertise in logistics and contraceptive procurement, grant administration, financial systems, management, and organizational development. Rebecca holds a Masters in Social Anthropology from the University of Rochester.



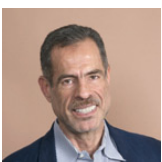
### **Maria Antonieta Alcalde, Deputy Director of Public Affairs**

Maria Antonieta Alcalde develops and implements IPPF/WHR's advocacy strategy at the regional and international levels and supports the advocacy work of our Member Associations. She has co-founded several organizations including the Latin American Youth Network for Sexual and Reproductive Rights and the International Youth Coalition. Previous to joining IPPF/WHR, Maria Antonieta was the General Coordinator of Balance, Promotion for Development and Youth in Mexico City, where she designed and implemented workshops on gender, sexual and reproductive rights, advocacy, and youth leadership. Maria Antonieta has participated in several international conferences related to sexual and reproductive health and rights, including Cairo +5 and +10, and Beijing +5 and +10, among others. María Antonieta holds a degree in Accounting from the Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México (UNAM).



### **Dana Rogers, Deputy Director of Development**

Dana oversees all aspects of grant management with our institutional donors, foundations, and government entities. She works closely with Program, Evaluation, and Finance staff in proposal development, project conceptualization, and grant monitoring and reporting. She also lends support to the overall direction of resource mobilization at IPPF/WHR and coordinates overall donor relations with the Central Office of the Federation. Dana has worked extensively in the area of sexual and reproductive health, including as a research assistant at the University of California-San Francisco, in managing sexual and reproductive health programs for Latin American immigrants at a Planned Parenthood clinic, and developing gender-sensitive education curricula. In addition to her development functions she coordinates a key mobile health unit project in Bolivia. She holds a Masters degree in Public Health from Columbia University.



### **Humberto Arango, Senior Governance Advisor**

Humberto Arango oversees development and implementation of IPPF/WHR's governance strategy to strengthen leadership within Boards of Directors at Member Associations and at the regional level. He has been with the organization since 1977, advising on strategic planning, assessing unmet needs in the region, and providing training on male involvement in sexual and reproductive health. He has consulted for USAID, the European Commission, and the Ford Foundation, and headed the Department of Administration and Human Resources at the Universidad del Valle in his native Colombia. He holds a Masters in International Comparative Development from Stanford University.