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**POLICIES AND ACTIONS OF THE
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC IN MATTERS OF ASSISTANCE AND
PROTECTION FOR MIGRANT WOMEN**

San Salvador, November 2017

REGULATORY FRAMEWORK

ARTICLE 39. THE RIGHT TO EQUALITY. ALL PERSONS ARE BORN FREE AND EQUAL BEFORE THE LAW, RECEIVE THE SAME PROTECTION AND TREATMENT BY INSTITUTIONS, AUTHORITIES AND OTHERS AND ENJOY THE SAME RIGHTS, FREEDOMS AND OPPORTUNITIES, WITHOUT ANY DISCRIMINATION WHATSOEVER ON THE GROUNDS OF GENDER, COLOUR, AGE, DISABILITY, NATIONALITY, FAMILY LINKS, LANGUAGE, RELIGION, POLITICAL OR PHILOSOPHIC OPINIONS, SOCIAL OR PERSONAL SITUATION.

ARTICLE 41. PROHIBITION OF SLAVERY. SLAVERY, SERVITUDE, TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS AND HUMAN SMUGGLING IN ALL THEIR FORMS ARE PROHIBITED.



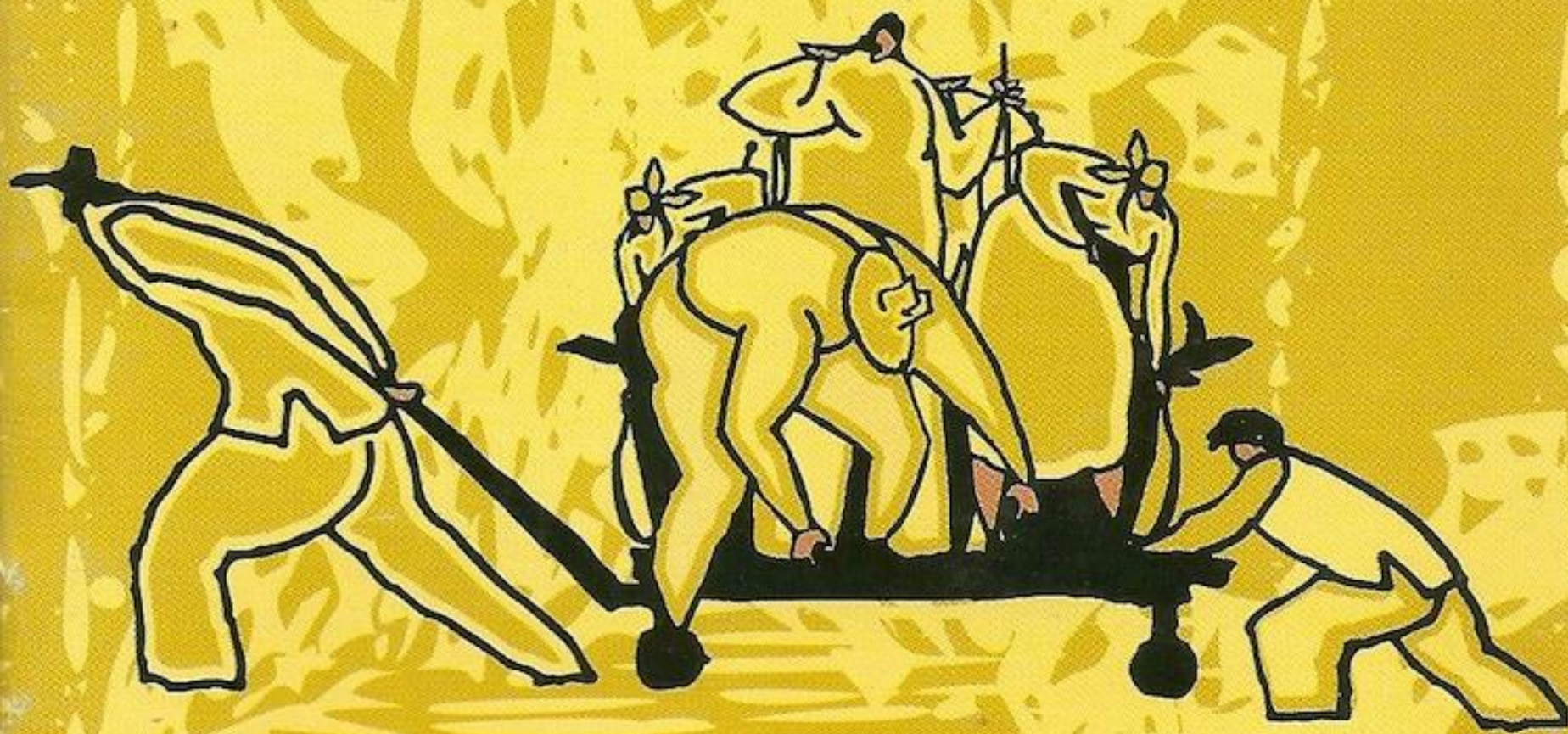
CONSTITUCION DOMINICANA



NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY

- **Second Strategic Theme:** Seeks a society with equal rights and opportunities.
- **General Objective 2.3:** Equal rights and opportunities.
- **Specific Objective 2.3.7:** To organize migration flows in accordance with national development needs.

LEY No. 137-03
SOBRE EL TRAFICO
ILICITO DE MIGRANTES
Y TRATA DE PERSONAS



**ACT 137-03 ON
MIGRANT SMUGGLING AND
TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS**

The Law establishes prevention, protection and punishment actions to be undertaken by the State to address this crime, based on the provisions set forth in the Palermo Convention and its Protocols.

PROTOCOL FOR THE IDENTIFICATION, ASSISTANCE AND REINTEGRATION OF SURVIVORS OF TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS

The purpose of the Protocol is to establish a referral mechanism to provide assistance to survivors of domestic and international trafficking in persons in a safe and coordinated manner, optimizing resources and efforts.

The Protocol describes the steps for the identification, assistance, referral and reintegration of persons subjects of trafficking and includes the guiding principles for this process.



NATIONAL PLAN FOR GENDER EQUALITY AND EQUITY, I & II

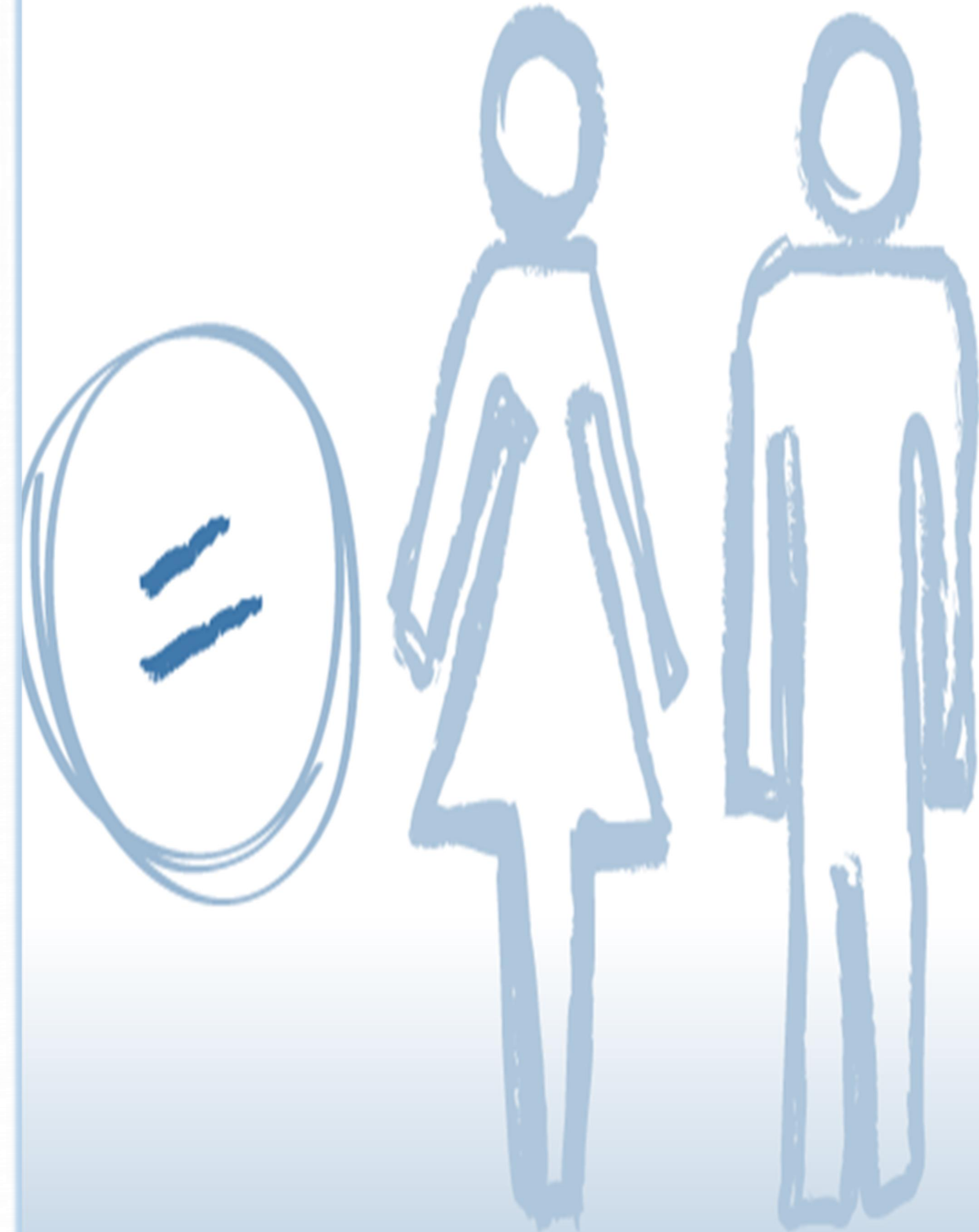
The first official framework that establishes equal opportunities for women and men. It is focused on results to help resolve the main issues faced by women due to gender inequality and inequity.

Two versions exist:

2000 – 2004 PLANEG I

2007 – 2017 PLANEG II

In the second half of 2017, a consultancy has been conducted to develop PLANEG III for the period of 2018-2030.



NATIONAL PLAN OF ACTION TO COMBAT TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS AND MIGRANT SMUGGLING 2018-2020

PREVENTION

- Awareness-raising and training, social research and citizen empowerment.

DETECTION AND PROSECUTION

- Investigation of crimes, prosecution of cases.

PROTECTION

- Consular assistance, psychological support, legal aid, health care, shelter, document issuance, support for return and social reintegration.

ADVANCES REGARDING THE NATIONAL PLAN OF ACTION

Intersectoral consultations have been conducted between government, civil society and international organizations.

Matrixes have been developed for the planning of actions oriented toward prevention, prosecution, and protection of victims.

The new version of the Plan is expected to be submitted in the first quarter of 2018.



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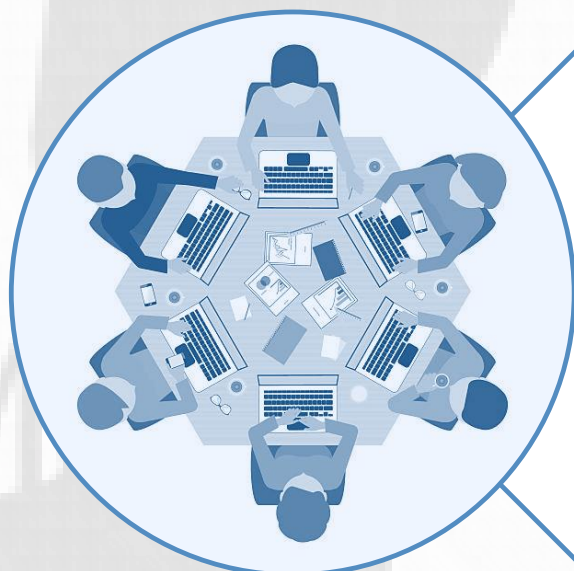
NATIONAL PLAN AGAINST GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE

- Approved in November 2017, focused on addressing crimes related to gender-based violence and significantly reducing femicide.
- The objectives of the Plan are oriented toward the following:
 - ✓ **Prevent** through awareness-raising;
 - ✓ **Prosecute**, encouraging reporting of the crime to competent authorities;
 - ✓ **Ensure** more effective assistance for victims.

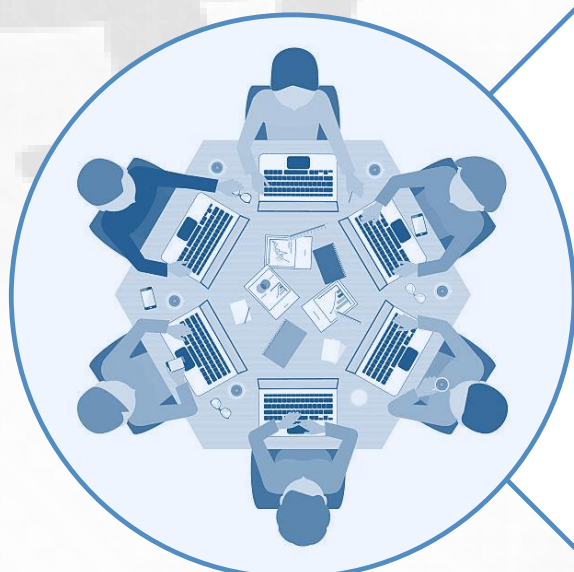
INSTITUTIONAL MECHANISMS



Inter-Institutional Commission to Combat the Crime of Trafficking in Persons and Migrant Smuggling – **CITIM**, coordinated by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs – MIREX



Committee for the Protection of Migrant Women – **CIPROM**, coordinated by MMUJER



Special Prosecutor to Combat Migrant Smuggling and Trafficking in Persons, coordinated by the Attorney General's Office – PGR



National Commission to Prevent and Combat
Domestic Violence – **CONAPLUVI**, coordinated by **MMUJER**



Unit for Migration Policy of **MMUJER**

ASSISTANCE AND PROTECTION ACTIONS

Malala Home for Adult Victims of Trafficking in Persons

Coordinated by the Attorney General's Office, the home was opened in May 2016 for temporary use. To date, assistance has been provided to 69 survivors of trafficking in persons – nationals as well as foreigners.

Shelters

Established through Act 88-03, comprehensive services are provided at the shelters: physical health care, mental health care, legal aid and social services.

In 2017 thus far, protection has been provided to 346 women and their dependants in the shelters. Approximately 63 of them were migrant women.

MEMO OF UNDERSTANDING

- Ministry of Foreign Affairs;
- Bureau for Coordination of Social Policies;
- Attorney General's Office;
- National Institute of Migration.



Signed on 23 June 2017.

The objective is to join technical, administrative and financial efforts among the signing entities in order to establish technical cooperation actions for the development of a ***pilot programme on protection and reintegration of deported and returned Dominican nationals, including victims of trafficking in persons and migrant smuggling.***

A Residence Visa Granted to a Survivor of Trafficking in Persons for the Purpose of Labour Exploitation

- In 2014, a business visa was granted to a Chinese national as a protection action to enable her to regularize her migration status. This woman was a survivor of labour exploitation. The visa has to be renewed every year.
- In 2017, a temporary residence visa was granted to this person, thus granting her residence status as a follow-up on the actions to protect her and ensure respect for her human rights as a survivor of trafficking in persons.

ACTIONS	YEAR	OBJECTIVES	IMPACT
Provincial and Municipal Offices of the Ministry of Women	1999	Legal aid and psychological assistance provided through the 52 offices at the national level.	194 migrant women benefited from this programme in 2016.
Migration Orientation Points	2009	Assistance and guidance is provided to combat the problem of trafficking in persons and migrant smuggling.	Established in the 52 provincial and municipal offices of the Ministry, covering the entire national territory.
24/7 Emergency Hotline (*212) in coordination with 911	2012	A national-level service providing assistance to women victims of any type of violence and death threats; in addition, it is a mechanism to receive complaints.	386 of the calls received in 2016 were of migrant women.
Diploma courses on Gender, Migration and Trafficking in Persons	2003 - 2017	Strengthening of staff from the national system for assistance to victims of trafficking and staff from non-governmental organizations.	466 civil servants of the Dominican Republic and key actors involved in the provision of assistance to victims of trafficking by trained staff.



THANK YOU!