

## DECLARATION OF THE IBERO-AMERICAN NETWORK OF PROFESSIONALS OF SEXUAL HEALTH AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH IN PANDEMIC TIMES

In these times of exception in relation to the SARS COV -2 pandemic (COVID-19), the representatives of REDISSER ratify our commitment to the foundational objectives of promoting and improving sexual and reproductive health with special emphasis on the protection of the rights of people in these matters. That is why we want to emphasize paying special attention to the following questions:

- 1.- The phenomenon of gender violence, especially against women, is transversal and occurs in all countries of the world, including those characterized by a consolidated practice of protection and promotion of fundamental rights. The global situation of isolation and quarantine exacerbates situations of domestic violence and the risks for women and other vulnerable people.
- 2.- Fundamental human rights such as the right to equity, autonomy and non-discrimination must be guaranteed for all people.
- 3.- The rights of women and children and adolescents, as well as those of other vulnerable groups, must be especially protected and guaranteed with greater emphasis in times of crisis and risk of violation of rights.
- 4.- Access to information and sexual and reproductive health services must be guaranteed and be a priority for health services. This includes counseling and continuity in the provision of contraceptive methods, the termination of pregnancy in accordance with the legislation of our countries, as well as assistance and prevention of situations of violence, child sexual abuse and any act that means to undermine the general state of physical, mental and social well-being of the people.

From the network of health professionals that we comprise, we consider that it is a multisectoral and interdisciplinary responsibility to promote and guarantee sexual and reproductive rights and to remain alert in this state of exception that we are experiencing.

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