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Gender remittances: Preliminary notes about senders and recipients in Latin America and the Caribbean

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### Introduction

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Moreover, recipients of remittances, who are predominantly context wher	women, also receive money in a

earnings than any other group. This situation represents an important point because remittances have allowed them to improve their income position (and sometimes their role in the household), although their status as unpaid homemakers remain unchanged.

attending public school but also providing quality attention to children to improve their performance. Both public schools and private institutions, NGOs included, are well suited to identify the educational needs of remittance recipient children and their communities in order to offer an array of services, including but not limited to extracurricular educational activities such

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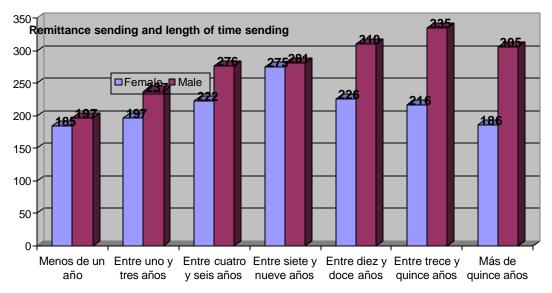
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# Appendix A Gender characteristics of remittance senders

## To whom do you send remittances?

	Female		Male		Total	
	%	Average	%	Average	%	Average
Spouse	7.60	233.71	23.93	353.33	17.48	332.40
Mother/Father	40.65	210.38	36.62	250.75	38.21	233.77
Children	15.73	258.68	11.79			



Appendix B
Gender characteristics of remittance recipients

From whom do you receive remittances?

	Male		Fer	nale	T	otal
	%	Average	%	Average	%	Average
Spouse	11.36	282.98	23.71	359.43	20.31	347.64
Mother or father	24.39	320.51				

What is the principal reason that you receive remittances?

Male % Female % Total % 0.192 13.5 0

What kind of economic activities do you maintain?

	MaleFemale%Average%Average		Female		Total	
			Average	%	Average	
Checking account	39.70	378.04	32.61	369.02	34.50	371.79
Savings account	71.01	341.03	68.95	272.03	69.56	292.85
Real estate loan	11.55	332.39	9.63	434.49	10.20	399.97

### If your relatives help you with economic obligations, what kind?

	Gender		
	Male	Male Female	
Real estate payments	22.45	28.21	26.63
Small business loan	12.24	5.90	7.64
Student loan payments	15.65	15.90	15.83
Health and/or life insurance	5.44	4.87	5.03
Other investments	30.61	24.87	26.44

## Do you have a bank account (not savings) in the country?

	Male		Male Female			<b>Total</b>
	%	Average	%	Average	%	Average
Yes	39.70	378.04	32.61	369.02		