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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 women, also receive money in a context wher

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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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 | | Female | | Total | |
|------------------|-------|---------|--------|---------|-------|---------|
| | % | 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?

| | Male | | Female | | Total | |
|------------------|-------------|---------|---------------|---------|--------------|---------|
| | % | Average | % | 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 | | Total |
|------------------------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|
| | 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 | | Female | | Total | |
|-----|-------------|---------|---------------|---------|--------------|---------|
| | % | Average | % | Average | % | Average |
| Yes | 39.70 | 378.04 | 32.61 | 369.02 | | |