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Study Status

In Progress

Study Type

Pilot

Improving Health Services to Prevent Homicides in Colombia

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Victims of violent crime face numerous challenges that affect their survival rates. These challenges include the quality of prehospital care received, the type of transportation used, the capacity of health facilities to which victims are taken, and the availability of human and technical resources at those facilities, among other factors. In contexts characterized by severe resource constraints, these challenges may adversely impact the survival rates of trauma victims in areas experiencing chronically high rates of violent crime. Improvements to the quality and coverage of healthcare services and pre-hospital care for victims of violent crime may help to reduce homicides.

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Results will be available later in 2024.