

FAIR CASE STUDY RACE & ETHNICITY DATA IN HEALTH

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SALURBAL DATA BRIEF

FAIR → Findable

CARE → Collective Benefit

Respect

Ethics



THE IMPORTANCE OF DATA

Latin American cities are home to more than
175 million Afro-descendants
50 million Indigenous people
who make up more than 30% of the region's urban population^[1]

33% of the population of the region is Afro-descendant
8% is Indigenous, together making up more than 1/3 of the population of the region^[2]



Distribution of Afro descent people in LAC, 2002

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- **Absence and poor quality** of race and ethnicity data in health information sources
- **Barriers to public access** to this information
- **Limited documentation** of racial/ethnic health **inequities** among Afro-descendent and Indigenous populations across the region

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GAPS IN RACE AND ETHNICITY DATA

Distribution of Race and ethnicity Data in sources of data relevant to Health Equity across 11 SALURBAL countries*

Census Data (2002-2018)

- 9/11 countries capture data on ***Afro-descendant identity***
- 10/11 capture data on ***Indigenous identity*** (Mexico only without question about race).

Health Survey Data (2000-2017)

- 5/11 capture data on ***Afro-descendant identity***
- 7/11 capture data on ***Indigenous identity***.

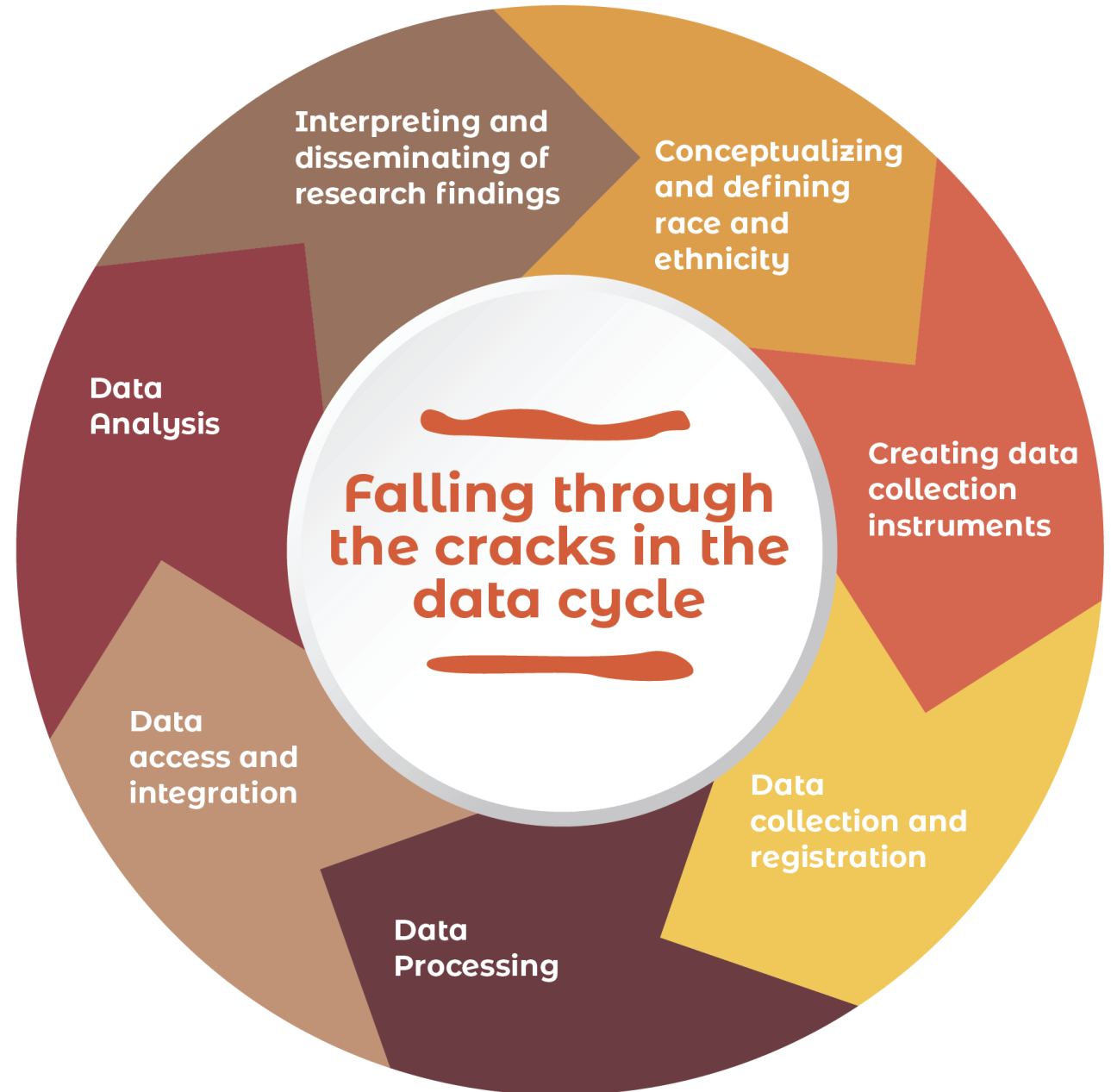
Vital Statistics

- 3/11 (Brazil, Colombia, and Guatemala) include race data (race of newborn or mother) on birth certificates.
- Only Brazil collects race data on death certificates

*SALURBAL countries: AR, BR, CL, CO, CR, GT, MX, NI, PA, PE, SV

THE IMPORTANCE OF DATA

Data is both a technical and political tool to promote access to services, expand citizenship, and guarantee human rights for Afro-descendants and Indigenous people



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