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Born in Ecuador on April 13, 1981, Lourdes Alta Lima believes it is crucial to include the indigenous population in proposals for adolescents and other young people, given that this demographic group is highly marginalized and suffers from basic health problems, little information about sexual and reproductive rights and HIV/AIDS.

Her objectives as an activist are to provide technical and professional support for local and national adolescent and youth development projects, in order to introduce an Intercultural vision in education and training processes for youth rights, especially with vulnerable and marginalized sectors of society (indigenous and rural groups, etc.). Lourdes is also interested in facilitating and gaining experience in research to develop, implement and manage projects that prioritize adolescent and youth participation in sexual and reproductive health matters aimed at indigenous groups.

As well as being project advisor at Ecuador's National Child and Family Institute, she has participated in numerous advocacy initiatives for youth rights, among them the Regional Workshop in Sexual and Reproductive Health Counseling for Youth, organized by the Pan American Health Organization in 2003, and the international Americas Youth Voice meeting held that same year in Dominican Republic, also sponsored by PAHO as a preparatory meeting for that year's First Ladies' Summit. Lourdes participated as a delegate from her country's First Lady's Office.