

## Transsexuals and surgery

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In Brazil every twelve days a man becomes a woman. Following a decision of the Health Department, the national health system (SUS) takes charge of the costs borne by transsexuals in the process of rectifying their sex. In this way the Department explicitly intends to guarantee transsexuals' right to health, as well as to eliminate those cases of violation of human rights and discrimination based on gender identity. But what comes next in the destiny of these people? Many of them end up as prostitutes; many other enter the drug or criminal scene. From the favelas to the up-town neighbourhoods of a sizzling Rio de Janeiro, while celebrating carnival, we will unveil all the secrets of Brazilian transsexuals, even the ones of those who choose to earn a salary in an honest way, struggling against clichés.



