



Strengthening the specialist judicial system to prevent violence against women

ForSNEJ

Context

Violence against women (VAW) is the most widespread human rights violation and is a complex and systemic problem. In Peru, around 70% of women have experienced violence at the hands of their partner (ENARES -INEI, 2019).

In 2018, Peru's national specialized justice system to protect and punish violence against women and family members (SNEJ) was founded. Its goal is to strengthen the legal frameworks for protection and punishing VAW and to improve response times and support for victims.

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Objective

SNEJ has been strengthened and will be able to fulfill its role of guaranteeing women's right to a life free of violence. Women are thus protected more effectively, and impunity for men who have perpetrated violence against women is prevented.



Left: Women from the Community Ombudsman's Office of Santo Tomás, Chumbivilcas, at the forefront of the fight against gender violence in their community.

Rights: Women in the "Ni una menos" march demanding their right to a life free of violence.



The Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany to Peru signed the Peruvian-European commitment for the elimination of gender-based violence against women in Peru.

Approach

The project organises training and exchanges for those working in the judicial system to raise awareness for VAW. The standard content of the training is incorporated into courses provided by the relevant training institutions.

Mechanisms are developed that make it easier for the judicial system to intervene in cases of VAW. The aim is also to strengthen dialogue between state institutions and the three judicial districts that make up SNEJ.

Indicators, developed in a participatory process, strengthen the ombudsman's capacity to monitor SNEJ in the three judicial districts.

The project applies approaches that are gender-specific and intersectional and that focus on human rights and cross-cutting issues. There is also an emphasis on innovation, digitalisation and environmental and climate compatibility.

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