

Factsheet “Ending violence against women in rural areas”

The National Coordinator of Rural and Indigenous Women's Organizations (CONAMURI) unites several indigenous and rural women workers organizations from different provinces across Paraguay. Through its campaign "Stop Violence against Women in Rural Areas", CONAMURI has made stopping violence against women in rural areas not only a strategic priority, but also placed the issue on the agendas of counterpart organizations and various government agencies in Paraguay.

Fighting Violence against Women in Latin America
Ending violence against women in rural areas

Counterpart
The *Coordinadora Nacional de Organizaciones de Mujeres Rurales e Indígenas* (CONAMURI) the National Coordinator of Rural and Indigenous Women's Organizations is the only national umbrella organization which unites several indigenous and rural women workers organizations from different provinces across Paraguay. CONAMURI advocates equal rights between men and women within the family and in society, using an approach rooted not only in gender but also in ethnicity and class. More broadly, CONAMURI works to empower rural and indigenous women in all facets of life.

The campaign and its sponsors aim to offer guidance and (early) legal assistance, mobilise and train citizens, and

COMARBU leads its campaign "Stop Violence against Women in Rural Areas" together with the organizations *Latin Americanistas* and *Organizaciones del Campo* (OSC), the Latin American Coordinator of Rural Organizations) and *Voz Campesina* (VOC, the International Peasant's Movement). COMARBU partners with CECOC and CUC and is a member of both organizations. The campaign is a comprehensive, long-term intervention that launched in 2003 in front of a broad audience. Through the campaign, violence against women in rural areas has not only been made a strategic priority for COMARBU, CUC and OSC, but the issue has also been placed on the agenda of various government agencies in Paraguay. Toward that end, COMARBU holds alliances between various actors and sectors of society.

The goal is to effect a change in attitudes and which goes beyond mere discourse but rather aims at the systematic inclusion of the prevention of gender-based violence in the agenda of women's organizations.

The goal is to sensitize women and men from rural regions towards the issue of violence against women while strengthening their capacity to protect their rights to lead a life free of violence. Towards this end, international days of remembrance, such as International Women's Day (March 8) and the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women (November 25) are used. www.bafidg.aol.de

Cooperation
In the end of 2003 CORAMURRI started working with CamélaMujer on the issue of preventing gender-based violence directed at rural and indigenous women. The collaboration involved

used by CONSUMERS to conduct relevant activities.



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