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Context
The ComVoMujer (Comisión de Promoción de la Mujer) is a division of the Ministry of the Interior and is responsible for issues of family and domestic violence. Its main objective is to prevent, attend to and resolve family violence, and to coordinate and strengthen prevention and attention actions. In 2011, ComVoMujer was restructured, especially to work in a strategic way with the National Brigade for the Protection of the Family (BPF), the main body in the prevention and attention to those affected by family violence. At the moment there are 42 such brigades in Bolivia, which, in addition, are increasing in number, reaching 50 in total.

Objectives
The cooperation between the regional program ComVoMujer and the BPF is based on shared objectives. The Bolivian police wants to strengthen the BPF, which means strengthening its technical efficiency in the prevention and support of victims of domestic violence, oriented towards legal aspects for prevention and attention actions.

In order to meet this objective, a group of experts has been developed. One group included a participatory consultation process with the target population in order to identify their needs and expectations. Another group was formed to carry out participatory and consultative work that is, in turn, to assess the situation of the BPF, and that the BPF can, in agreement with the ComVoMujer, identify and respond to cases of domestic violence. For this purpose, information material, guidelines and action plans have

been produced and distributed by the BPF. For the consultation and distribution of the material, the ComVoMujer and the BPF have worked together. The material is oriented to the technical staff of the BPF, as well as to the police officers in general. The material is oriented to the technical staff of the BPF, as well as to the police officers in general. The material is oriented to the technical staff of the BPF, as well as to the police officers in general.

Lessons Learned and Impact
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