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UN Trust Fund to Eliminate Violence against Women **12th Grant Cycle – 2007**

The grantees under the 12th grant cycle (2007) of the UN Trust Fund to Eliminate Violence against Women fall into one of the following two areas of work:

- 1) Implementation of existing laws, policies and plans of action to address violence against women at global, regional, national or local levels;
- 2) Addressing the linkages between violence against women and HIV and AIDS.

Below are brief descriptions of the projects receiving grants this year.

1) Implementation of existing laws, policies and plans of action to address violence against women at global, regional, national or local levels

AFRICA

Cape Verde

Instituto Cabo-verdiano para Igualdade e Equidade de Género (ICIEG)

Project title: La mise en œuvre de ce Plan d'Action National Relatif aux Violences Basées sur le Genre (Implementation of the National Action Plan on Gender-Based Violence)

Project duration: 3 years

Based on a partnership with the judiciary, police, the National Human Rights Commission, municipalities, health care providers, and civil society organizations, ICIEG will support the implementation of the National Action Plan on Gender-based Violence (2007-2009) on the islands of Santiago and Sao Vicente, with a particular focus on domestic violence. The project will improve the quality of available information on gender-based violence in Cape Verde by setting up a centralized database, undertaking research on the human, social and economic costs of gender-based violence and building capacity to collect and analyze data. Stakeholders will also be trained to recognize situations of domestic violence and provide appropriate legal, psychological and health services to survivors. Social support structures, including vocational training, will be set up to empower survivors of violence and ease their reintegration into society.

Rwanda

District of Ngoma (East Province, Republic of Rwanda)

Project title: Projet de renforcement des capacités du District de Ngoma dans la mise en œuvre des mécanismes de prévention et de lutte contre la violence faite aux femmes (Reinforcing capacities in the district of Ngoma in implementing mechanisms to prevent and respond to violence against women)

Project duration: 1 year 6 months

This project will enhance efforts to prevent and respond to domestic and sexual violence by promoting the implementation of Rwanda's national policies to end gender inequality and gender-based violence, as well as the Family Code in the District of Ngoma in the East Province. Starting with a baseline study on domestic and sexual violence against women in the district — where no such surveys have ever been previously conducted — the project will inform community members on women's rights to protection and legal redress through radio broadcasts, community dialogues, conferences and work with national women's councils. It will also sensitize local leaders and authorities on how to implement laws and policies on gender equality and all forms of gender-based violence. The project will result in a three-year plan of action to end violence against women at the district level.

Sierra Leone

International Rescue Committee (IRC)

Project title: Combating Violence against Women and Girls in Sierra Leone

Project duration: 1 year 6 months

IRC, together with the Sierra Leone Court Monitoring Program (SLCMP) and Grassroots Empowerment for Self Reliance (GEMS), key members of the Gender Task Force, will work with major stakeholders, including line ministries and the international donor community, to develop a national plan of action for nation-wide implementation of the newly-adopted Domestic Violence Act, Devolution of Estate Act and Registration of Customary Marriage and Divorce Act, with a view to empowering women and girls to live free from sexual and physical violence. The main focus of the project is to support coordination and partnerships among government departments and civil society organizations in the development and implementation of the action plan, and to advocate for and develop capacities of State actors to apply the new laws.

South Africa, Botswana, Mauritius, Namibia, Swaziland, Tanzania, Zambia

Gender Links (GL)

Project title: Supporting the Effective Implementation of National and Local Action Plans to End Violence against Women

Project duration: 3 years

In cooperation with Gender and Media Southern Africa Network (GEMSA), GL will work with stakeholders in Botswana, Mauritius, Namibia, South Africa, Swaziland, Tanzania and Zambia to support the effective implementation of national plans of action to end gender-based violence in these countries with a view to aligning the implementation of national plans with the 1998 SADC (Southern African Development Community) Declaration Addendum on the Prevention and Eradication of Violence against Women and Children. In addition to developing comprehensive monitoring and evaluation systems and supporting national task teams, the project will also pilot the implementation of national plans at the local level in selected districts in Mauritius and South Africa and strengthen women's legal literacy on laws and policies reflecting their right to be free from violence.

Tanzania

Women's Legal Aid Center

Project title: Public Awareness Campaign for Domestic Violence against Women in Tanzania

Project duration: 3 years

To support the implementation of Tanzanian laws, including the Penal Code and the 1998 Sexual Offences Act, the Women's Legal Aid Center, in partnership with a platform of NGO stakeholders, will provide 3000 women survivors of domestic violence with access to legal aid services. Media, law enforcement and legislators will be sensitized to domestic violence, and a mass media campaign will strengthen community awareness through radio and TV adverts addressing violence against women.

ASIA, PACIFIC AND ARAB STATES

Algeria

Centre d'information et de Documentation sur les Droits des Femmes et Des Enfants (CIDDEF)

Project title: Soutien à la mise en œuvre des lois, politiques et plans d'action en vigueur relatifs à la violence faite aux femmes (Supporting the implementation of existing laws, policies and plans for the elimination of violence against women)

Project duration: 3 years

This project will develop a network of NGO counselling centres in ten cities of Algeria. It will establish the first database on violence against women compiling the data collected by NGOs who provide services to abused women in order to provide better information on groups affected, and raise awareness among the media, the judiciary, health providers, parliamentarians and the police with a view to improving services and strengthening the implementation of existing laws and policies.

Cambodia

Gender and Development for Cambodia (GAD/C)

Project title: Ending Violence against Women through Community Action

Project duration: 3 years

GAD/C will study contemporary Khmer masculinity and its dynamics to enable the design of more effective policy and programme strategies and interventions, with a view to preventing domestic violence and transforming the attitudes and behaviours of violent men. Community-based men's groups will be formed for the purpose of providing personal counselling and addressing health and psychological aspects, creating linkages with the white ribbon campaign. The project will develop capacities of local authorities on relevant laws, monitor the implementation of these laws and build legal skills of community-based groups to advocate with public authorities for more effective interventions in cases of domestic violence. Community groups will also reach out to women to raise awareness of their legal rights and support their access to justice and social services.

Egypt

Al Shehab Foundation for Comprehensive Development

Project title: Combating Physical Violence against Women and Supporting the Implementation of Protective and Anti-Discriminatory Laws and Policies

Project duration: 3 years

To implement relevant Criminal Code provisions and the Ministerial Decree 261 of 1996 prohibiting the performance of female genital mutilation, this project will raise awareness amongst legal professionals and executive officials of women's rights, specifically targeting the following stake-holders: Ministry of Justice, Ministry of Interior, Ministry of Social Solidarity, police departments, the judiciary, the legislature, the National Council for Women, media, community-based organizations and other NGOs working on violence against women. The project will advocate for the establishment of monitoring bodies and will empower women in vulnerable and marginalized communities in six Egyptian governorates through awareness-raising campaigns, equipping them with the necessary knowledge and tools to report and pursue justice. In addition, the project will equip shelters in Egypt to better respond to needs and rights of women survivors of violence.

Maldives

Ministry of Gender and Family, Government of Maldives

Project title: Capacity Building of Service Providers from the Family and Children Service Centers so to Provide Support to Victims/Survivors of Violence against Women

Project duration: 2 years

The National Policy on Gender Equality endorsed by the Maldives Cabinet in April 2006 and the National Plan of Action on Gender (2001-2006) prioritize efforts to address gender-based violence. This project will focus on domestic and sexual violence. In particular, it aims to improve the quality of multi-sector support services for victims/survivors of violence by enhancing the human resource base of the Family and Children Service Centers that are being established at nine atolls in the Maldives. In addition, it will support Hama Jamiyya Legal Aid Clinic - a helpline for victims of domestic violence and child sexual abuse. The Ministry of Gender and Family will coordinate with the UNFPA Country Office and the Ministry of Health to up-scale the training programme and support services as part of this project.

Pakistan

National Commission on the Status of Women

Project title: Public-Private Partnership to End "Honor Crimes" in Pakistan by Supporting the Implementation of the Criminal Law (Amendment) Act 2004

Project duration: 2 years

The project will focus on "honour killing" as one of the most brutal crimes against women. The Law and Justice Commission of Pakistan has recently affirmed that killing in the name of honour would be treated as intentional murder (Criminal Law Amendment Act, 2004). To this effect, the project will support the effective implementation of the law and address the inherent challenges of changing public attitudes that are rooted in customs and traditions and reinforced through modern day politics and economics. It plans to develop a credible data base; develop capacities of law enforcement agencies in designing and conducting need-based interventions in two selected districts. Key stakeholders, including police, lawyers,

local media, religious leaders and the community, will be brought together for policy advocacy and recommendations to advance the implementation of the law. The National Commission on the Status of Women (NCSW) as the lead implementing agency will partner with civil society organizations: Rozan and the National Rural Support Program.

Papua New Guinea

Department for Community Development (Gender and Development Division), PNG

Project title: Being the Best We Can Be: Say No to Sexual Violence against Women

Project duration: 3 years

Despite the existence of criminal laws outlawing marital rape and sexual assault, the number of prosecutions of these crimes in Papua New Guinea (PNG) remains low. The project will initiate a national campaign to sensitize leaders, professionals and ordinary men and women throughout PNG, on the existing laws and the consequences of sexual violence. In wide-ranging partnerships with government, non-governmental and church agencies the project will pilot support programmes in one urban and one rural district, involving front-line workers in health, education and NGOs, and strengthen the sensitivity of village magistrates and law enforcement officers. It will implement a television, radio and print-media campaign, featuring respected PNG men, such as sportspersons, targeting men as potential perpetrators, and respected PNG women targeting women, as potential victims to reinforce the message “No Means No”. In partnership with universities, teaching and nursing colleges, the project will advance curricula changes for training teachers, nurses, social workers on relevant laws and strategies for identifying, supporting and advising women and girls who have experienced sexual violence.

Syria

Association for Women’s Role Development (AWRD)

Project title: Community-Based Center for Housing and Rehabilitation of Women Victims of Violence

Project duration: 1 year

Through this innovative project, working within the framework of the Syrian National Action Plan on Violence against Women, AWRD will develop a high-quality “One-Stop Centre” to provide services for women survivors of violence, particularly those living in poverty. The Centres will aim to address their immediate protection, medical, legal, counselling, rehabilitation and integration needs, while remaining sensitive to the complexities of their situation. The project will launch a broad awareness and advocacy campaign on targeting decision-makers, potential clients, survivors/victims of violence, as well as the general public and provide training and capacity-building for health workers, teachers, law enforcement personnel, social workers, the judiciary, community and religious leaders and the media. In addition, the project will assemble real-time information on the quantitative and qualitative trends of gender-based violence for monitoring purposes and evidence-based advocacy. AWRD will partner with the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour, NGOs and the private sector.

CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE AND COMMONWEALTH OF INDEPENDENT STATES

Albania

Refleksione Association

Project title: Making It Real: Implementing the Law against Domestic Violence in Albania

Project duration: 2 years

In partnership with the Network against Gender-Based Violence and Trafficking, Refleksione will support the development of Councils against Domestic Violence – community-based referral systems to support survivors of domestic violence - in five districts of Albania. This supports the 2006 Law on Measures against Violence in Family Relations, which provides for improving the coordination of local-level responses to domestic violence. In close consultation with local governments and civil society stakeholders, the project will facilitate establishment of the Councils and support the hand over of their coordination and monitoring to local governments. The project will also support local capacities in ten districts to monitor implementation of the new domestic violence law and National Strategy on Domestic Violence, which is due to be adopted by December 2007. It aims to mobilize communities to speak out about domestic violence and to strengthen women’s knowledge of their rights and the legal remedies available to them.

Georgia

International Center for Education of Women (ICEW)

Project title: Intersectoral and Community-Based Measures for the Elimination of Domestic Violence in Georgia: Joint Efforts on the Implementation of the Anti-Violence Legislation

Project duration: 3 years

In cooperation with stakeholders, ICEW will work to reduce domestic violence in Georgia by supporting the effective implementation of the Law on Domestic Violence and the National Action Plan on Combating Domestic Violence, with a focus on strengthening the institutional environment. The project will focus on the capital Tbilisi as well as the region of Samtskhe-Javakheti, a rural and economically depressed area with compact settlements of ethnic minorities. Inter-sectoral partnerships of stakeholders will be fostered and a joint strategy established to promote community-based action, including capacity-building and monitoring of the law and action plan on domestic violence. The project also seeks to strengthen service delivery and access to justice for survivors of domestic violence, to encourage individuals to report such violence and to promote non-violent behaviour.

LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN

Argentina, Brazil

Católicas por el Derecho a Decidir

Project title: Violencia de género: acción y capacitación para el cambio de políticas y servicios de atención en Argentina y Brasil con perspectivas hacia el Conosur (Gender-based violence: Action and capacity building for changes in policies and services in Argentina and Brazil)

Project duration: 3 years

The project will focus on training professionals working with women survivors of violence on prevention of domestic violence, focusing on the implementation of the Belem do Para Convention and CEDAW. Videos and other materials will be produced to improve services provided to women victims of violence. In the framework of the project there will be different activities for advocacy and mobilization, giving strong support to the 16 Days of Activism against Gender Violence, and other public campaigns to prevent violence against women in public places. A National Meeting of Experts on violence against women will promote debate and the exchange of experiences.

Colombia

Corporación Centro de Apoyo Popular (CENTRAP)

Project title: Por un Municipio sin Violencias, Soacha con las Mujeres (Towards a Municipality Free of Violence: Soacha for Women)

Project duration: 1 year, 6 months

Through both community mobilization and advocacy to change public attitudes, this project aims to promote women's right in the Municipality of Soacha to a life free of violence, supporting the implementation of Laws #360 on Offenses against Sexual Liberty and Human Dignity and #575 on Violence against Women. CENTRAP will work with women's organizations in the area to actively engage them in the prevention and eradication of violence. It is expected that at the end of the project women's organizations in the area will have developed a "Women's Agenda", which demands action to prevent and eradicate VAW and support victims. In addition, CENTRAP will develop the capacities of relevant stakeholders, including civil servants, police and judiciary to apply existing laws and transform attitudes of professionals directly dealing with women survivors so as to incorporate women's rights and needs into their work.

Guyana

Help & Shelter

Project title: Public Education & Advocacy to Reduce Gender-Based Violence

Project duration: 2 years

The project aims to strengthen the implementation of the Domestic Violence Act and national policy on Domestic Violence by the police and the judicial system, in particular to increase the utilization of protection orders. It will also advocate for the amendment of the Sexual Offenses Act, which is substantively and procedurally inadequate to prevent and punish sexual abuse. The project will mainly be implemented by training police, providing legal assistance for victims and undertaking advocacy with

high-level judges, magistrates and policy-makers. It further includes a national public education and awareness campaign as well as building and strengthening partnerships with governmental agencies and NGOs working on gender-based violence. Integral to the project will be activities to mark International Women's Day and International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women.

Jamaica

Women's Media Watch and Bureau of Women's Affairs – Ministry of Information, Culture, Youth and Sports Jamaica

Project title: Reducing Gender-Based Violence in Jamaica: Increasing Awareness – Strengthening Responses

Project duration: 1 year, 6 months

To support the implementation of Jamaica's Domestic Violence Act (1996) and international women's rights conventions, including the Belem do Para Convention, the UN Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination (CEDAW), the Bureau of Gender Affairs will sensitize judges and magistrates to international women's rights conventions and train government and private sector employees on the national policy to effectively respond to sexual harassment in their workplaces. The project will also produce and disseminate brochures for wide distribution on several forms of gender-based violence, such as sexual harassment, domestic violence, rape, incest and trafficking in persons. Women's Media Watch will train journalists, teachers, counsellors, trainers and community leaders on national and international laws and policies addressing violence against women and work to reduce tolerance of violence against women within these target groups. Training materials on violence against women will be produced, and a public education and awareness raising campaign on gender and violence will be conducted through the media and other public forums.

Mexico

Colectivo de Investigación, Desarrollo y Educación entre Mujeres A.C. (CIDEM)

Project title: Violencia contra las mujeres y políticas de gobierno en la construcción de los derechos humanos de las mujeres (Violence against women and government policies in the construction of women's Rights)

Project duration: 2 years

To develop follow-up mechanisms to the General Law on the Access of Women to a Life free from Violence (2007), this project will support the development of state laws and judicial reforms through the analysis of these laws and the sharing of results with key stakeholders. The project will also strengthen the "Records on Femicide Violence", an existing resource tool, and turn it into a space that generates knowledge on violence against women and builds linkages with the work of governmental, civil and legislative bodies. This will foster networking among women's civil society organizations in their advocacy efforts to eradicate violence against women in the country. The project will nurture partnerships with stakeholders in order to make the General Law known throughout the country. In the implementation of this project, CIDEM will partner with the Interdisciplinary Research Center on Sciences and Humanities at the National Autonomous University of Mexico (CEIICH-UNAM) and the Human Rights Commission of the Federal District.

Venezuela

Asociación Venezolana para una Educación Sexual Alternativa (AVESA) and Fundación de Apoyo al Centro de de Estudios de la Mujer de la Universidad Central de Venezuela (FUNDACEM)

Project title: Construyendo Capacidades para la Implementación de la Ley Orgánica sobre el Derecho de las Mujeres a una Vida libre de Violencia en Venezuela (Building Capacities for the implementation of the Organic Law on the Right of Women to a Life Free of Violence in Venezuela)

Project duration: 1 year

The project aims to increase capacities among civil servants, the judicial system, media staff and service providers in order to strengthen full implementation of existing laws, in particular the Organic Law on the Right of Women to Live a Life Free of Violence. It aims to develop the capacities of public officials on how to implement the law and to help media professionals to bring their messages into alignment with the law. The project has the support of the government through the Women's Institute of Venezuela (INAMUJER).

2) Addressing the linkages between violence against women and HIV and AIDS

AFRICA

Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC)

Réseau National des ONGs Pour Le Développement de la Femme

Project title: Project d'Appui a la Réduction des deux pandémies du VIH/SIDA et de la violence contre les femmes (Supporting the reduction of the twin pandemics of HIV and AIDS and violence against women)

Project duration: 1 year

In six sites in East DRC with a high prevalence of violence against women and HIV and AIDS (Goma, Bukavu, Uvira, Kindu, Kalemie, and Kisangani), the project will work to reduce the impact of the twin pandemics by training 400 stakeholders, including police, local women leaders, religious leaders and NGOs on women's human rights and providing support and legal redress for violence against women and HIV and AIDS. The project will support women survivors of violence infected or affected by HIV and AIDS through providing medical care and operationalizing five psycho-social support houses. It will also contribute to their economic empowerment by setting up micro-finance initiatives benefiting women in 7 rural sites.

Ethiopia

Ethiopian Women Lawyers' Association (EWLA)

Project title: Reducing Gender-Based Violence in Nazreth, Awassa and Bahir Dar

Project duration: 3 years

The project aims at reducing harmful practices and other forms of gender-based violence in three areas with high prevalence of HIV. In cooperation with the Gender Based Violence Taskforce, the project will develop the capacities of paralegals, police, judges and prosecutors to apply legal provisions addressing gender-based violence and HIV and to address the intersection of these pandemics. EWLA regional coordinators, legal counsellors and survivors will be trained as trainers on survivors' self-representation, and capacities of health professionals on the legal framework and their responsibilities with regard to women who have experienced gender-based violence will be developed. The project will also enhance cooperation among service providers at the regional and national levels. Emerging good practices will be disseminated and possibilities for replicating results and lessons learned in other cities will be explored.

Ghana

Centre for Gender Studies and Advocacy (CEGENSA)

Project title: Research, Training, Counseling & Legal Support to Prevent and Ameliorate the Effects of Violence and HIV Infection among Selected Groups in Ghana

Project duration: 2 years

In partnership with the Ark Foundation and the Domestic Violence Coalition, CEGENSA will be working to reduce the incidence of intimate partner violence and HIV-infection in Southern Ghana, specifically in the Eastern and Greater Accra regions. The project will develop the capacity of women's collectives in five communities on advocacy and forming community networks to promote the understanding on the intersection of the twin pandemics and to support women living with HIV to access their rights. HIV-positive women will be trained to champion the prevention of violations of the rights of HIV-positive persons and advocate with District Assemblies to use resources for work on HIV and AIDS, with a focus on its interlinkages with violence against women. The project will also provide legal assistance to HIV-positive women and work with students in tertiary institutions to become advocates for transforming male behaviour to end against violence against women.

Mozambique

Forum Mulher

Project title: Transforming Beliefs, Traditional Practices and Service Delivery to Redress Violence against Women and Reduce Women and Girl's Vulnerability to HIV Infection

Project duration: 3 years

Working in Chibuto and Xai-Xai, two districts of the southern Mozambique province of Gaza with high prevalence of HIV, this project will support the implementation of the National Plan on Advancement of Women (2007-2009) and the National Strategic Plan to Combat HIV/AIDS (2006-2009), in partnership

with the government. The project aims to strengthen the access of women survivors of violence to services through developing standardized procedures of clinical, psychological, police and legal assistance.. Community dialogue to transform harmful traditional beliefs and practices that increase women's and girls' risk of HIV infection will be strengthened through working with traditional and opinion leaders. A national men-to-men campaign will be launched to promote men's active participation in efforts to eradicate violence against women and girls and HIV.

Guinea

SidAlerte-Fria

Project title: Lutte contre les violences sexuelles et le VIH/SIDA dans le milieu prostitutionnel en zones minières en Guinée (Fighting sexual violence and HIV/AIDS among sex workers in Guinea's mining zones)

Project duration: 2 years

SidAlerte-Fria, in partnership with the Association Guinéenne pour l'Implication des Femmes dans le Processus Electoral en Guinée (AGUIFPEG), will be working to reduce sexual violence and risk of HIV infection among sex workers in Guinea's mining zones. It will raise awareness among sex workers and mining workers who solicit sexual services, on the interrelation between sexual violence against women and HIV. The project will seek to empower sex workers to negotiate protected sexual intercourse and raise awareness of their human rights. The project will also support them to improve their physical security and facilitate the establishment of peer support groups. An advocacy component will work towards demanding State accountability for protecting sex workers' human rights.

Côte D'Ivoire

Renaissance Santé Bouaké

Project title: Prevention and Women's Protection against Violence and Supporting HIV-Infected Women

Project duration: 3 years

In post-conflict Bouaké, this project aims to sensitize public authorities, community members and traditional leaders on the impact of conflict on women, including HIV-infection. Local communities and State representatives will be trained on international women's rights conventions, violence against women and its intersection with HIV, with a view to reducing HIV infection among women as well as discrimination and stigma among HIV-positive women. It will also provide psychological support to women who are survivors of violence or HIV-positive, and will advocate to increase women's role in the traditional leadership of Chefferie.

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Russian Federation

Doctors to Children

Project title: MAMA+: Reduction of Discrimination and Violence against HIV-Positive Women with Young Children in St. Petersburg, Russia

Project duration: 3 years

In partnership with Doctors of the World-USA, St. Petersburg branch and the Administration of Kalininsky Rayon of St. Petersburg, Doctors to Children (DTC) will work to reduce discrimination and violence against HIV-positive women in St. Petersburg. Particular attention will be given to those who are pregnant or have young children, to prevent child abandonment and ensure their sustained access to treatment, care and support. To this end, the project will develop an inter-agency protocol to respond effectively to cases of violence against HIV-positive women and their children that will be piloted in one administrative district of St. Petersburg and then up-scaled city-wide. A service model to prevent violence against HIV-positive women and their children that addresses their needs will be developed. The project will also work to transform attitudes and behaviours of intimate partners, family members, and the larger community to reduce violence against HIV-positive women and their children resulting from stigma and discrimination.

LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN

Argentina, Brazil, Uruguay, Chile

FEIM Argentina

Project title: Dos caras de una misma realidad: violencia contra las mujeres y feminización del VIH/SIDA en el MERCOSUR (Two faces of the same reality: violence against women and feminization of HIV and AIDS in MERCOSUR)

Project duration: 2 years:

FEIM Argentina, with their partners GESTOS (Brazil), Mujer y Salud (Uruguay) and Educación Popular en Salud (Chile) will undertake research about the intersection of violence against women and HIV/AIDS, promoting integral public policies to fight both pandemics in the four countries. Qualitative and quantitative research will be conducted in each country, which will include interviews with women survivors of violence and public employees, civil society organizations and the academic community. The data collected will be used for the elaboration of national reports to be presented in each country in events with the media, government sector and women's networks. A regional report will be presented in the framework of the V. Latin American and Caribbean Forum on HIV/AIDS and STDs in Peru in 2009. The project will also develop a communication strategy to disseminate its findings, including the creation of a website.

Peru

Centro de la Mujer Peruana “Flora Tristán”

Project title: Respuestas locales y comunitarias para la prevención y atención del VIH / SIDA y la violencia contra la mujer en el distrito de Villa El Salvador (Local and community based responses for the prevention and care for HIV and AIDS and violence against women in the Villa El Salvador District)

Project duration: 1 year

The project aims at promoting change in attitudes on HIV/AIDS among men and women, with a view to encouraging safe behaviour and reducing stigma and discrimination related to women's HIV-positive status. The project will train women, youth, teachers and service providers to increase their knowledge and skills to identify and prevent high-risk situations. It will also advocate at the policy level to raise awareness of the stigma and discrimination faced by HIV-positive women, and to promote the inclusion of the twin pandemics in the district's development plans. Finally, the project will strengthen the capacities of two health centres providing care and treatment of women and youth at risk. Flora Tristán will partner with women, youth, local elected officials, police, health workers and officials from Villa El Salvador District in the implementation of the project.

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