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The B.A.1. project “Prevention of Violence against Women in Central America” aims to contribute to the reduction of violence against women, including its most extreme manifestations, such as women trafficking and femicide, through interventions on the factors that are conducive. This regional effort is part of the component preventing violence in the Central American Security Strategy (ESCA), it is executed by SG-SICA, Technical Secretariat for Women of the Council of Ministers for Women of Central America and Dominican Republic (STM COMMCA), United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) and International Organization for Migration (OIM).

El Salvador holds COMMCA Pro Tempore Presidency



Yanira Argueta, Executive Director of the Salvadoran Institute for the Development of Women (known as ISDEMU) of El Salvador, received last June 2 the Pro Tempore Presidency of the Council of Ministers for Women of Central America and Dominican Republic (known as COMMCA). The transfer took place virtually in the premises of the Central American Integration System (known as SICA). Former President Pro Tempore, Lourdes Xitumul Piox of Guatemala officially handed over the presidency to El Salvador, whom she urged to continue working on the challenges of the work plan for next semester.

IOM mission visit benefited municipalities of B.A.1. Project Prevention of Violence against Women in Central America in Costa Rica



Costa Rica, June 19, 2015.

As part of the mission of the Board President of the International Organization for Migration (IOM), Ambassador Sammie Eddic, accompanied by IOM Regional Director, Mr. Marcelo Pisani, Mrs. Mauren Fallas, Desamparados Mayor, and representatives of the National Institute for Women in Costa Rica, and with the participation of Ms. Jeanneth Cooper, Regional Coordinator of B.A.1. Project of General Secretariat of SICA, among others, conducted a tour through the beneficiary communities of the project.

The purpose of the mission was to assess the implementation of the project in the communities prioritized by Costa Rica. During the visit, the ambassador Eddic emphasizes the need to remain committed to these initiatives and continue to build bridges of solidarity and brotherhood among nations. The SG SICA, for its part explains the purpose of the project, its scope and emphasized the boost that SG-SICA gives to B.A.1. Project as part of Central American Security Strategy.



Fundación Mujer implemented the Seed Capital Strategy for women victims of violence in Costa Rica.



Costa Rica, June 16, 2015.

The Project Management Committee in Costa Rica has hired Fundación Mujer for the implementation of the Seed Capital strategy, within the framework of B.A.1. Project. Prevention of Violence against Women in Central America.

Over 250 women of priority municipalities for project implementation, Desamparados, Alajuelita, Heredia, Turrialba, Upala, Limón, Puntarenas, Coto Brus, La Cruz and Santa Cruz, will be benefitted with basic supplies for enterprises that will allow them to make an essential change in their life story.

The Technical Team of the Project will be responsible for monitoring the liquidation of the funds that will be given to the NGO "Fundación Mujer", which amounts to four hundred thousand dollars. The process began with group training to present the general aspects of seed capital strategy.

Training on violence prevention in early childhood in Cartago.

Cartago, La Suiza, Costa Rica. June 16, 2015

Within the framework of B.A.1 Project Prevention of Violence against Women in Central America, was held a training session with officials of Attention Network of Education Centers and Nutrition and Integrated Child Care Centers (known as CEN-CINAI) and the Ministry of Education. This action, which was accompanied by project's Coordinator Technical Unit (CTU) is part of a process of strengthening the prevention of violence in early childhood with the use of culture of peace tools. The same training was given at Riolandia School in Barranca, Puntarenas.



Training to Costa Rican teachers on new masculinities and equity dating relationships



Costa Rica, June 18, 2015.

Within the framework of B.A.1 Project Prevention of Violence against Women in Central America was held the training session with officials of Ministry of Education; the session was imparted by Costa Rica Masculinity, Family and Sexuality Institute (known as WEM). The WEM Institute is providing trainings aimed at young people on new masculinities and

equity relationships in dating. The aim of teachers training is that they can follow and replicate the contents once monitored training sessions to students finalizes.

SG SICA performs field trip to San José Province, municipality of Alajuelita within framework of B.A.1. Prevention of Violence against Women in Central America.

San José, Alajuelita, Costa Rica. June 20, 2015.

The Coordinator Technical Unit (CTU) representing SG SICA performed a field trip to B.A.1 project beneficiates municipalities, among the performed activities are support in the working session with police officers and members of the Local Network for the Prevention of Violence in the Province of San José.

The aim of the visit was to learn various aspects of the cycle of violence against women and to identify and support the process of filing complaints against acts of violence against women in private and public areas.

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Belize starts process to deliver seed capital to women at risk or victims of violence



Belize, June de 2015.

The Centre for the Development of Small Business of Belize (known as SBDC), a unit of Service Trade Development and Investment of Belize (known as BELTRAIDE), in coordination with the Ministry of Human Development, Social Transformation and Poverty Reduction of Belize initiated a series of training sessions aiming to provide participants with the necessary tools for the preparation of business plans for the development of an productive initiative.

This activity is part of a strategy that benefit 250 women at risk or victims of violence with seed capital for the development of a productive initiative and also includes strengthening their entrepreneurial skills and development of a life plan. The same occurs within the framework of B.A.1 project. Prevention of Violence against Women in Central America of ESCA, which is implemented in six geographical areas of Belize.

At the end of the training process, new entrepreneurs presented their business projects, which will be analyzed by the Center for Development of Small Business of Belize and the National Commission on B.A.1 Project Management of that country.

The participants come from areas of South Side Belize City, Belize River Valley and San Pedro. The training sessions for the three groups were born on May 28 and ended on June 18.

B.A.1. IN EL SALVADOR

Equipment of Municipal Gender Unit of the city of San Martin in El Salvador.



San Martín, El Salvador. June 24, 2015.

B.A.1 Project. Prevention of Violence Against Women handed, through the Salvadoran Institute for the Development of Women (known as ISDEMU), equipment designed to strengthen the institutional capacities of the Municipal Gender Units of the city of San Martín in El Salvador.

San Martín is one of 10 municipalities prioritized by El Salvador for implementation of B.A.1 project. The equipment given is a camera, laptop, projector, projection screen, office furniture and video equipment as

needed for the municipal unit. Such donations are made from January 2015, and to date has benefited the municipalities of Santa Tecla, San Salvador, Ciudad Delgado and Mejicanos.

The Institute for the Development of Women (known as ISDEMU) is accompanying this process as part of the institutions that make up the National Commission for Regional Project Management B.A.1. Prevention of Violence Against Women in Central America, with the Ministry of Justice and Public Security, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and IOM and UNFPA agencies.

B.A.1. IN HONDURAS



Honduras starts process for granting Seed Capital to 500 women victims of violence.

Honduras delivers seed capital to women who have been victims of violence through the Foundation for the Integral Development of Women and the Family (known as FUDEINFA). The foundation must present at short term methodology and selection strategy that allow to identify needs, train and develop project beneficiaries, as well as the design of an awareness program for life plan that should be developed in order to receive seed capital. Each woman will receive the raw material

for the development of their projects, valued at approximately seven hundred dollars. FUDEINFA must also ensure sustainability of the initiative.

B.A.1. IN HONDURAS

B.A.1. prevents violence against women in Juniana Fair in Honduras

San Pedro Sula, Honduras. June 26 and 27, 2015.

The National Commission of B.A.1 Project Management, Prevention of Violence against Women in Central America, which is coordinated by the Sub-Secretary for Security in Prevention, National Institute for Women, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Honduras, the Population Fund (UNFPA) and the International Organization for Migration (IOM) participated in Juniana activities Fair in the city of San Pedro Sula.



To the fair annually attend over 350 thousand national and international people. The space was used to deliver lectures to more than 250 people on prevention of violence against women, human trafficking and femicide. Besides documents were delivered with information about instances where victims could go, phone numbers and addresses of centers receiving complaints, as well as guidelines to identify violence against women and informative kits with material awareness and project visibility.

Honduras presents Local and Cross-Border Mapping of Risk Factors and Protection related to violence against women.



Tegucigalpa, Honduras. May 15, 2015

Within the framework of B.A.1 Project Prevention of Violence against Women in Central America was presented the mapping of risk factors related to violence against women protection, trafficking, femicide/femicide conducted in 10 municipalities selected by Honduras for project implementation. The mapping includes the municipalities of La

Ceiba, Tela, Santa Rosa de Copan, Choloma, San Pedro Sula, Omoa, Tegucigalpa and the border areas of the municipalities of Copan, Ocotepeque and Trojes.

The main recommendations resulting from the mapping for the prevention of violence against women are: addressing the problem of domestic violence as an issue of public safety with a broader approach involving other forms of violence against women, enactment of a law against Domestic Violence, comprehensive sex education,

B.A.1. EN NICARAGUA

men and implementation of processes of masculinity among

Nicaragua public officials in B.A.1. Project Law against Human Trafficking.



Nicaragua, May 28, 2015
Within the framework of B.A.1 Project Prevention of Violence against Women in Central America, denominated B.A.1, was conducted a training day on the Law against Human Trafficking, Act 896, as part of capacity building of officials/public contemplated by said project.

The formative action is the first of four scheduled in the project and was inaugurated by the Minister of Government Ana Isabel Morales, Deputy Director of the National Police Commissioner General Ramon Avellan, the Regional Project Coordinator BA1, Jeanneth Cooper and the Officer in Charge of the IOM Mission Nicaragua, Paola Zepeda.

The Minister of Government, Ana Isabel Morales, explained that these seminars aim to strengthen the technical and legal knowledge and unify acting criteria of public servants in relation to the prevention, investigation, prosecution and punishment of human trafficking; as well as care mechanisms of victims of it.

The trainings are aimed at delegates of Ministry of Government, National Police, Public Ministry, Family, Children Adolescents Ministry, Supreme Court of Justice, Ministry of Labor, Migration and Immigration Ministry and Ministry of Women, of the eleven municipalities where the project B.A.1 is implemented in Nicaragua.

B.A.1. IN PANAMA

Panama trains journalists within the framework of B.A.1 Project Prevention of Violence against Women in Central America



Ciudad David, Panama. June 2, 2015.

The National Institute for Women (known as INAMU), governing body of Public Policies for Women of Panama, and coordinator of the National Commission on B.A.1 Project Management. Prevention of Violence against Women in Central America, organized a training process in communication and gender issues to more than 35 professionals of alternative, commercial and State media.

The objective of the training was to provide tools to communicators and knowledge on issues of gender equality women's rights, journalism and gender as well as promote dialogue and analysis on the use of

inclusive language in the media news addressing human rights and empowerment of women, and the power that the media has to create social awareness.

B.A.1 Project Prevention of Violence against Women in Central America promotes remodeling hostel "Casa de la Mujer" in Chiriquí.



Panama, Chiriquí. June 2015.

Representatives of B.A.1 Project "Prevention of Violence against Women in Central America" of Central American Security Strategy of the General Secretariat of SICA and representatives of the National Institute for Women conducted an exploratory visit of work progress at the shelter "Casa de la Mujer" intended for the attention of Women Victims of Violence gender in Chiriquí.

The B.A.1 Project which is executed by the General Secretariat of SICA, United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), and International Organization for Migration (IOM) and the Technical Secretariat of

Women's Council of Women Ministers in Central America and Dominican Republic (STM COMMCA), is funded by the Kingdom of the Netherlands and the Government of Finland. The renovation work in the infrastructure has an advance of 65% of its construction. During the tour, the Regional Director of INAMU in Chiriquí, Dalma Shirola, highlighted the importance of the project in the province because "strengthens quality care to victims and encourages actions to prevent and eradicate violence against women".

B.A.1. IN PANAMÁ

Panama trains magistrates on the implementation of Law No. 82 to stablish Femicide.



Panama, Chiriquí. May 20, 2015.

Within the framework of B.A.1 Project Prevention of Violence against Women in Central America, was conducted a training to magistrates of the district of Bugaba, province of Chiriquí in Panama.

The training aimed to analyze the laws that protect women against femicide, the application of the rule of law, improving care for victims of violence against women and experiences exchange.

The event gives priority to the strengthening of inter-acting processes cases of femicide and ensures compliance with the law No. 82, adopted on 24 October 2013, which criminalizes femicide and violence against women.

And forms part of strategies supported by B.A.1 project. "Prevention of violence against women in Central America" in the country.

For his part, the Mayor of Bugaba, Carlos Araúz, stressed the importance of the seminar and said the goal is to ensure that magistrates have all legal tools for the treatment of women who are victims of domestic violence.

Panama State Institutions strengthen alliances for Human Rights of Women



In order to coordinate efforts to improve inter-agency response, strengthen the prevention and treatment of cases of violence against women, the General Director of the National Institute for Women, Liriola Leoteau, makes a visit to Ciudad David, to meet with the directors and different regional entities of the province that comprise the social arm of the State.

The agenda includes visits to MINSAs, MINED and MITRADEL gender offices, being part of the progress of project B.A.1 "Prevention of Violence against Women in Central America" in the province of Chiriquí.

Panama provides induction to protagonists of seed capital strategy.



Panama, June 2015

The Foundation for Sustainable Development of Panama (known as FUNDESPA) has been contracted to implement and monitor the Seed Capital strategy, activity envisaged within the framework of Project B.A.1. Prevention of Violence against Women in Central America. The strategy offers the opportunity to build a new life to 500 women who have suffered violence in this country.

At the date there have been two processes of induction to 70 women, 50 in Arraiján last June 9, La Chorrera and Colon June 10, 11 and 12 of the same month.

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