

Strengthening the Specialized Justice System on Violence against Women (ForSNEJ)

Strengthening the framework for protection, care and punishment in cases of Violence against Women (VcM, in Spanish)

To begin with

Violence against Women (VcM) is the most widespread form of violation of human rights worldwide. This is an extremely serious, persistent, multifaceted, and systemic problem that prevents the full social and economic development of people and nations. In Peru, almost 7 out of 10 women, who have been in a relationship, have suffered violence at the hands of their partners (ENARES 2019).



In 2018, the Specialized National Justice System (SNEJ) was set up to strengthen the framework for the protection, care and punishment in cases of VcM, and to improve care and response times for victims. It seeks to “guarantee (women’s) integrity and security, as well as their real and effective access to justice.” Although organizations comprised in the SNEJ individually have taken steps to improve institutional care for victims, the main challenge lies in the limited implementation of the rules and the system as a whole.

To rise to the challenge, the SNEJ requires specialized justice operators and tools that guide the victims’ defense, and crime investigation or prosecution, as well as instruments or instances that clearly enable inter-institutional coordination (at the national and territorial levels).

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Objective

The main objective of the ForSNEJ project is to strengthen the National Specialized Justice System to protect victims and punish perpetrators of crimes of violence against women and members of the family (SNEJ).

Procedure

The project supports the SNEJ in three work streams:

- The capacities of **justice operators** are strengthened through training and exchange of experience.
- Tools will be prepared to facilitate a comprehensive intervention of **all justice operators** while joint activities will be implemented to enable an understanding and articulated case approach.
- The Ombudsman's Office supervision of the SNEJ is strengthened through a participatory and regional supervision model. This allows measures to be taken to improve functionality of the SNEJ.



Local implementation teams at service fairs in Callao, Ancash and Cusco.

Results

The project contributes to Sustainable Development Goal 5 "Gender equality" and, in particular, Target 5.2 "Eradicate all forms of violence against all women and girls in the public and private spheres, including human trafficking and sexual and of other types of exploitation".

The project contributed to the issuance of the standard to set up and operate SNEJ teams in the three prioritized judicial districts of Áncash, Callao and Cusco. Since January 2022, these teams have held 38 meetings (on average one monthly meeting in each judicial district), to identify priority coordinated actions to fight violence against women in their corresponding territories.



Award ceremony for the First National Contest for Recognition of Good Practices by justice operators in matters of violence against women organized by the Judiciary with the technical assistance of the ForSNEJ Project.

Likewise, 122 justice operators underwent further training measures. In 2022, 51 operators received training on reporting, investigation, and prosecution, specifically adapted for Peru by the Justice Center of the Americas. And in 2023, 71 operators will take gender mainstreaming and soft skills trainings expected to improve interpersonal skills with a gender focus when addressing cases of violence.

The project has also been contributing to the strengthening of the training syllabus at three key organizations within the SNEJ: Judiciary, Public Ministry (Prosecutor) and Ministry of Justice and Human Rights, thereby contributing to a sustained specialization of judges, prosecutors and ombudsmen when addressing VcM cases.

Throughout 2022, the project contributed to experience sharing between Europe, Latin America, and Peru, with a view at strengthening the response to gender-based violence and fostering coordinated efforts by SNEJ teams. This initiative was carried out through events that brought together the institutions that make up this system in eight judicial districts.

In 2023, the "First National Contest for Recognition of Good Practices by Justice Operators in matters of Violence against Women" was held. Of the 42 presented experiences, six good practices were recognized in the categories of inter-institutional coordination, capacity building, and approval of regulatory instruments.

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