

best practices in the application of traditional values while promoting and protecting human rights and upholding human dignity:

Dear Madam/Sir,

I send you notes from Bolivia, first in English and attached in Spanish (original) before end of February.

Best regards,

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GOOD PRACTICES TO PROMOTE AND TO PROTECT HUMAN RIGHTS AND HUMAN DIGNITY,  
GS IN BOLIVIA

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According to the topics "the Good Shepherd" working in Bolivia through the Woman Stand up Foundation, we have the following topics demonstrating the experience of each program with the good practice developed in each one of them.

HUMAN TRAFFICKING (La Paz)- It is not possible to break the cycle of human trafficking without to pay attention to the human rights and needs of victims;

Damage physical, psychological and psychosocial detected in the moment to intervene in such cases and their increased vulnerability to exploitation, committed to implement a separate treatment of the intended for adults victims of human trafficking laws, standards, programs and action. Adolescents in situation of trafficking receive in the shelter appropriate protection and fully care taking into account the rights and special needs depending on the perspective of restoration of their violated human rights.

At the date we attended about 15 adolescents in situation of trafficking; reducing damage caused on them and allowing them to be free from physical, psychological and social impact caused by the abuse and exploitation suffered, making the full exercise of their rights have been violated for the construction of a new project of life free of violence.

ECONOMIC JUSTICE (Oruro).-the economic justice project raises the empowerment of women, social economic autonomy and gender equality contributing significantly to improve the quality of life of their families providing them social security.

"My name is Lucy Quispe, I participate in the workshops of training of Women Stand up Foundation in the city of Oruro, I learned to make cakes, Salteñas and much more and I also learned to make decorations for costumes of the dancers of the Carnival of my city." I am very grateful to the institution for giving me the opportunity for training and for this space to work, that allows me to improve my income to support my husband and I can stay beside my children"

HIV/AIDS (Santa Cruz).- We work in promotion, prevention and care of HIV/AIDS addressed to women, in urban and rural area. In the rural area works with the Ayoreode indigenous people which has 2000 inhabitants and 29 communities, implemented a project called "Participatory strategies for the promotion of reproductive rights and sexual rights with the Ayoreode people"

The interventions have been made according to their traditions and customs and there were as follows: training in topics such: violence and HIV/AIDS, alcohol and HIV/AIDS, people in prostitution and HIV/AIDS, discrimination and isolation of people living with HIV/AIDS, we made also 400 rapid tests of HIV/AIDS in the above-mentioned communities.

This is an experience of great impact, indigenous people in the village Ayoreode are now counting on the necessary and timely information regarding HIV/AIDS because: we know that "HIV/AIDS does not discriminate" and we believe that: "a person is worthier than a world"

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE (EL ALTO)- One of the fatal consequences of domestic violence and against women is precisely neutralize them as a person in their human dignity, this situation led us to enter in the repair of the damage caused by the violence; and between good practices we highlight psychosocial therapies to women, couples who live in a situation of domestic violence, who after completing therapy express to see life in a different way, regain control of their life, their decisions and they have lost the fear on his assailant, practicing good treatment and do not repeat the violence towards their children, thus exercising their right to live without violence and through these actions we reach to dignify women.

Individual attention and the accent on the issue of compensation for the damage allows to evaluate changes in attitude in both the victim and couples, as well as working with aggressors which are derived to the court.

Another form of violation of human rights is not access to justice by women on the issue of domestic violence, resulting in charges over notification, ill-treatment by judicial support staff, and constant rejections of acceptance of claims by territorial jurisdiction, which led to a collaboration of several institution on the issue of advocacy visits to authorities for judicial decision-makers, to do know from women the problem of access to justice as a violation of human rights and propose urgent solutions, in coordination with the Ombudsman of this city.

Whose achievement to networking is accomplished by the issuance of instructions provided to all judges and judges of instruction of family to receive and to conclude all cases of complaints of domestic violence, regardless of the District of which comes at the time of the complaint. Also we facilitate a workshop on good treatment to the staff of territorial jurisdiction. Working together we can get results with a great impact.

Le envío la información solicitada sobre las mejores prácticas para promover y proteger los derechos humanos y la defensa de la dignidad humana en Bolivia, en las diferentes obras de la Congregación "El Buen Pastor".

Muchos saludos  
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