

# Youth Actions To Reduce Sexual Violence



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## A Collaborative Project with Youth Organizations in Nine Regions of Colombia

**This project hopes to increase public awareness of sexual violence as a human rights violation and the commitments of both males and females to reduce this violence.**

The project will work primarily with young people (male and female, aged 14 – 25) who are members of youth organizations linked to the CAP Colombia network. This will include displaced youth, Afro-Colombians, students, unemployed youth, former combatants and indigenous young people. The work plan also calls for collaboration and partnerships with adult duty bearing organizations, including service agencies, human rights groups and government.

The project has two main developmental objectives:

- 1) to contribute to the reduction of sexual violence and
- 2) to increase youth leaders' capacities in human rights work, peacebuilding and good citizenship.

Project activities include knowledge and skill training of local and national youth leaders; collaboration between adult duty bearers and youth leaders to identify the specific conditions that are causing sexual violence; public education activities to promote general awareness of sexual violence as a human rights violation; youth led activities to contribute to the prevention of sexual violence at the local level and a national campaign. The national campaign will build on the foundation set by local level work. It will ask individuals and organizations to make commitments to combat sexual violence.

The project is organized in four month cycles. Each cycle begins with a three day national team meeting of evaluation, reflection and program planning combined with relevant skill training. Monitoring of progress and the achievement of project outcomes will be organized through a participatory evaluation process.

**The CAP website will include regular progress reports and short video interviews once the field work begins in early 2011.**