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Ombudsman highlights the role of Women's Observatories in the regions

The Ombudsman, in its Report N° 001-2008-DP/ADDM, entitled "First Report of the Ombudsman on the Fulfillment of the Law on Equal Opportunities between men and women" (March-December 2007), highlights the performance of Women's Observatories, initiative sponsored by the United Nations Population Fund – UNFPA.

We quote the report: "MIMDES has also reported that during 2007, it promoted the operation of Women's Observatories in the regions of Ayacucho, Puno, and Apurímac. These initiatives were promoted by the strategic alliance between MIMDES and the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), and the participation of local and regional actors, as well as of civil society as a whole.

It is important to mention the participation of universities with regional prestige. It is important to stress that in the three cases, MIMDES has closely accompanied the first months of operation of these observatories".

"Women's Observatories" are a mechanism that allow for the production and dissemination of basic information in drafting legislative bills and regional and local public policies aiming at gender equality and equal opportunities between men and women, in the framework of the National Plan for Equal Opportunities between Men and Women 2006-2010.

Their objectives are: to produce and disseminate information that contribute to close the gaps of inequality, inequity, discrimination, and gender violence; to generate debate and favorable public opinion on women's agenda; and, to formulate public policy proposals with gender equity and intercultural approaches..

The following are some of their functions: to generate spaces for the discussion and dissemination of the situation of women in the region (forums, dialogue, among others), to debate and formulate public policies with a gender perspective and intercultural approach, to disseminate regional data related to women's situation; to do a follow-up on the implementation of regional public policies related to the defense of women's rights and the inclusion of the gender perspective, as well as to disseminate national and international legislations.



Web sites of the Women's Observatories of Ayacucho, Apurímac, and Puno:

http://observamujerayacucho.org.pe/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=5&Itemid=6

http://www.observamujerapurimac.org.pe/index.php?option=com_content&task=blogcategory&id=17&Itemid=32

<http://www.observamujerpuno.org.pe/quienes.htm>