Preventing Gender-based violence in the Amazon of Peru

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Overview

• Community-identified need to prevent gender-based violence
• Partnership between DB Peru and UCL, funded by World Bank and SVRI
• Participatory action research approach with community health workers (Promotores)
• **Aim:** To develop a local intervention for communities designed by communities

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Participatory Action Research in the Amazon

November 2017
- Ethics conversations
- 80 leaders from 21 communities
- Outcome: core ethical principles to guide the project

January 2018
- 12 self-selected community health workers
- Identifying risk factors and mechanisms for prevention
- Community presentations

March 2018
- Action planning (Booklet)
- Community mapping exercise
- Training on how to talk about violence
- Baseline interviews

July 2018
- Meeting with regional stakeholders
- Mid-point project
- Activity booklet review

November 2018
- Community mapping repeated
- Activity booklet review
- Participatory evaluation
- Endline interviews
Key findings

• VAWG prevention activities always need a gender lens
• Balance between ‘education’ and ‘participation is key
• Importance of linking to community stakeholders to ensure ethical approaches to response
• ‘Helicopter’ (or in this case ‘boat’) approach has significant limitations
• Some of the most potential for preventions rests with youth in communities

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