

**Title:** Joint Programme on Prevention of Violence against Women in Central America

**Donor:** Netherlands



Finland



**Recipient Countries:** Belize, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, Panama

**Budget Holder:** Latin America/Caribbean Regional Office

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**Contributions:** Netherlands: Twelve million five hundred thousand US dollars (US\$12,500,000)

Finland: A maximum of four million nine hundred thousand euros (4,900,000 Euros)

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## **Overview:**

The initial phase of the Project has been complex, due to the need to build confidence among all parts and to define specific procedures and rules for the adequate functioning of the Project. The logic to implement a Project with a regional vision, rather than a sum of national projects is very important in terms of impact, but programming that vision required a process of harmonization, alignment and consensus that takes time, despite the broad political will, technical quality and actions taken by the Governments, SICA and the Agencies.

Respecting the principles of equality of SICA, the Project design should be uniform in countries where the problem of violence against women is diverse, both in its epidemiology and preventive response, as in the management and institutional structure. Therefore, agreeing work rules and adjusting tools and procedures has been more complex than expected. However, proactivity has primacy of its actors and the Project has closed the year with a high level of progress in programming and regional management, allowing to the Governments to focus intervention actions in its most deprived areas.

Furthermore the decision-making processes had taken high costs of time because of the different bodies defined in the architecture of the Project. Nevertheless, with the support of SICA, UNFPA and OIM the Project has generated a workforce, both in regional offices as in the TCU, which effectively has responded to the demands of joint programming with high technical quality.

## **Administrative Agent:**

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**Participating Agencies:**

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