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### Preventing gender violence, a community experience

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**Background & Aim:** Gender violence is a global pandemic and can take various forms: physical, sexual and psychological. It must be a political and social priority to eradicate gender violence. One out of three women worldwide has experienced domestic violence, mostly by an intimate partner. In our country more than 60 women have died at the hands of their partners in 2015. There is ample evidence that prevention is the solution to this major problem and should be fought through education media.

**Method:** The international day against gender violence is celebrated worldwide on 25th November and the slogan in 2015 was "Prevention". We've proposed a community intervention program on young people aged from 12 to 16 years. The program, which is offered at the four high schools in the town, includes activities about prevention of violence against women and gender stereotypes. Teachers treated those topics in class and after that health professionals went to their centers to inform, work and teach about it. Each teenager made a poster with a representative message on it. On 25th November, all together, take part on a demonstration to show the rest of the population their point of view against gender violence. This work will be presented as a poster.

**Results:** We achieved the involvement of local politicians, health managers, teachers and health professionals in this task. Community activities are essentials to get efficient interventions.

**Conclusion:** Based on the evidence, we are convinced that start training young people against gender violence is very necessary today. How we educate and socialize kids is really important for a healthy future population. Community activities based on joining efforts between politicians, health services and population are the key to success in the prevention of violence against women. All authors declare no competing interests.