

AGAINST VIOLENCE AND SEXUAL EXPLOITATION

## Commercialization of women's body

On the environment of indigenous communities in Mexico, in zones like Guerrero, Chiapas, Oaxaca amongst other states, it is very common for women to be used as a type of currency.

The cultural practice of selling daughters has been present for generations in communities, in comparison to sons who serve the family working or studying. The sexist culture united by poverty, violence, along with other factors have provided daughters with the function of being "an exchange item".

In other words, the delivery of women in exchange for a quantity of money, cows, beer etc. Women are transferred and become a property, an item that belongs to a man. From this exchange, violence of all types breaks out into a girl, since some of them are sold from the age of twelve years old.

The girls are given into the hands of a man that inevitably will be older than them and that will exercise an environment of violence into them.

This man knows himself her owner because of the price he has paid for her.

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