

From: Overseas Development Administration (now the Department for International Development)  
To: Survival International  
Date: 10 February 1997  
Re: Application for joint funding of a Yanomami Education Project in Brazil

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**Violence**

Several anthropologists have documented appalling levels of violence within and between Yanomami communities. Homicide, female infanticide, and the beating, kidnapping, rape, and killing of women are all reported to have been widespread. Though this is a controversial subject and there may have been exaggerations at times, reducing violence is clearly an important challenge towards improving quality of life among Yanomami people and it is surprising that this isn't listed among the 'problems' in your proposal document. This is clearly a subject of direct relevance not only to issues of human rights but also to the proposed educational materials on traditions and health.

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