

Consumer Protection in Brazil Is Offered Only in 10% of Cities

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A study by the Brazilian Ministry of Justice's Department of Consumer Protection and Defense (DPDC) revealed that only 10% of Brazilian municipalities have consumer protection agencies, such as the Procon.

Rômulo Paes, of the ministry, says other studies have shown that women are more equitable in distributing funds among family members. "They give preference to those who need it the most," he explained.

Paes went on to say that another survey is in the pipeline on the impact the program is having on the lives of women. "As they handle this money, they are doing something they have never done before. This alters the dynamics of the family relationship. Women are more respected when they manage money for the family," he said.

Paes also announced that the ministry will study the Bolsa Família program, which is part of the Zero Hunger initiative, impact on health, education and eating habits. "The ministry intends to run a 5-year study on some 15,000 families," he said.

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