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Ms. Kasdin consulted with the World Bank Group's Domestic Abuse Prevention Program (2009-2023), where she advised the international organization on best practices for domestic violence prevention and response, developed and delivered training to managers and staff, and directly supported survivors worldwide with resources.

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