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Project description
In Chile, there is an urgent need for evidence-based prevention of bullying. Despite some government-supported initiatives to help schools deal with bullying, no randomized controlled trials (RCTs) testing the effectiveness of existing anti-bullying programs have been done so far. The aim of the proposed project is to develop a culturally appropriate version of the KiVa antibullying program and to test its effectiveness in low-income primary schools in Santiago, Chile. Furthermore, it will be tested whether the digital learning environment, an anti-bullying computer game included in the KiVa program, adds to the effectiveness of the program. A randomized controlled trial will be conducted with three groups of schools: 1) the ones receiving the full KiVa program, 2) the ones receiving the KiVa program without the computer game, and 3) control schools.