

QUARTERLY ACTIVITY REPORT

LATIN AMERICA

Section A:

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Position: Youth Representative

Region: Latin America

Age: 19 years

Section B, C and D:

COLOMBIA

🇨🇴 Prevention and sensitization on CSEC for organizations of youth living in Cartagena de Indias

Objectives: organizations of youth trained as trainers on CSEC prevention of CSEC for their peers and their community

Direct beneficiaries: 120 youth from youth organizations from Cartagena

Indirect beneficiaries: 500 children from nearby areas

🇨🇴 Creation of seedlings in schools in Cartagena

Objectives: children and young people trained as trainers and sensitized on CSEC to raise awareness in their communities

Direct beneficiaries: 15 children from 3 schools

Indirect beneficiaries: 300 children from nearby areas

🇨🇴 HIV/AIDS prevention and sexual health rights and education

Objectives: children become aware and are trained on sexual rights, contraception, STDs and HIV/AIDS

Direct beneficiaries: 800 children from schools from Cartagena

Indirect beneficiaries: 1200 children from nearby areas

II Forum on Youth Participation vs. CSEC in Cartagena

Objectives: schools, youth organizations, base organizations and youth from Cartagena are sensitized on the important role they have in developing youth participation spaces in order to include CSEC in public policy

Direct beneficiaries: 500 children from Cartagena, from different youth organizations, schools, universities, base organizations, etc.

Participation in workshops, seminars, panels and meetings of NGOs and other public institutions

Objectives: NGOs, public institutions, government agencies working on CSEC committed to working for the protection of children rights and their right to participation in their plans and programmes with the aim of encouraging and to be an active part of this process.

Direct beneficiaries: 10 NGOs and government agencies developing plans and strategies to combat CSEC.

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

Training workshops of young advocates for children rights

Objectives: Build young people's knowledge on child rights and empowerment

Direct beneficiaries: Children from 4 schools in Puerto Plata

Discussion forums on CSEC and CSA, HIV/AIDS, discrimination and sexual rights

Objectives: To strengthen understanding of child rights violations. Provide vocational training to young people (16 years and on), to help them develop alternative sources of income.

Direct beneficiaries: Children from 3 schools in Puerto Plata.

Community mobilization activities

Objectives: Involve young people in community mobilization activities to prevent CSEC, child labour, sexual abuse and HIV/AIDS

Direct beneficiaries: Children from 5 schools in Puerto Plata.

Section E:

All the activities listed above, are a brief and concise account of the different initiatives the ECPAT group are carrying out in terms of child and youth participation.

Section F:

The youth from the Latin America network is committed to continuing their work on these issues, which is already seen as part of a effective strategy for CSEC prevention and eradication in the region.

The ECPAT groups in the region are also committed to involve youth in their activities for prevention and sensitization, and generating in young people the desire to work for their community and country.

Sección G:

Among the work carried out in Latin America, the youth have gained knowledge on different experiences and are contributing to the development of young people as future professionals and active citizens. It has also allowed the youth that are active to change and develop. Different organizations will open up spaces for them in their work agendas.

Sección H:

All the actions above mentioned are part of the Work Plan of the different ECPAT groups in the region. In the case of the Colombian Youth, these activities are under the National Plan of Action, which was developed by the youth group.

Sección I:

Young Seedlings from the ECPAT Colombia Youth Group

- -Luz Mery Anillo
- -Jennifer Castilla
- -Yira Torres

Directors of the Prevention Programme of Fundación Renacer (Colombia)

- -Luz Stella Cárdenas
- -Nelson Rivera
- -Fabián Cárdenas
- -Mayerlin Vergara

- **Directores of MAIS (Republica Dominicana)**

- -María Josefina Paulino
- -Luís Méndez Jiménez

Sección K:

Among the challenges, we find that communication is one of the key factors jeopardizing the consolidation of the Latin America Youth Network vs. CSEC. To overcome this difficulty, its important to have a strong commitment from the ECPAT groups in the region, to support the strengthening of these youth and to ensure their sustainable development.