**Marinela Ortíz Cobo, 12 years old, Cruz Chiquita School student and participant in CEPALC process**

**Tell us, how has your life changed since you do workshops with CEPALC?**

**This has helped me to be happy. I couldn't talk to anyone before, but thanks to workshops I can now have friends. You taught me to express myself and that is also thanks to my brother that he met you first and then invited me to workshops and I already stayed with you two years. Before I didn't like coming to school and now I like it and more when teacher tells us that you are coming. Also my life is now more as reflective because with workshops of rights and peace and the rights of women we did play theatre and radio shows I like my role a lot, it is “La madre monte” that is the only one that listens to boys and girls who have been victims of violence and nobody listens to them, I listen to them and so they no longer suffer.**

**But in real life I have a cousin that parents treat her badly, they tell her that she is fat, that she is ugly and that they are sorry to have had her, but for the work and for the workshops I have told her that She is worth a lot, she is smart. But anyway she goes to the school psychologist. So thanks CEPALC I realized that real life is difficult, but we can help, in this case, through the theater, I am eager to help people with our work.**

**Also, in my house my parents congratulate me for being in their workshops because thanks to that I have not fallen for drugs as some schoolmates”**