

February 2020 REPORT

ednica, 30 years of promoting and defending human rights

On January 12, 1990, the ednica's charter was notarized. Since then, dozens of people have found in ednica a place to promote and defend the human rights of girls, boys and young people in street situations, in Mexico City.

In these 30 years of work we have seen how the social problems of children, young people and their families who find public spaces a place to survive or carry out economic activities have changed. We have learned that each story is instructive, complex, and more or less invisible in the eyes of citizens and authorities.

But above all, we have found stories of great courage to move forward, not only in the life of each child and mother who has been and is part of ednica; but of collaborators who have given the best of themselves as part of the Board and the operational team.

That is why, to mark our anniversary, we presented our report last January 15; we invite you to read its contents on our website: <https://bit.ly/2SCu6et> while we thank you for the closeness you have maintained with ednica, the achievements of children and young people and the trust you have given us over these 30 years.



New year, new challenges for a dignified life

By Karla Saraí Ramírez Eufemio

A new year begins and with it, new challenges, both personal and of accompaniment; to meet the challenges in the Morelos Community Centre, sessions have been worked with the young people linked to street life, which lead to the creation of habits and reflection on the negative effects of inhabiting public space.

The young people linked to street life, created a new regulation that contains not only the rules that must be carried out within the community center, but also agreements on what will happen if they are not complied with. I believe that this collaboration leads them to comply with the regulation in a more conscious way, by being part of the decisions that are taken collectively.

On the other hand, one of our young people has been saving in order to become independent and during this month has managed to collect enough money to pay a rent; another young man left a rehabilitation center and went into it on his own, now he is back on his feet and wants to stop living on the streets and get a more formal job.

Another achievement has been that a woman from our population served recently signed a contract to start working in February on an entrepreneurial project. To carry out her work, she was given a bicycle as a means of transport and a work tool.

On some occasions things get difficult, from failed attempts in the channeling with the population, to having to fire one of our boys, however these situations allow us to continue the work with greater effort, because in spite of these moments, there is a lot of news in favor of a dignified life for each one of our JVCs and new opportunities that allow them to confirm that there are life alternatives that are completely different from life on the streets.



Conviviality in solidarity

By Alfredo Navarro Colula

We welcome you to a new year of work. In ednica, we continue our work to increase life skills, based on human rights and with workshops held at the Ajusco Community Center.

In January, we decided to continue with the sessions aimed at the mothers of the children and adolescents who come to the center. It is important that they increase their tools to help in the upbringing of their children; during the activities, the participation of the mothers is fundamental, since they constantly express their points of view and sometimes comment on experiences of situations that happened to them with some of their children. The sessions with the mothers seek to prevent problematic behaviours from the home and to generate a supportive coexistence based on respect.

Another fundamental issue to prevent risk situations is the identification of the different treatments, such as: good treatment, mistreatment, abuse, harassment and violence. To talk about these topics we use material from Cuidarte, A.C., which allows a better understanding of the topics, besides the session being fun and entertaining.

With this activity, mothers are encouraged to develop thinking skills and emotional recognition of the different forms of treatment that can occur in the emotional relationship between children and parents.

We have a great challenge ahead of us, but in ednica we will continue to develop skills and strengths so that children, adolescents and mothers know, defend and exercise their human rights so that they can build alternatives to living on the streets.



Physical and mental health

By Claudia Cervantes Cano

ednica is committed to the integral development of the population with whom it works, and for this reason its intervention focuses on defending and promoting the human rights of children and young people. In order to achieve this, ednica collaborates with various civil society associations and national and international bodies. On this occasion, the right to health protection will be addressed, which is being developed in conjunction with the Villagio for International Solidarity-VIS Foundation.

In **ednica**, a group of doctors collaborate, who are distributed in the community centers: Ajusco, Morelos and Xochimilco, to give attention to the health of the population that attends ednica, and thus contribute and promote their healthy integral development.

In the case of the Xochimilco Community Center, the medical team collaborates weekly on Wednesdays, with Dr. Juan Carlos Rivera on the morning shift and Dr. Estefanía Francés on the afternoon shift, who successfully completed a year of service in collaboration with ednica.

In addition, once a month, the doctors give a community talk to address and disseminate issues related to health care, such as oral and body hygiene, which are basic elements in generating healthy habits in the population.

Health care is a fundamental right, and is also a basic element in the life of any person, necessary to carry out the activities of daily life, hence the importance of promoting and monitoring the health of our population.

Therefore, **ednica** appreciates the assistance and willingness of the children, adolescents, mothers, fathers and/or guardians who are part of the institution, as well as the collaboration provided by Villagiofor International Solidarity-VIS Foundation for the informative talks and the medical consultation service, with which their physical and mental health is comprehensively improved.



Closing 2019 - beginning 2020



By Ramón Rubio Manuel

Each end and beginning of the year serves to reflect on the achievements made and above all to take stock of our strengths and weaknesses, in order to improve.

2019 was a year of challenges that helped to strengthen the financial stability of the institution, through new strategic alliances and activities, which in addition to raising resources, also served to disseminate the work of ednica to both companies, institutions and schools, as well as civil society surrounding our community centers.

We reiterate our gratitude to Fundación Quiera for the approval of our projects: "Educational inclusion for street children", "Promotion of the culture of peace and legality" and "Development of strategies for the financial sustainability of ednica 2020", as well as to Fundación Dibujando un Mañana and Fundación Lego for the support given to our proposal called: "Todos a jugar. Project for the promotion of the right to play of working children in public spaces"; which will allow us to continue promoting our intervention variables, which contribute to improving the living conditions of street children and youth.

To close the year, each Community Center (Ajusco, Morelos and Xochimilco), held its own inn; in each center, children, adolescents, mothers and youth lived with people committed to our cause, who provided moments of happiness and joy.

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To all of them, deeply grateful for their contribution.

This new year that begins motivates us to continue working together and to duplicate efforts for the rights of the children, youth and families that participate in the activities of our three community centers.

