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Preventing sexual and gender-based violence in Bogotá, Barranquilla, Santa Marta and Cartagena

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Blossom & Berry
natural nurturing for little ones



Duration

3 years - August 2024 to July 2027

Neglected issue

Sexual and Gender-based Violence

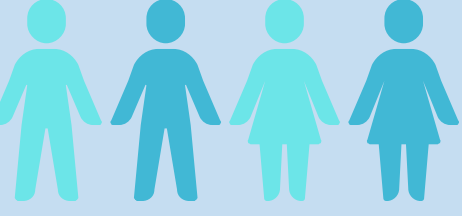
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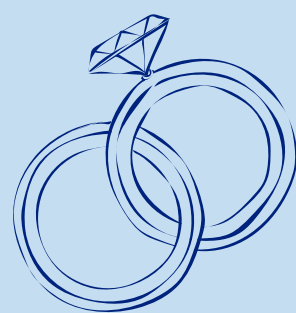
Children Change Colombia would like to request your support for a project that aims to strengthen the capacities of children and young people (CYP) at risk of sexual and gender-based violence and their communities, create care pathways for survivors/victims, and contribute to the creation of protective environments in Bogotá, Barranquilla, Santa Marta and Cartagena.





 **8,925**
CYP victims of sexual violence between January and August 2023

 **8,131**
Cases related to CSEC between 2021 and 2022



14 years old

In Colombia, it is still legal for minors over 14 years old to marry with permission from their parents or legal representatives

Sources:

- **Procuraduría General de la Nación - Departamento de Estadística Delictiva de la Policía Nacional:** <https://www.procuraduria.gov.co/Pages/procuraduria-revelo-alarmanete-panorama-violencia-sexual-infantil-Colombia.aspx#:~:text=De%20acuerdo%20con%20el%20ente,ni%C3%B1as%20y%203.690%20contra%20adolescentes>.
- **Fiscalía General de la Nación,** “Explotación sexual infantil, el segundo delito más lucrativo en Colombia”: <https://www.senado.gov.co/index.php/component/content/article/13-senadores/4741-explotacion-sexual-infantil-el-segundo-delito-mas-lucrativo-en-colombia>



Barranquilla

- Most important port in the Caribbean region, increasing the risk of children becoming victims of these issues
- **1,136 cases** of sexual violence from January to October 2022.
- In 2020, Barranquilla had over **2,000** cases of gender-based violence

Santa Marta

- Sierra Nevada of Santa Marta: many women from indigenous communities have reported being victims of sexual violence, coercion, and manipulation.
- Cases of sexual violence reported on our Caribbean project

Bogotá

- Santafé neighborhood: Drug trafficking, arms dealing, crime, and theft are rife; girls and women are at a higher risk of sexual exploitation and gender-based violence
- **58,221** sexual violence cases against between 2020 and 2024

Cartagena

- Poverty, lack of access to quality education, and social discrimination.
- In 2020, there were **2,270** cases of violence, including **1,327** of physical violence, 41 of psychological violence, and 541 cases of sexual violence.

Sources:

- **Instituto Colombiano de Bienestar Familiar:** “A prisión debe ir todo adulto que explote sexualmente a niñas y adolescentes”
• “: <https://www.icbf.gov.co/noticias/prision-debe-ir-todo-adulto-que-explote-sexualmente-ninas-y-adolescentes#:~:text=Seg%C3%BAAn%20la%20informaci%C3%B3n%20reportada%20en,37%20en%20Valle%20del%20Cauca.>
- **Human Rights Watch,** <https://www.hrw.org/world-report/2024/country-chapters/colombia>
- **Colombian Department of Police,** “Informe sobre criminalidad y estadística Delictiva” (2022): <https://www.policia.gov.co/grupo-informacion-criminalidad/estadistica-delictiva>

Previous Project Partners



Location: Bogotá
Partners: 9 years

ACJ is key for the development of psychosocial and artistic activities targeting the self-care and self-protection of CYP in Bogotá.

New Project Partners



Location: Barranquilla

The Corporación Universitaria Reformada (CUR) is a higher education institution located in Barranquilla, Colombia.

Role:

- Delivery of musical and arts training to the CYP participants.
- Promote protective environments for children through the development of life skills and citizenship competencies in artistic-musical teaching contexts

New Project Partners



Location: Cartagena

The Universidad del Sinú (Unisinú) is a private higher education institution with its main campus in the city of Montería, Colombia.

Role: Workshops with the law, psychology and humanities faculty working alongside with a CCC paediatric doctor and expert on reproductive and sexual rights

New Project Partners



This is one of the world's leading parent, carer, and baby wellness centers that have been working for the last 20 years across the globe. From our previous experience we realized the necessity of implementing a prevention approach from a very early age, starting in early childhood.

Role: Provide a full program called 'Teach Love', which consists of teaching the 'Nourishing Touch' and massage techniques to families with babies and young children



Outcomes

1.

Children at risk/ survivors of sexual and gender-based violence learn socio-emotional skills and self-protection mechanisms

2.

Parents, carers, and teachers strengthen their parenting skills and learn care routes for the prevention of sexual and gender-based violence

3.

Young community leaders raise awareness and advocate for their rights, self-protection, and the prevention of sexual and gender-based violence in their communities

4.

Young people, women and family members strengthen their life plans and acquire skills to enhance their livelihoods in order to prevent sexual and gender-based violence in Bogotá



Beneficiaries

		YEAR 1				YEAR 2				YEAR 3			
Cities	Children from 0 to 7 years (Nourishing Touch)	Children and young people (from 8 -22 years old)	Adult staff that will receive training (Nourishing touch)	Parents / carers and teachers	Young leaders	Children from 0 to 7 years (Nourishing Touch)	Children and young people (from 8 -22 years old)	Parents / carers and teachers	Young leaders	Children from 0 to 7 years (Nourishing Touch)	Children and young people (from 8 -22 years old)	Parents / carers and teachers	Young leaders
Bogotá	150	350	15	100	25	150	350	100	25	150	350	100	25
Santa Marta		150		50	10		150	50	10		150	50	10
Cartagena		400		200	15		400	200	15		400	200	15
Barranquilla		200		50	10		200	50	10		200	50	10
Subtotal	150	1,100	15	400	60	150	1,100	400	60	150	1,100	400	60
		1,725				1,710				1,710			
5,145													



Thank you!