



Save the Children

# CHILD RIGHTS GOVERNANCE - MAKING CHILDREN'S RIGHTS A REALITY

## CRG ACHIEVEMENTS IN LAC IN 2017



In Save the Children we not conceive working on behalf of children and adolescents without their meaningful participation. We try to reflect this in each of our actions.



During 2017, with CRG experiences we contributed to the three global breakthroughs: survive, learn and be protected.



In the framework of the Every Last Child campaign, we are also promoting the three guarantees, advocating to improve investment in children and adolescents, equal treatment for girls and boys and accountability for and with children.

### Peru

**Investment in children:** We work in partnership and present, through several congressmen, the request for the creation of a budget program on violence against children and adolescents, highlighting the importance of facing physical and humiliating punishment.

WITH THESE EXPERIENCES WE CONTRIBUTED TO THE BREAKTHROUGH "BE PROTECTED":

### El Salvador

**Municipal Policy:** Elaborated and approved the Municipal Policy for the Integral Protection of Children and Adolescents in the municipality of San Pedro Masahuat, whose purpose is to guarantee the fulfilment of child rights.

### Haiti

**Right to a name:** In the district of Dessalines, an awareness campaign was developed on the right to a name and a nationality to stimulate the registry of children in the civil registry.

**Promotion of children's rights:** The Working Group on Comprehensive Child Protection continued to work on the promotion of children's rights, both at public level and with governmental institutions.

### Guatemala

**Increase in age to get married:** The approval of the 18-year increase in the minimum age for marriage for both men and women was approved, a process in which the role of girls and female adolescents was relevant.

### Mexico

**Accountability:** The National Conference of Governors presented an update of the commitments made by the States to advance in the fulfilment of child rights, which include strengthening the capacities of public officials who work with children, on the prohibition of corporal punishment and the strengthening of the prosecutor's offices of special protection for children, among others.

# CONTRIBUTING TO ALL THREE BREAKTHROUGH: “SURVIVE”, “LEARN” AND “BE PROTECTED”:

## Bolivia

**Study on investment:** A study was done on "Public investment in children within Save the Children projects", it was oriented to establish the relationship of public funds and Save the Children, and to quantify public investment at general level.

**Support for Laws and regulations:** Preparation of a compendium of 52 laws and regulations supported by Save the Children until 2017: 23 for education, 3 for protection, 7 for emergencies, 16 for reducing child poverty and 3 for health.

## Colombia

**Children's Rights in the Presidential Campaign:** More than 100 organizations have joined the "Niñez Ya" Campaign aimed at presidential candidates with the purpose of incorporating children's priorities into their government plans. Save the Children Colombia is part of the coordinating committee of this initiative.

**UPR from children:** Elaborated a version of the Universal Periodic Review (UPR) from the vision of children and adolescents with the participation of coalitions of NGOs and leadership of Save the Children.

## El Salvador

**Report to the Committee on the Rights of the Child:** The report was made with inputs from children. In February, a civil society delegation made up of an adolescent, the director of Network for Children and the CRG focal person travelled to the pre-session in Geneva.

## Guatemala

**National Policy:** With inputs proposed by children and after a broad consultation process, the proposal for a new National Child Policy was drawn up. This was presented to the President of the Republic.

## Honduras

**Child Policy:** The municipality of San Pedro Sula, the 2nd largest in the country, began its process of preparing the Municipal Child Policy, taking as a reference the Central American Guide to elaborate a Municipal Public Policy, of which Save the Children was a promoter.

**Adolescents advocating:** *Presión* Network integrated by adolescents and young people expanded its territorial presence and decision-making spaces.



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## Mexico

**Human rights approach training:** With the leadership of SC, an Inter-institutional Working Group was formed within the Comprehensive Protection System for Children and Adolescents in order to strengthen the capacities of public officials on child rights. In the first phase, Associate's Degrees will be implemented and then a Master's Degree. Universities, organizations and institutions participate.

## Nicaragua

**Municipalities with Child Rights focus:** We strengthened the cooperation with 6 municipalities with the aim of placing Child Rights and specifically liC as a priority of those municipal governments. Children participated in town hall meetings presenting their proposals to authorities, thus implementing child rights focused projects.

**Our Every Last Child Campaign:** Groups of children were involved in the mobilization of the Every Last Child campaign and training other children. In 2017 we helped to organize indigenous children from the Caribbean Coast.

## Peru

**Young Voice Survey:** Young Voice Survey was conducted with 2,617 adolescents to have evidence on the status of their rights, and to be able to influence decision-makers, politicians and teachers, among others. The results will be presented in March.

## Dominican Republic

**Alliance with the capital city:** An alliance was established with the City Council of the Santo Domingo capital and West Santo Domingo to implement a project with the purpose of integrating child rights in public management.

**Measurement of investment in children:** We continued the validation of the Municipal Public Investment Measurement Guide which will be implemented in 2018.

