Children in Crisis: Insights and Outcomes from ChildFund's 2017-2024 Americas Programs



ChildFund defines 'children in crisis' as all groups of children directly and indirectly impacted by displacement due to environmental and man-made crises. All three programs described here are multisectoral with emphasis on protection and economic strategies to address the unique needs of children and youth affected by displacement.

3 Programs at a Glance

- Mexico and Central America 2017-2021 **Preventing Irregular Migration** of Children and Youth
- Mexico 2021-2022
 - **Support During Displacement of Children and Youth**
- Fcuador 2022-2024
 - **Reintegration of Populations After** Displacement or Return

Target Groups:



Children at risk of irregular migration



Children and families in

16% increase in people who felt

very safe in their community

37% increase in people

who felt safe in shelters



Populations vulnerable to or who are survivors of violence



90 Communities 11 Shelters

Key Program Outcomes



YOUTH AGENCY 24% increase in civic engagement



40% of youth employed

3,500 displacement-affected persons with livelihood support

Total Reach: 133,026

61,126

Children and young people (ages 6-24)



ANTI-TRAFFICKING &

IRREGULAR MIGRATION 2/3 of youth reported higher knowledge of risks

24% fewer youth report intention to migrate



VIOLENCE AGAINST **WOMEN AND GIRLS**

37% increase in violence survivors receiving referrals and information



MENTAL HEALTH & PSYCHOSOCIAL

25% decrease in children reporting mental and psychosocial distress

96% of teachers reporting gains in skills and knowledge related to their mental health

Program Best Practices

Strengthening Local Systems and Enhancing **Community Capabilities**

Mainstreaming Equity and Social Inclusion

Direct Engagement With People We Assist in the Program Cycle

LOOKING FORWARD

ChildFund aims to expand its Children in Crisis programming to 10 countries by 2030, ensuring comprehensive protection and support for vulnerable children, to help them reach their full potential.