

CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS ENGAGING IN DIALOGUES AROUND VIOLENCE

Children advocating, mobilizing, raising awareness, informing and communicating.

Latin America and the Caribbean: Brazil

"Children and adolescents participate in Virtual Encounters to discuss the issue of physical and psychological violence that affects their lives, and present strategies for education without violence. They also produce podcasts and videos on this topic, and they participated in a virtual campaign encouraging other girls, boys and adolescents to have the necessary health and safety care. They participate in meetings in spaces of social control, such as the assembly of the State Council of Rights of Children and Adolescents (CEDCA) to demand improvements in access to education in times of pandemic and the commemoration of the 30 years of the Statute of Children and Adolescents of Brazil.

We are adapting the methodology of the Dialogue Circles for an education without violence to the virtual environment where we will sensitize other groups of girls, boys and young people in two stages: meeting on the right to participation and awareness in education without the use of physical punishment and humiliating.

In the virtual meetings that we have carried out with the mobilizing adolescents, the space of listening and reception that we do before transmitting the guidelines has been very important. They report that it is good to talk about how you feel in the COVID-19 pandemic. A simple listening space, where they interact talking about how they feel, how their days have passed and how they have tried to overcome difficulties. They report that, among their peers, they have talked about how difficult it is to be with the family full time, that the chances of violence can increase.

Girls, boys and adolescents, developing methodologies, products and awareness spaces for other groups of girls, boys and adolescents, has shown an effective and very successful action, which we have shared with other civil society organizations."

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