

ADOLESCENTS CREATING PEER SUPPORT SYSTEMS AND ADVOCACY RESOURCES

Children engaging and supporting their peers,
including reaching the most vulnerable

Latin America and the Caribbean

In 12 countries (Argentina, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, México Panamá, Paraguay, Perú, Uruguay) in Latin America and the Caribbean an adolescent network initially created to put forward solutions for meeting the SDGs, resulted in a permanent support system for children: “When there have been cases of violence they are empowered to educate one another on violence not being normal. Beyond the advocacy work they take forward, the network itself is their support. Peers help their peers by telling them that what they’re experiencing is not normal: they open each other’s eyes. The interaction between different cultures inside the region is also an entry point to sharing experiences that support the idea of violence not being normal. When they are able to see other realities and see the world through their peers’ eyes, they’re also able to see solutions.” This same network drafted an advocacy guide targeting other adolescents. The guide relied solely on what they learned from their past experiences taking forward change.

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