

ADOLESCENT GIRLS TAKING FORWARD RESEARCH, AND MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR USER FRIENDLY POLICIES THROUGH A SHADOW REPORT

Children engaging with decision making

Latin America and the Caribbean: Ecuador

Adolescent girls in Ecuador are leading the way to empower their peers and make concrete recommendations to government and decision makers. The 'Movement for Being a Girl' has focused on making their voices heard in order to understand the realities faced by girls from urban and rural sectors. Projects on building their leadership skills and empowerment have been taken forward, enabling girls to learn, lead, decide and prosper.

By better understanding the realities faced by girls and women, adolescent girls are putting forward concrete recommendations. For the first time in Ecuador, and for the second time in the world, a group of adolescents developed a shadow report with their demands and messages. During 2021, 13 girls from different parts of the country met to create the first shadow report in the region that collects testimonies and challenges faced by many girls and young women in the country. This shadow report was presented in October 2021 to the Committee for the Convention of Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination against Women and Girls (CEDAW), making recommendations to create laws and public policy to reduce the gender gap, based on their realities. In November 2021 it was also presented to the public through an online interactive dialogue. The initial results of the First Shadow Report have been disseminated and presented to authorities and human rights organizations, in order to commit their efforts to carry out more actions for the girls.

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