

CHILDREN ON THE MOVE ENGAGED AROUND VAC

Children innovating, creating and expressing

Latin America and the Caribbean: Colombia

"As of the end of 2019, there were an estimated 3.7 million people who had been forced to leave their homes in Venezuela, because of the social, political, and economic crisis in the country – about 1.7 million of them left for Colombia. On 14 March 2020, the borders between Venezuela and Colombia closed, to contain the spread of COVID-19. The lockdown in Colombia left many migrants without income. Some were forced to return to Venezuela. Now the trend has again shifted with Venezuelans returning to Colombia in search of economic opportunities. The situation of Venezuelan communities in Colombia remains complex and challenging, especially for children and youth. With support from the German Ministry of Cooperation (BMZ) and Destination Unknown member Terre des Hommes Germany, Fundación Creciendo Unidos recently launched a project to promote social integration and better protection for children and young people from Venezuela, currently living in Colombia (Bogotá and Cúcuta).

Part of the project's approach is to support the participation of children and youth on the move: Fundación Creciendo Unidos organises workshops with young people on the move like Clara and Fabio, to address the risks and effects of labour exploitation, sexual exploitation, and other violations of their rights. The project provides creative and safe spaces for girls and boys affected by migration, as well as professional training and capacity-building activities for all children and youth in the communities they work with in Cúcuta and Bogotá.

Destination Unknown

[Click here for support website](#)