First World Ministerial Conference to Eradicate Violence Against Children

Title
Prevent to Protect and Guarantee the Right to Grow in a Family

Justification
Globally, millions of children are victims of violence and are separated from their families due to various circumstances such as domestic violence, sexual violence, armed conflicts, physical punishment and cruel and humiliating treatment, neglect, human trafficking, and humanitarian crises, among others. These violations and family separations can have devastating consequences on the emotional, psychological, and physical development of children, as well as violating their fundamental rights.

Despite international efforts, significant challenges persist in implementing effective prevention programs that protect children and their families. An exchange of knowledge at the international level can provide key insights to solve this problem. Sharing experiences and best practices between countries allows for the identification of successful strategies and their adaptation to different contexts, thereby strengthening child protection systems worldwide. Global collaboration can facilitate the development of innovative and sustainable solutions that ensure a safe and protective environment for all children.

Thematic Focus
- International governmental experiences in programs for preventing violations of children's and their families' rights to prevent family separation
- Inspiring initiatives to be replicated in other countries.

Types of Successful Experiences
- Family and community strengthening
- Prevention within the protection system
- Prevention within the justice system
Technology applied to the prevention of violations against children
Prevention in humanitarian crises
Prevention based on mental health programs
Child and youth participation to prevent rights violations

Organizers/Main Contact: SOS Children's Villages + National Family Welfare System of Colombia

Objectives

- **Share International Governmental Experiences**: Present successful cases and lessons learned from programs that prevent violations of children’s and their families’ rights in various countries, promoting good global practices.
- **Promote Knowledge Exchange**: Facilitate dialogue and collaboration among experts and governments involved in protecting children’s rights to strengthen strategies for preventing family separation.
- **Identify Common Challenges**: Analyze obstacles and challenges faced by prevention programs in different contexts, aiming to develop innovative solutions adapted to local realities.
- **Promote Comprehensive Policies**: Discuss the implementation of public policies and legal frameworks that ensure the comprehensive protection of children’s rights and prevent family separation.
- **Strengthen Institutional Capacities**: Provide tools and resources to organizations and entities responsible for preventing rights violations to improve the effectiveness and sustainability of their programs.
- **Raise International Awareness**: Raise awareness about the importance of preventing family separation and protecting children’s rights, encouraging participation and commitment from civil society and international institutions.

Publication:

We will present a publication that highlights the main success stories in preventing violence against children worldwide. Our goal is for other countries to learn from these best practices. To maximize its impact, we will share this publication through our social media channels. This publication will be delivered during the day of the Satellite Event.

Expected Audience (Open/Closed Session) and Approximate Number of Participants

- Open session
- 100
- Panel of experts

Format: Hybrid
Is Translation Available? YES

Languages English – Spanish

Date November 6th

Time 2:00pm – 5:00pm

Venue Agora, Room L TO BE CONFIRMED

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