

Local Development Programme (LPD)

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Short description of the programme

The Local Development Programme is a national effort, which targets problems at the local level in an effort to change the patterns of violence through involving communities in their own development. The programme emphasises that people living in poor communities, and children, should be regarded as citizens who have their own rights and the capacity to formulate solutions for their own problems.

The Local Development Programme strives to mobilise the whole society and create strategic partnerships between national, district and local governments, NGOs, communities and the private sector to bring about a movement towards a healthier and more peaceful society; however, it does not work as a rigid model. Solutions and strategies vary in the different municipalities in which the programme is implemented and it is considered to be an evolving experience.

The programme seeks to generate a culture of child rights at the local level and to improve the living conditions of the urban and rural poor through simultaneously improving the planning capacity of local governments and increasing community participation. Starting in 1996, this project involves five communities in Bogotá (San Cristobal, Bosa, Kennedy, Engativa and Suba) and 35 other municipalities in Colombia, including Bogotá and Bello.

PARAMETERS

- Mortality
- Growth and development
- Maternal health
- Nutrition and preventive care
- Quality and coverage of education