“BOYS, GIRLS AND ADOLESCENTS WITH WELLBEING PROGRAM: FOR PREVENTION AND ERADICATION OF CHILDHOOD WORK”

Childhood work in cane sugar and ethanol agro industrial production is not present; however, in the Cauca River Valley region, different activities are evident where minors are used, as it is the case of animal push carts (carretilla)[1] as a transport means of construction material, rubbish, moving and sugar cane residues.

In this latter case, the carts enter illegally to the fields to pick up the sugar cane residues from the soil, which are given different uses other than processing of sugar and ethanol.

In front of this reality, the sugar cane sector has designed and implemented the Boys, Girls and Adolescent – NNA with Wellbeing, aiming to contribute in the modification of family and socio cultural standards neutralizing childhood work, so Boys, Girls and Adolescents from the geographical Cauca River Valley may enjoy their fundamental rights.

Specific program objectives:

- Carry out prevention and eradication actions with vulnerable families.
- Develop a training process with teachers, family parents, in such a way the children finish their school period and may creatively use their free time.
- Strengthen and consolidate support networks with youngsters and women as social mediators to prevent childhood work.
- Carry out occupational training and entrepreneurial formation to parents fortifying and orienting the generation of productive units generating economic income to the family.

This program is a sugar sector regional proposal built with economic, technical and methodological contributions from Colombian Institute of Family Well Being – ICBF and the International Work Organization – OIT.

Through this alliance, a childhood work campaign has been structured as well as implementation of sensibilising workshops addressed to all sugar sector companies.

Commitment clauses have been signed between sugar cane suppliers and sugar mills, by means of which, the parties commit themselves to contribute to prevention of all forms of childhood work. Likewise, since 2009, the system has been operating a vigilance network in 39 municipalities.

Results obtained with ICBF – OIT – ASOCAÑA alliance

- Methodology and training transferences for 32 Family Educators.
- Articulation with ICBF and 8 municipal administrations to sensibilize 40 officers.
- Articulation with the program actions in Pradera, Florida, Puerto Tejada, Villarrica, Corinto, Miranda, Santander de Quilichao and Guachene.
- Articulation with the Entrepreneurial SENA program in the municipality working areas for family involvement.

Results obtained on work with families:

- Closeness and agreements with animal push cart operators in 8 municipalities north of Cauca.
- Characterization of 300 animal push cart operators.
- 900 home visits to identify protecting and risk factors, as well as, qualitative information pertaining to childhood work.
- 43 group pedagogic journeys with families on upbringing, communication and child hood work sensibilising.

Results obtained with educational institution work and social networks:

- Application of *Aula Viva OIT* methodology with 11 Educational Institutions and 120 teachers.
- Strengthening of three Social Networks in Zarzal, Pradera and El Cerrito.

Investments:

During the last two years investments of $369,974,400 pesos have been carried out for the Boys, Girls and Adolescent Program with Wellbeing.

Year	Sugar Sector Contributions ($)
2010	180.312.000
2011	189.662.400
Total	369.974.400