IN LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN

Adolescent homicide rate is 5 times higher in LAC than the global average

1.1 million of adolescent girls 15-19 have experienced forced sexual violence or any other forced sexual acts (including from childhood)*

PHYSICAL AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

63% of children under 15 years old experience violent discipline at home (psychological or physical)

4 out of 10 girls aged 15-19 have experienced partner violence in their lifetime**

1 out of 20 children under 5 is left home alone or under the care of a child under 10 years

There is an increasing number of vulnerable children moving on their own often fleeing from poverty and violence in their home or communities

ACCESS TO WATER AND SANITATION

82 million people

Without access to basic sanitation services

20 million people

Without access to basic drinking water services

15 million people

Practicing open defecation

EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT

3.6 million children aged 3 to 4 years do not have an adequate early development for their age

Children from the poorest households, with mothers with less education and living in remote communities are more at risk to experience delays in development

Only 6 out of 10 children aged 3 to 4 years old attend Early Child Education

Children from the wealthiest families are 2.5 times more likely to attend to early child education programmes than children from the poorest

IMPACT OF CLIMATE CHANGE

198,000 children live in high or extremely high tropical storm-risk areas

848,000 children live in extremely high flood-risk areas

NATURAL DISASTERS

2.1 million children, in LAC, are affected by disasters every year

CHILDREN ON THE MOVE

7.9 million migrants under 18 in the Americas

* Extrapolated data based on data from DHS surveys (2004-2016) for 6 countries.
** Extrapolated data based on data from DHS surveys (2004-2016) for 10 countries.
Since 1990, deaths of children under 5 have been reduced by 73.1%.

- 641,108 children’s lives have been saved since 1990.
- 172,316 children’s lives have been saved in 2018.

**NUTRITION**

- 4.8 million of children under 5 are affected by chronic malnutrition.
- 4.0 million of children under 5 are overweight.

**CHRONIC MALNUTRITION**

- 3 times higher in children from the poorest households.

**EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT**

- 3.6 million of children aged 3 to 4 years do not have an adequate early development for their age.

**TEENAGE PREGNANCY**

- 63 births per 1,000 adolescents aged 15-19.

**MOTHERS’ HEALTH**

- 74% of women die due to maternal causes every year (Maternal deaths per every 100,000 births).

**MATERNAL MORTALITY**

- 1.9 million people live with HIV: including 27,000 children aged 0-9 and 48,000 adolescents aged 10-19.

**EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION**

- Only 6 out of 10 children 3 to 4 years attend Early Child Education.

- Children from the wealthiest families are 2.5 times more likely to attend to early child education programmes than children from the poorest.

**CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES**

- 30% of children with disabilities do not attend school.

- Over 8 million children under 14 have a disability and are at risk of being excluded.

- 1 out of 6 children 3-4 years shares early learning activities with their parents.

- 1 out of 20 children under 5 is left home alone or under the care of a child under 10 years.

**ALMOST 12 million children and adolescents are outside the education system.**
**EVERY CHILD IS PROTECTED FROM VIOLENCE AND EXPLOITATION**

**GENDER BASED VIOLENCE**
- 4 out of 10 girls aged 15-19 have experienced partner violence in their lifetime*
- 1.1 million of adolescent girls 15-19 have experienced forced sexual violence or any other forced sexual acts (including from childhood)**

**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE**
- 63% of children under 15 years old experience violent discipline at home (psychological or physical)
- 43% of children under 15 years old is subject to corporal punishment at home

**CHILD MARRIAGE/EARLY UNION**
- 1 out of 4 young women was married/in a union before 18

**LETHAL VIOLENCE**
- 24,500 adolescents (10-19) are victims of homicides

**VIOLENCE IN SCHOOLS**
- 4 of every 10 adolescent students 11-12 are regularly bullied***

**CHILDREN IN INSTITUTIONS**
- 240,000 children grow up in residential care centers of which 10% are under 3 years old

**CHILDREN ON THE MOVE**
- There is an increasing number of vulnerable children moving on their own often fleeing from poverty and violence in their home or communities
- 7.9 million migrants under 18 in the Americas

**EVERY CHILD HAS AN EQUITABLE CHANCE IN LIFE**

**CHILD POVERTY**
- 2 out of 5 children have at least one of their rights not fulfilled
- 46.2% of children aged 0-14 in Latin America live in poverty
  - These children mostly live in remote rural areas, and increasingly in peri-urban settings

**THE BIRTHS OF 3 million children under the age of 5 have never been registered**

**EVERY CHILD LIVES IN A CLEAN AND SAFE ENVIRONMENT**

**URBANIZATION**
- 80% of the population in LAC live in urban areas
- 3 out of 10 children in urban areas live in highly precarious housing conditions

**ACCESS TO WATER AND SANITATION**
- Without access to basic sanitation services: 82 million people
- Without access to basic drinking water services: 20 million people
- Practicing open defecation: 15 million people

**NATURAL DISASTERS AND IMPACT OF CLIMATE CHANGE**
- 63 million children in LAC were affected by extreme climate and disasters in the last 30 years
- 2.1 milliones children in LAC are affected by disasters every year
- 440,000 children in LAC were affected by disasters in 2019

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*** Extrapolation based on 8 countries.
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