



INTERNATIONAL BUREAU
FOR CHILDREN'S RIGHTS (IBCR)

VOLUNTEER COOPERATION PROGRAM

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Presentation of the program

The IBCR's Volunteer Cooperation Program (VCP) is an eight-year program (2020-2028) designed to **improve the well-being and respect** for the rights of the poorest, most marginalized and vulnerable children **in 11 countries in Africa and Central and South America**. With this program, IBCR provides technical support and facilitates initiatives of **over thirty partners**, committed to the respect of children's rights within protection and justice systems.

Our partners

The VCP's partners represent a wide range of actors **playing a key role in the implementation of children's rights**. Whether civil society organizations or state institutions, they are **front-line players, well established in their environments**. They work in favor of the children's right to **protection** against all forms of violence, the child's right to a **child-friendly justice**, and the child's right to **express one's opinion and have it considered on issues that concern them**.

Our volunteers

The VCP's volunteers are **specialists in their field**, whether in project management, communication, legislation, monitoring, evaluation and learning or gender equality.

They cooperate with program partners to **jointly implement skills-building plans** aimed at increasing their capacity to promote and protect children's rights. The program plans to carry out **250 cooperation mandates** over eight years.

Since 2020 :



105 volunteering mandates carried out, representing nearly 17,500 days of support to partners.



More than 400,000 people, 60% of whom are children, reached by the efforts made.



More than 1.6 million people indirectly positively impacted.



Nearly 8,000 people from vulnerable communities, 54% of whom are woman and girls, from vulnerable communities are more aware of children's rights and gender equality thanks to awareness-raising initiatives.



More than 1,700 members of partner organisations, nearly half of whom are women, trained in interventions for child victims and witnesses, and in gender equality.

Social Laboratory (SL):

Created as part of the Volunteer Cooperation Program, the Social Laboratory is a **collaborative space for discussion, reflection and experimentation** at a national, regional and international scale. It serves as a tool for facilitating collaboration between actors in the child protection system, and for implementing innovative and experimental initiatives aimed at strengthening children's rights.

The SL operates in the **11 programmatic countries**, with each country having between 2 and 4 national partners involved.

The International Bureau for Children's Rights

Established in 1994, the International Bureau for Children's Rights is a **Canadian non-profit organization** working with partners in Canada and around the world to **make children's rights a reality**, especially for those whose rights are most violated.

As an organization specializing in children's rights, our mandate is twofold: **to provide technical support and facilitate the initiatives of our partners** engaged in promoting children's rights within protection and justice systems, and to **strengthen the role of children within these systems**.

Three children's rights are at the heart of our initiatives:

- **The child's right to be protected against all forms of violence**
- **The child's right to a child-friendly justice**
- **The child's right to express one's opinion and have it considered on issues that concern them**

1994 - 2024, the International Bureau for Children's Rights celebrates its 30th anniversary!



Visit our website and social media, as we celebrate the 30th anniversary of the Bureau throughout 2024.

We have specific social media content and an anniversary event in November 2024 in Montreal. Follow us, stay updated and don't miss anything!

« Concretize the rights of children at risk or victims of violence and the rights of children in contact with the justice system. »

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