

Overview of activities in Colombia 2022

2022: In January, in the department of Boyacá, Luis Fernando López conducted virtual workshops for 90 Psychologists in the ICDP programme "I am a person too" .

In April, ICDP Colombia received a donation from the business company Cartones America for \$ 4,000,000 pesos, who have been ICDP staunch supporters for many years.

From March 2021 till May 2022, ICDP cooperated with the Juan de Castellano University Foundation the University of Boyacá, the Municipal Mayor's Office of Soracá and the Municipal Family Commissioner, on a project in the community aimed at working with men and their families, for the promotion of the rights of children and adolescents, the promotion of good treatment and family coexistence.

In May, with sponsorship from the Guerrand Hermes Foundation for Peace, training in the ICDP programme was conducted for beneficiaries of the programme "Daughters of Peace".

In July, ICDP participated as speakers at the international meeting organized by SDI near La Tebaida in Quindío, with the participation of 15 countries who shared the development of their projects and results.

In November, within the framework of the ISHR conference "Collective Healing: Restoring the relationship between humanity and Nature" an ICDP workshop was held by Patrick O'Loughlin, Luis Fernando López and Carmen Lucia Andrade in an auditorium of the Javeriana University in the city of Bogotá. The programme "I am a person too" was presented and some international experiences were shared, as well as ICDP awareness exercises and the importance of good interaction in childhood.

Celebration marked 30 years of ICDP



2022 represented the 30th year since the founding of the ICDP Foundation in Oslo, Norway. It was therefore a special year for ICDP – as one of the founders I felt there was a need to mark this in some way.

As I had spent so many years travelling to and designing projects in Colombia, where I had the pleasure of working with an excellent team, where I discovered the power of the ICDP programme to reach out to the most humble communities, where for the first time I saw that ICDP can impact lives for the better, and where thanks to the advice, support and guidance from UNICEF's Manuel Manrique, as well as ongoing support from our business colleague Marzuki Andujar, ICDP reached over half a million children – for all those reasons I proposed to have a gathering in Colombia.

ICDP Colombia agreed and organized the event over a period of four days in November 2022. The theme of this event was «**Our learning curve**», with the idea to reflect together on learnings and experiences with the ICDP programme. By doing that, participants naturally explored different ways of «keeping the ICDP flame alive!» - Nicoletta Armstrong, ICDP Foundation chair.



The celebratory event was held 7-11th of November 2023 at the Amanecer international centre near Armenia, Quindío.

There were participants from 10 countries. The time they spent together was full of meaningful sharing and with plenty of joyful moments too for participants from different countries in Latin America.

The main objective of day one was to share the learnings around the following topics: a) Empathy, dialogues and the 8 guidelines, b) ICDP and Neuroscience, and c) the functionality of the ICDP programme for children and young people.) On the second day, participants heard from different caregivers who shared their testimonies and perceptions of the ICDP training. On day three, participants heard contributions from invited professionals on topics relevant to ICDP. On the last day, ICDP spokespeople from ten countries pledged mutual assistance and continuity in the ICDP programme's mission.

Photo report of the event - [Click here](#)