



ANNUAL REPORT
**92nd Regular Meeting of the Directing Council of the Inter American
Children's Institute**

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Bridgetown - Barbados

Conditions of the IIN's work in the period

- The dramatic decline in the IIN's regular budget, resolved upon by the OAS. This reduction amounted to 33%, which jeopardized the continuity of some of our activities and, in particular, the actions we had committed to for 2017.
- The aforementioned oblige permanent negotiations with the General Secretariat and with the Permanent Missions to achieve a budget increase for 2018 in order to reverse the reduction process.
- The celebration of the IIN's 90th anniversary was an opportunity to increase the visibility of its actions and reinforce its validity as an instrument of the Inter-American system to promote and protect the rights of children in the region.
- These efforts paid off when the Permanent Council resolved to declare 9 June as Americas Children and Youth Day, and the General Assembly agreed to a budget increase of 49% over what had been allocated for 2017, an increase which will be effective as from next year.

Interinstitutional relations

- Coordination with the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR) -Reporteur of Childhood.
- Relationship with the Committee on the Rights of the Child and the United Nations System. The relationship with the Office of Marta Santos Pais, Special Representative on Violence against Children continues to deepen.
- Coordination with the new member of the Committee on the Rights of the Child, Mr. Luis Pedernera.
- Working agreements with strategic partners of Civil Society. Presence in the World Movement for Children.
- Technical assistance to the Permanent Commission of Niñ@sur.
- Framework Agreement with the Institute of Public Policies on Human Rights of MERCOSUR.
- New cooperation agreements.

Report's Structure

- The report is based on the "planning matrices" made at the time of the 2015-2019 Action Plan.
- The new matrices contain in the heading:
 - Line of action
 - Objective
- It is organized in 3 columns
 - Scheduled activities 2017,
 - Advances report period,
 - Proposed activities 2018.

Violence and non-observance of child rights in different settings and life cycles

Objective: To eradicate violence in children's everyday settings

Activities planned for 2017	Progress over Reporting Period	Activities planned for 2018
<p>1. Develop a blended course on the "Prevention of Violence" in 3 States. This implies reaching counterpart agreements for the implementation of the face-to-face stage.</p> <p>2. Establish communications with 3 States to assess capabilities for the delivery of the blended course with their own resources, agreeing with the IIN on the use of the IATP's Moodle platform.</p>	<p>1.1. Ongoing A blended course on the prevention of violence is being designed. Agreements with SOS Children's Villages on developing course contents. Work is underway to launch the first edition of the course in October 2017.</p> <p>1.2. Completed A proposal for a blended course is submitted at the regular meeting of the Directing Council, with work agreements for 2018 in at least 3 States. The possibility that each State counterpart can take over the delivery of the on-site stage of the course will be evaluated.</p> <p>1.3. Scheduled The course will be offered to the region as part of the range of courses we offer in the Inter-American Training Programme (IATP), for the second half of 2017.</p> <p>1.4. Completed A number of significant experiences in the region identified and analysed, to be included and shared in one of the modules of the blended course.</p> <p>1.5. Ongoing An agreement signed with the Marist Foundation for a regional research study to be conducted on the effects of care provided to children in relation to the issue of "violence in everyday settings", whose outcomes will also be included in the course.</p>	<p>Delivery of the blended course on "Violence and Child Rights... Building Peaceful Environments" in States in the region which have shown an interest and can engage to deliver the on-site stage.</p> <p>Enter into communication with at least 3 States to assess installation of institutional training capacity for technical operators acting in each State's protection policy. The IIN will support training for technical resources capable of administering and providing tutoring for the contents of the new blended course. The IATP's Moodle platform will be used in agreement with the IIN.</p> <p>Data and lessons learned deriving from the synthesis conducted by the IIN and from the outcome of the ongoing research resulting from the agreement between the IIN and the Marist Foundation are included in the course.</p> <p>Sharing of regional experiences will be encouraged, with lessons learned extracted and horizontal cooperation facilitated.</p>

Violence and non-observance of child rights in different settings and life cycles

- Based on agreement with the Marist Federation, we have been working on the systematization of "good practices" of positive discipline.
- Elaboration of a virtual course to be offered in the framework of the Inter-American Training Program (agreement with SOS Children's Villages).
- Significant experiences related to care and upbringing for the strengthening of parental capacities are identified: Santa Lucia; Canada; Costa Rica, El Salvador, Uruguay.
- Under the agreement with Canada, the "Nobody is perfect" program is offered.
- The document of the collection of normative frameworks and recommendations for legislation prohibiting corporal punishment is disseminated.
- The material and documents produced are provided to CONANI (Dominican Republic), offering to accompany the Parliamentary process towards the adoption of a law prohibiting physical punishment.
- From the final document of the regional meeting on "The rights of children and adolescents in relation to gangs" continues the development of a model of comprehensive, systemic and inclusive intervention.

Early Childhood

Objective: To strengthen the capacity of the States and governing bodies in the development of cross-sectoral strategies

- It is accompanied by the COMPI process (Paraguay).
- Workshop: "Healthy development in environments free of violence" (27-28 July, Asunción, Paraguay). The States of Costa Rica and Uruguay participate at a distance.
- The campaign on the Web and social networks "The Right of the Child to the Family" is carried out based on the document of the same name of the IACHR and contributions made from the States.
- We work on the identification and systematization of significant experiences of care for children deprived of parental care to promote triangular cooperation actions.
- The virtual course "Planning and management of Comprehensive Public Policies for Early Childhood with a rights perspective is developed.

Inter-American Cooperation Program for the Prevention and Eradication of Sexual Exploitation, and Smuggling of and Trafficking in Children

- Elaboration of the 15th Report to the Secretary General of the OAS (2016-2017) on the "Approach to sexual exploitation, smuggling and trafficking in children and adolescents in the 20-year-old region of Stockholm".
- Note to the States of Barbados, St. Kitts and Nevis and Trinidad and Tobago to promote the ratification of the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the Sale of Children, Child Prostitution and the Use of Children in Pornography.
- The Meeting on Trafficking of Women and Girls in Latin America and the Caribbean: Regional Challenges for its Approach, organized by the Inter-American Commission of Women of the OAS and Women's Link Worldwide.
- Preparation of thematic notes.
- Joint work between ECPAT, ICMEC, the Office of the Rapporteur on the Rights of the Child of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR) and the IIN in the elaboration of a project on Sexual Violence and Sexual Exploitation online, to be presented to the Fund to End the Violence against Children.
- Re-elaboration of the Program's website (www.annaobserva.org), with an emphasis on the Observatory section.
- Consolidation of the participation of the IIN in the Regional Action Group of the Americas (GARA) for the prevention of the sexual exploitation of children and adolescents in Travel and Tourism.
- The training of HR is continued through the annual semiannual course.

Juvenile Justice

Objetivo: Strengthen the capacities of States to implement alternative measures to judicial process

Work on 3 proposals:

- Advance a consultation on the current situation of the execution of sanctions in an open environment that contributes as a guide for the construction of Operational Technical Guidelines (protocols).
- To promote the formation of inter-institutional tables to ensure the Rights of adolescents intervened from the Juvenile Justice System.
- Promote a network of dialogue and exchange between technicians from several States responsible for the execution of sanctions in an open environment in which knowledge, advances and challenges are shared.
- Monthly conversations are established with technical references from Honduras, El Salvador, Guatemala and Uruguay.
- Continuing with the training of human resources through the annual course.

Child Participation

Objective: To produce tools and train technical experts and facilitators in the right to participation

Work in 4 main lines:

- Promoting events where children can express their opinions and points of view on issues that affect them.
- Including the voice of children and youth at the IIN's advisory, decision-making and formal opportunities and events and opening areas within the OAS as a way to promote a culture of rights.
- Training State officials and civil society technical experts as participation facilitators, in keeping with the principle of specialization among persons working with children.
- Strengthening children and youth and their organizations to make them better able to face any threats to their rights arising in their midst.

Some activities worth highlighting

- International Meeting on Planning and Participatory Budgets with Children and Adolescents. Pereira, Colombia. ICBF, Municipality of Risaralda.
- Intergenerational Workshops on Safe Internet Use (El Salvador, Honduras, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic and Panama).
- Conversations groups on child and adolescent participation. Three conversations with 10 States are working.
- In the framework of technical assistance to Paraguay, the 2nd edition of the course is held in the Department of Alto Paraná (Ciudad del Este).
- Drafting of a first paper on Early Childhood Participation.
- Conformation of GRAPIA. (Regional Advisory Group on Child and Adolescent Participation). Mexico; El Salvador; Colombia; Peru; Paraguay and Uruguay).
- Formation of the CORIA (Argentina, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Mexico, Paraguay, Trinidad and Tobago, Uruguay).
- Accompaniment to the national and departmental Advisory Councils.

International Child Abduction

Objective: To strengthen the capacity of the States in the prevention, legal treatment and rehabilitation of victims by means of national systems for the implementation and application of the conventions

- The IIN-OEA is the only regional body that works in this area.
- Jointly with the International Center for Missing and Exploited Children (ICMEC), technical assistance is provided to the Central Authority of Mexico in developing its procedural guidelines and designing, setting up and delivering a specific course for operators.
- The Inter-American virtual course on international abduction of children and adolescents is being developed as part of the PIC. 43 students from 11 States (Argentina, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Mexico, Panama, Paraguay, Peru and Uruguay).
- Translation and update of the course to be taught in English language as of this year.
- A project is presented to the OAS to obtain resources to develop activities of greater impact.

Migrant Children

Objective: To promote the rights of migrant children, especially those who are unaccompanied

- Work was done on building links with the Committee on Migration Issues within the framework of the Inter-American Program of which the IIN is an actor.
- Coordination with the International Organization for Migration.
- Work has been under way on the construction of a course on migrant childhood and adolescence to be incorporated into the Inter-American Training Program.
- Work is in the planning of an internal workday on the rights of migrant children.


Inter American Training Program (PIC)

- The courses offer was maintained. In addition, and in compliance with the commitments assumed for the year, the following were included in this offer: ***International Abduction of Children and Adolescents*** (English version) and ***Violence and Rights of Children and Adolescents ... Building Peace Environments***.
- Among the special activities, two courses were held in co-responsibility with the requesting States: ***Semiannual course on Promotion of Child and Adolescent Participation***, in agreement with the Directorate of Protagonic Participation of the National Secretariat of Children and Adolescents of Paraguay, and a course on ***Children's Rights*** adapted to the reality of Mexico, in conjunction with the DIF (training transference experience).



OFFER OF COURSES

First Semester

- ▣ Update of the Rights of Children and Adolescents (Spanish version);
 - ▣ Update of the Rights of Children and Adolescents (English version);
 - ▣ Planning and Management of Comprehensive Public Policies for Early Childhood with a rights perspective;
 - ▣ Promotion of the Participation of Children and Adolescents;
 - ▣ International Abduction of Children and Adolescents (Spanish version).
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First Semester

COURSE	STATES INSCRIBED	OPEN CALL INSCRIBED	AGREEMENTS INSCRIBED	TOTAL OF INSCRIBED
Update of the Rights of Children and Adolescents (Spanish version)	22	16	3	41
Update of the Rights of Children and Adolescents (English version)	21	1	0	22
Planning and Management of Comprehensive Public Policies for Early Childhood with a rights perspective	26	9	6	41
Promotion of the Participation of Children and Adolescents	20	6	4	30
International Abduction of Children and Adolescents (Spanish version).	26	9	2	37
TOTAL	115	41	15	171


States reached

COURSE	STATES REACHED
Update of the Rights of Children and Adolescents (Spanish version)	18 Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, El Salvador, Francia, Guatemala, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Dominican Republic, Uruguay, Venezuela.
Update of the Rights of Children and Adolescents (English version)	6 Austria, Barbados, Belize, Haiti, Jamaica, Suriname
Planning and Management of Comprehensive Public Policies for Early Childhood with a rights perspective	15 Argentina, Bolivia, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, El Salvador, Spain, Guatemala, Mexico, Paraguay, Peru, Dominican Republic, Uruguay, Venezuela.
Promotion of the Participation of Children and Adolescents	11 Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Guatemala, Paraguay, Dominican Republic, Uruguay, Venezuela.
International Abduction of Children and Adolescents (Spanish version).	16 Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Peru, Paraguay, Dominican Republic, Uruguay, Venezuela



OFFER OF COURSES

Second Semester

- ▣ Youth in Conflict with Criminal Law;
 - ▣ Child Rights and the Media;
 - ▣ Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children (blended);
 - ▣ Protecting Child Rights in Disaster Risk Management (Spanish version)
 - ▣ Protecting Child Rights in Disaster Risk Management (English version)
 - ▣ International Child Abduction (in English).
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Second Semester

COURSE	REACHED STATES
Youth in Conflict with Criminal Law	15 Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Mexico, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Puerto Rico, Dominican Republic, Uruguay
Child Rights and the Media	15 Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Estados Unidos, Guatemala, Honduras, México, Nicaragua, Panama, Peru, Republica Dominicana, Uruguay
Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children (blended)	3 Chile, Colombia, Uruguay
Protecting Child Rights in Disaster Risk Management (Spanish version)	11 Argentina, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Guatemala, Mexico, Paraguay, Peru, Dominican Republic, Uruguay.
Protecting Child Rights in Disaster Risk Management (English version)	4 Barbados, Belize, Canada, México
International Child Abduction (in English)	4 Barbados, Belize, Canada, Mexico

Second Semester

COURSE	STATES INSCRIBED	OPEN CALL INSCRIBED	AGREEMENTS INSCRIBED	TOTAL OF INSCRIBED
Youth in Conflict with Criminal Law	28	6	11	45
Child Rights and the Media	21	8	4	33
Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children (blended)	92	-	-	92
Protecting Child Rights in Disaster Risk Management (Spanish version)	20	7	1	28
Protecting Child Rights in Disaster Risk Management (English version)	12	0	1	13
International Child Abduction (in English).	4	3	1	8
TOTAL	177	24	18	219

Special Activities

- **Blended Course on the promotion of child and adolescent participation**, in agreement with the direction of Protagonist Participation of the Secretariat of National of Childhood and Adolescence of Paraguay. They involved 26 persons.
- Course on the **Rights of Children and Adolescents adapted to the reality of Mexico**. From the course Update of the rights of children and adolescents, to work with professionals of the DIF in the adaptation of content to the national reality and the transfer of training capacities, in order to build a system of national training.
- **Virtual workshop for the CORIA – IIN’s children and adolescents correspondents**. Involving 19 children and adolescents from 8 States: Argentina, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Mexico, Paraguay, Trinidad and Tobago, Uruguay.
- Development and teaching of **Thematic module on rights of children and adolescents and public policy** included in the *International human rights public policy course* of the Institute of Public Policy on Human Rights of the MERCOSUR.
- Co-organization of the *VII Conference of the Latin American network and Caribbean education on human rights (RedLaCEDH)*. Responsible of the **axis: childhood and adolescence** (Montevideo, 14-16 September, 2017).

PIC Progress

- Progress towards the goals set for 2019 is notorious:
 - 25 States reached with courses - Already achieved in 2016.
 - The enrollment in courses of the IIN reached 2000 participants - an average of 505 participants is registered per year, which makes it possible to predict that the goal will be reached.
 - The offer of courses in English triplicates - In 2016 the offer doubled and with the incorporation of the International Abduction of Children and Adolescents in English course in 2017 we would be reaching the goal for the period.

EVENTS TO MARK THE
90TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE
INTER-AMERICAN CHILDREN'S INSTITUTE



Celebrating 90 years

- Founded on 9 June 1927.
- Presentation of the “Charter of Rights”.
- 1949 – joined the OAS as a Specialized Organization in children and youth, becoming known since then as the *Inter-American Children’s Institute*.
- In 2004, its Statutes were changed so that its name in Spanish became **Instituto Interamericano del Niño, la Niña y Adolescentes**.



How to celebrate 90 years of history?

Use this 90th anniversary as an opportunity to:

- Promote a new position for children as social stakeholders.
- Give them a voice and provide opportunities for expression.
- Give the IIN's work visibility within the OAS and position the subject of childhood within the organization.

Calls for: Short stories – “Rights should not be a tall tale” Photography – “The Rights Album”

- A call went out to the Member States of the Inter-American System, with the support of civil society organizations, for children to send photographs and stories related to the human rights of children and youth and their relationship with the adult world.
- We received 463 photographs and 1246 stories from the different States of the region.
- 20 photographs are being selected to make up a road show. It will be exhibited initially at OAS headquarters (Washington, DC) and will then travel to the Member States of the OAS. In addition, 20 stories are being selected, to be published in a digital book.



“Americas and the Caribbean Children and Youth Day”

- With the support of the Permanent Missions of Uruguay, Paraguay and Chile, a draft resolution was submitted to designate 9 June as: **Americas Children and Youth Day**. This was adopted by the Permanent Council of the OAS as resolution [CP/RES. 1081/17](#) DESIGNATION OF JUNE 9 AS “AMERICAS CHILDREN AND YOUTH DAY”

CD/RES. 1081/17 Designation of June 9 as “Americas Children and Youth Day”

En sus resolutivos medulares se resuelve:

- To encourage that day each year to be turned into a day of reflection and work on the situation of children and youth in the region
- That on a day close to June 9 each year the Permanent Council will meet and include this item on the order of business in order to include the voices and views of children and youth on the situation in the region.
- To instruct the IIN to make the necessary arrangements so that, during its consideration of the topic, the Permanent Council can receive the voices and views of youth organizations.

Other celebration activities

- The Columbus Library held a photographic exhibition and materials of the IIN-OES in the Hall of the Simón Bolívar Room at OAS headquarters in Washington; thanks to the Organization of Ibero-American States - Regional Office in Paraguay, that joined the activity by editing a volume with 9 stories written by Paraguayan children aged between 3 and 7 years.

In summary.....

Thematic Line	Activities Planned for 2017	Concluded	Ongoing	Scheduled	Postponed
Violence and violations of child rights in different settings and at different cycles of life	12	8	2	2	-
Early Childhood	11	5	6	-	-
Sexual Violence and Sexual Exploitation	21	13	7	1	-
Juvenile Justice	4	2	2	-	-
International Child Abduction	4	2	1	1	-
Migrant Children	6	2	2	1	1
Promoting Child Rights in Disaster Risk Management	2	1	1	-	-
Institutional Communication Strategy	13	11	1	-	1
Strengthening our relationship with the Committee on the Rights of the Child	2	2	-	-	0
Formalizing and strengthening the IIN's Human Resources Training Programme	14	11	2	1	-
Strengthening the Directing Council	5	4	1	-	-
TOTAL	94	61	25	6	2



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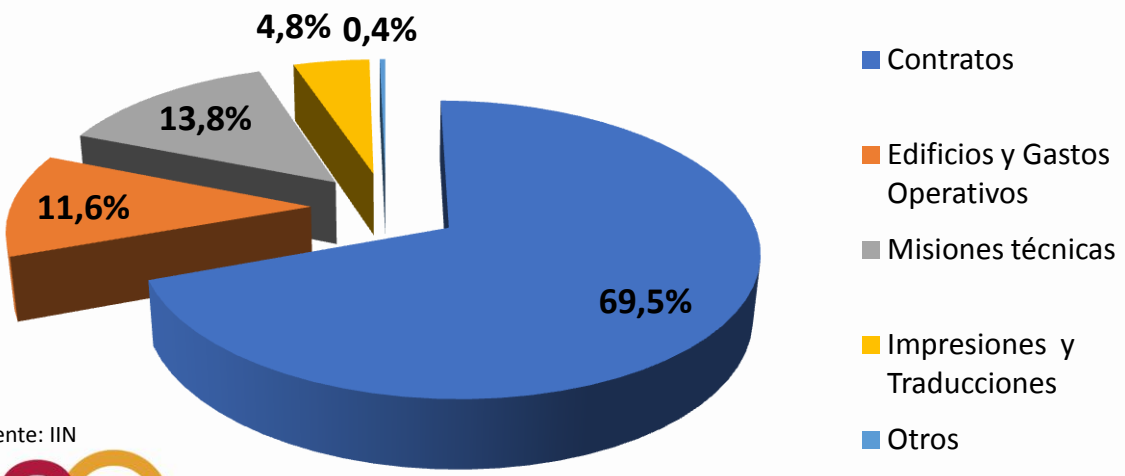
Financial Report: regular fund

Evolution of the assigned budget (annual thousand US dollars)

Year	Obj 1	Obj 2 a 9	Total	Var %
2016	795,7	273,3	1.069,0	
2017	494,7	218,3	713	-33%
2018	469,4	593	1.062,4	49%
Source: OEA				

- In 2017 the regular budget allocated to the IIN suffered a drastic reduction near of 33%.
- In work actions of 2017 the recovery of the lost budget was hierarchized, achieving a 49% increase compared to 2017.
- This avoided the consolidation of a scenario of critical budget constraint.
- During 2017 it was necessary to resort the use of the Patrimonial Funds almost in their totality (USD 76,900.85), in order to sustain the activities and the budget balance.
- Work is currently under way on the recovery of the assets used, based on the use of a part of the resources resulting from the lease of one of the buildings of the IIN.

Distribution of the budget (Obj 2 to 9)



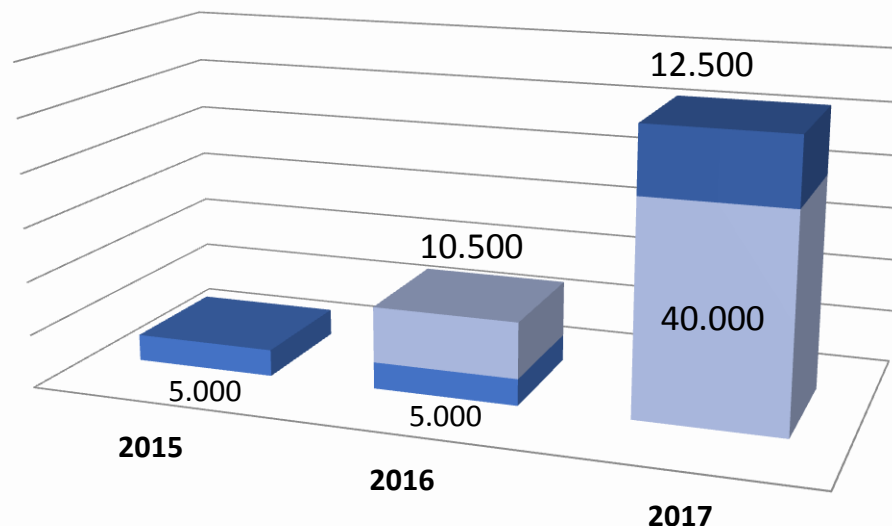
Fuente: IIN

Expenses obj. 2 al 9: **340.800 = 218.300 Regular Fund + 52.500 Specific Fund + 70.000 Patrimonial Funds**

Financial report: specific funds

- ✓ In 2017, the CONECTAD @ S project was coordinated with the Department of Social Inclusion of the Secretariat for Access to Rights and Equity of the General Secretariat of the OAS. In 2017 USD 40,000 was executed by the IIN.
- ✓ It is planned to implement with World Vision a project to raise awareness and training on the promotion and protection of rights in the use of the internet by children and adolescents in the Dominican Republic. The contributions of this institution for the execution of the IIN amount to USD 12,500.
- ✓ As part of the strengthening of the line of work aimed at seeking extra budgetary funds, the IIN has been developing a **portfolio of projects for 2018 for a value close to USD 559,800.**

Financing by Specific Funds (USD)



- Sustracción infantil (Argentina)
- Centroamérica Inclusión internet (España-AECID)
- Protección internet World Vision

Fuente: IIN

Conclusiones.

- Despite the drastic budget reduction, progress was made in the implementation of the Action Plan (61% of committed activities were carried out and are 25% in process).
- The budget reduction process is reversed (General Assembly approves a 49% increase from 2018), which is a reaffirmation of the validity of the IIN.
- Approval of the initiative to establish each June 9 as the Day of Children and Adolescents of the Americas including the word of children and adolescents.
- Deepening the relationship with civil society organizations.
- The strong commitment of the States in the co-financing of activities and supports at the OAS level.
- The search for specific funds has increased.
- Good prospect of meeting goals set for the period.