



PROJECT A NEW OPPORTUNITY

Assessment strategy for children in adoptability in order to integrate them into a family for life

1. BACKGROUND

Every year more than 4000 children in Colombia remain in adoptable status while the family welfare system finds a suitable family to love and care for them. This process ends successfully for about 1100 children a year, the rest remain in institutional care awaiting better parental care. These processes are distributed in all regions of the country and can be expedited with the timely and coordinated reaction and management of all actors involved in the protection of children.

Therefore, the Colombian Institute of Family Welfare (ICBF) has a strategy to assess children with stagnant, delayed or invisible processes that can be reactivated and achieve the integration of children in families that guarantee suitable parental care with the intervention of allies such as the CRAN Foundation that can use its experience in family formation through adoption to ensure that these processes culminate successfully.

CRAN's participation in this strategy involves the study of information provided by the ICBF, the visit of a psychologist to the children in the part of the country where they are residing, the comprehensive evaluation of their situation, the search for the most suitable family for each child and the transfer to Bogota for the child's care during the adoption process. The children's stay in Bogota lasts an average of two (2) months, while medical, psychosocial and general care is provided to prepare them for an efficient integration into an adoptive family.

This strategy provides a new opportunity for children with a defined adoptability situation to leave protection institutions and enjoy a family life of their own. To this end, CRAN must mobilize additional human and economic resources in addition to those it already allocates for the care of children under protection. At the same time, the strategy is an opportunity to link interest groups that can be part of the change in the lives of Colombian children, in alliance with civil organizations such as CRAN and with government agencies responsible for the protection of children.



2. OBJECTIVES

2.1 General Objective

Adoptable children on the national waiting list whose cases can be expedited are integrated into a suitable family and their right to belong to a family is guaranteed.

2.2 Specific objectives

- Identify and assess children and adolescents who are in a situation of adoptability with special needs and characteristics, in order to determine the best strategies for their promotion and family search.
- Culminate in the adoption of children with special characteristics through the necessary assessments and procedures.

3. PARTICIPANTS

24 Children and adolescents (NNA) declared adoptable with special characteristics located in Bogota and in different regions of the country. Assessed in six (6) trips to different regions of the Colombian Institute of Family Welfare (ICBF).

4. METHODOLOGY

Case studies, visits and direct attention in Bogota for the development of the assessment strategy, through face-to-face and virtual processes, to achieve the procurement of suitable families for children in adoptability condition.

5. ACTIVITY PLAN

- Identify children reported by the ICBF Adoption Sub-Directorate with special characteristics and needs with a declaration of adoptability and without ongoing proceedings.
- Assess (psychosocial interview) the children who are in a situation of adoptability with special needs and characteristics in the part of the country where they are being cared for, in order to determine their profile and search for a suitable family.
- Transfer the children to Bogota and care for them at CRAN's facilities while the adoption process is being carried out.
- Manage the search for families with adequate tools to exercise the upbringing and care of children.



6. EXPECTED RESULTS

- 24 children and adolescents in adoptable conditions with special needs and characteristics who are able to find an adoptive family.
- Greater coordination and coordination with the ICBF and accredited agencies to improve adoption processes.
- Reduction in the number of children and adolescents in situations of institutionalization and greater promotion of adoption as an alternative for the restoration of their rights.

7. PROJECT DURATION

Twelve (12) months

8. COSTS

The implementation of the valuation strategy: A New Opportunity for 24 children for one year has a cost of USD\$ 23,500. These costs include:

- Program coordination
- Administration and logistics of visits, specialized care, stay in Bogota and monitoring.
- Travel and stay of professionals to the child's place of residence for assessments.
- Specialized assessments
- Stay in Bogota for 24 children for two (2) months.
- Clothing and personal items for 24 children.
- Inputs for the management of the adoption process: albums, photographs, folders, communications, etc.
- Monitoring and accountability.