



INCLUSIVE CITIES

COMMUNITIES OF SOLIDARITY



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This book is a tribute to them and a testimony to the positive impact on integration that can be achieved when local communities and the migrant population work together with authorities in inclusive transformative processes such as the social construction of their spatial environment.

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Participatory planning
and co-creation of solutions

Improvement of the spatial environment
Social Construction of Habitat

Community activities
for integration

Promotion
of entrepreneurship

Fostering personal
and community development



Co-creation workshops, Brisas de los Andes, Cucuta, Colombia.

Participatory planning and *co-creation of solutions*

The ICCS initiative proposes the development of participatory planning and the co-creation of solutions in urban spaces as a central strategy for integration. The involvement of communities in the implementation of actions for social and territorial transformation makes it possible to understand the problems that impact the well-being of each group, including the most vulnerable. In addition, it allows the generation of adequate and sustainable solutions for all.

As an added value, the result of the methodology promoted by the initiative is the strengthening of the communities' capacity to replicate and scale similar processes autonomously and/or in coordination with local authorities or other territorial actors.



9

*Territorial Scale Intervention Plans
formulated in a participatory
manner through*



36

*Co-creation exercises
with the participation of*

997

*People from the beneficiary
communities and local
government officials.*



Block by Block Workshop, Bucaramanga, Colombia.



BLOCK BY BLOCK™



Co-creation Process, Barranquilla, Colombia.

Metropolitan Territorial Planning Plan



Impacted Work Axes:

- 1 Definition of urban boundaries to mitigate expansive growth.
- 2 Protection and recovery of hydrographic basins with environmental value.
- 3 Protection and conservation of productive and/or environmental soils.
- 4 Definition and delimitation of lands capable of supporting urban expansion.
- 5 Consolidation of urban lands to increase density and urban diversity.
- 6 Urban renewal of deteriorated areas in the AMCP.

Review of the Metropolitan Territorial Planning Plan of Panama City.



Social Cartography, Bucaramanga, Colombia.



Co-creation Workshops with the Community in the Las Delicias Neighborhood, Cúcuta, Colombia.



Co-creation workshop, Bolsillo Park, Boca Chica, Dominican Republic.



Co-creation Activity with the Community at the Villa Victoria Civic Center - El Porvenir, Surquillo District, Lima, Peru.



Parque infantil, sector El Volteadero, Granjas de Provenza, Bucaramanga, Colombia.

Improvement of the spatial environment - *Social Construction of Habitat*

Actions for the improvement of the spatial environment are inserted in the context of what is defined as the social construction of habitat, the way in which living spaces are developed and organized by people and communities through their interactions, decisions and practices. The ICCS initiative identified this dimension as a key element to foster integration in the neighborhoods of the 10 cities intervened.

In addition, tactical urban planning interventions, public space design with the Block by Block digital tool, facade improvement, mural painting, consolidation of safe routes to schools, community gardens, among others, were developed.



Plaza de la Virgen, San Mateo, Manta, Ecuador.



117

*interventions for the improvement
of the spatial environment and
habitat construction with
approximately*

125.847

*beneficiaries.
These actions are
formulated through*



3.801

participants.

37

*co-creation processes with the
beneficiary communities with*





Stairs in the Granjas de Provenza neighborhood, Bucaramanga, Colombia.



Bolsillo Park, Boca Chica, Dominican Republic.

Tactical urbanism and public space

Participatory actions with a scalable, fast and low-cost approach to make temporary changes in public spaces with prospects for consolidation and adjustments for the medium and long term. These actions can be considered as improvements or renovations in public spaces to reactivate or resignify them in an inclusive way, strengthening the use that the community gives them or generating new spaces according to demand.

44 tactical urban
planning actions with

82.142 estimated
beneficiaries.



Manuela Beltran Library, Cucuta, Colombia.



Open Classroom in Granjas de Provenza, Bucaramanga, Colombia.



Community Park in Villa Las Mercedes, San Cristóbal, Dominican Republic.



Salvador Allende Park, Quitumbe District, Quito, Ecuador.



Radhamés Park, San Cristóbal,
Dominican Republic.





Santos Recreation Park, Chaguana, Trinidad & Tobago.

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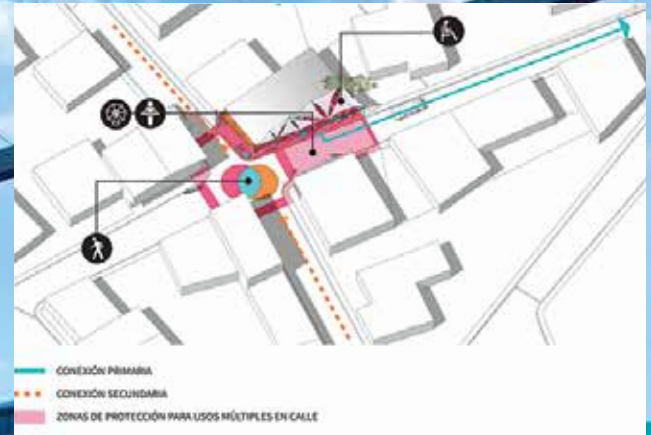
*Speech by Manuela Beltrán,
Cúcuta, Colombia*

Mission Objective

Identify the main initiatives for intervention in public space, using tactical urban planning methodologies, which will be conceptually linked to the work being carried out by UN Habitat.

Prioritised Initiatives for Tactical Urban Planning

1. Creation of a micro plaza in front of a community centre
2. Protection and demarcation of priority areas for pedestrian passage (safe crossings)
3. Provision of shade





Community dining hall in the Manuela Beltrán neighborhood, Cúcuta, Colombia.



Longdenville Playground, Chaguanas, Trinidad and Tobago.

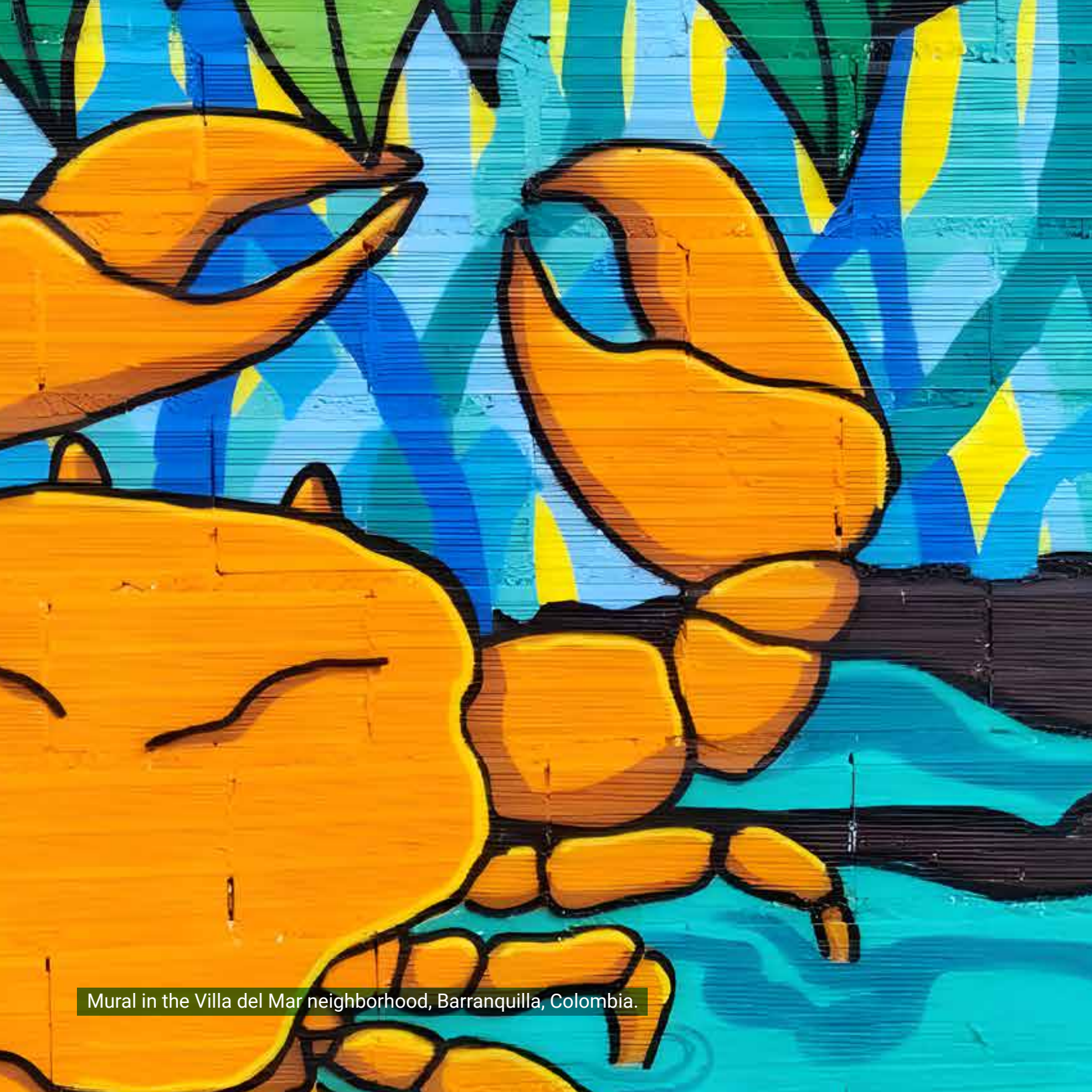






Court Las Delicias neighborhood, Cúcuta, Colombia.





Mural in the Villa del Mar neighborhood, Barranquilla, Colombia.

3

actions for facade
improvement with

554

estimated
beneficiaries.

25

murals implemented in
the cities targeted by
ICCS action

22.459

estimated
beneficiaries
of integration murals

Facade and mural improvement

These are participatory efforts in which the community contributes to the aesthetic improvement of its environment, intervening on the facades of selected buildings or on walls of public spaces that are perceived as hostile or too neutral, including positive cultural symbolism and elements, resulting in a significant impact on the quality and safety of the space, as well as strengthening community ties and integration.



Mural in Salvador Allende Park, Quitumbe, Quito, Ecuador.



Facade in Granjas de Provenza, Bucaramanga, Colombia.



Facade change, Riobamba Educational Center, Manta, Ecuador.



Mural in La Chorrera, Panama.



Mural in the Granjas de Provenza neighborhood, Bucaramanga, Colombia.





Mural in the Primero de Agosto neighborhood, Quitumbe, Quito, Ecuador.



Mural in Estella Maris Park, Quitumbe, Quito, Ecuador.



Mural in La Chorrera, Panama.



Mural at the Municipal Swimming Pool of La Chorrera, Panama.





Mural in El Saltamontes Park, Primero de Mayo neighborhood, Lima, Peru.





Mural in the San Mateo neighborhood, Manta, Ecuador.





Tarquino Idrobo Basic Education School, Cotocollao, Quito, Ecuador.



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Central Plaza in Cotocollao, Quitumbe, Quito, Ecuador.





God's Blessing Park, Barranquilla, Colombia.





Mural in Villa del Rosario, Colombia.



Safe routes to schools

With the community, routes to be improved are identified to connect homes and primary or secondary educational centers through interventions on the road axes most used by children and adolescents. The objective is to create a network of safe spaces, with signage, points of interest and community observers (members of the community) that guarantee the movement of children and young people without exposure to danger.

The related co-creation processes contribute to dialogue and integration, being the opportunity to reflect on issues of great relevance for the entire population such as education, safety and well-being of all children and adolescents.

13 *safe routes
to school with*

10.073 *beneficiaries.*



Safe route for girls, boys, and adolescents in La Chorrera, Panama.



Safe route in Granjas de Provenza neighborhood, Bucaramanga, Colombia.



Safe route, Villa del Rosario, Colombia.



Safe route in Plaza Central de Cotacollao, Quito, Ecuador.



Safe route, Cotacollao, Quito, Ecuador.



Safe route Quitumbe,
Quito, Ecuador.



Safe route Granjas de Provenza,
Bucaramanga, Colombia.





Safe route Granjas de Provenza, Bucaramanga, Colombia.



Community orchards in Brisas de Los Andes UIT, Cúcuta, Colombia.



3 community gardens with

5.419 estimated beneficiaries.



Community orchards in Brisas de Los Andes UIT, Cúcuta, Colombia.

Community gardens

These are spaces of collective benefit that allow the strengthening of social and cultural ties, while producing fresh and healthy food that contributes to the wellbeing and the acquisition of skills for personal development, which not only involves the provision of infrastructure to support the community garden, but also the training of the community for its management and the formation of a community body for its management and care in the short, medium and long term.



Community orchards in Brisas de Los Andes UIT, Cúcuta, Colombia.



Community orchards in Brisas de Los Andes UIT, Cucuta, Colombia.



Artistic stage, Villa del Mar, Barranquilla, Colombia.

Community activities *for integration*

The consolidation of a cohesive community and of public spaces as neuralgic points for meeting and integration is something that demands the implementation of actions that facilitate the mobilization of the communities in favor of the construction of social bonds and the appropriation of the neighborhood's public spaces. The community activities carried out within the framework of the ICCS project meet this objective through cultural, sports or recreational activities that promote a sense of community and belonging in the community for effective integration.



101

*community activation
actions with*



15.184

participants.

Cleaning and recycling day in public spaces

Activities are developed for cleaning public spaces and the proper management and reduction of solid waste production in areas of high environmental value such as parks, squares, forests or water fronts, such as beaches, riverbanks or streams.



Cleaning day, La Chorrera, Panama.



Cleaning day, San Cristóbal, Dominican Republic.

15

public space cleaning
days with

2.052

participants.



Cleaning day, Cúcuta, Colombia.



Minga Cotocollao, Quito, Ecuador.



Cleaning Day



Tree planting days

This is an activity that encourages community participation in order to improve landscaping, environmental and comfort conditions in public spaces, according to the values of environmental protection and care of the planet. Its implementation not only requires community articulation for planting trees, but also the consolidation of a community structure that is responsible for their maintenance and protection, thus being an action that contributes significantly to the processes of community integration.

5

*tree planting
days with*

810

participants.



Planting day, Lima, Peru.





Planting day, Lima, Peru.





Planting events, Lima, Peru.



Healthcare and migrant care services offer, Quito, Ecuador and Cúcuta, Colombia.



Service days for communities/vulnerable groups

These actions are developed to facilitate access to fundamental rights and services with the objective of promoting social stabilization and making it the starting point in the integration processes in the medium and long term.

These spaces are developed by means of service delivery days whose objective is to bring communities closer to health service providers such as vaccination, family planning and basic health care, as well as education, legal and food security services, among others.

23

service days for vulnerable population with

16.368

beneficiaries.



Cultural exhibition, Quito, Ecuador.



Cultural exhibition, Cúcuta, Colombia.



Integration Festival, Las Delicias, Cúcuta, Colombia.



Cultural event, Cúcuta, Colombia.

Community fairs

These fairs may be of a gastronomic or handicraft nature and are held in community spaces that promote coexistence between communities in a situation of human mobility and host communities. Their activities are focused on a cultural exchange that makes visible the positive contributions of the refugee and migrant community to their host territory, spreading the message that diversity contributes to territorial prosperity.



Cultural event, Granjas de Provenza, Bucaramanga, Colombia.

21

community fairs with

3.272

participants.

Recreational, cultural and sporting activities

Through the implementation of sporting or cultural activities, spaces are created that facilitate peaceful coexistence between the communities in a situation of human mobility and the host community. The development of these activities makes the cultural values and talent of both communities visible, while collaborative and teamwork becomes the most effective means for building social ties.



Surquillo Children's Integration Festival, Surquillo, Lima, Peru.

55

recreational, cultural and
sports activities with

8.045

participants.



Quintet of strings from the Binational Dominican-Venezuelan Symphony, Dominican Republic.



Calisthenics space, San Martín Park, Villa del Rosario, Colombia.





Cultural event in Villa del Mar, Barranquilla, Colombia.



Cultural event in Las Delicias, Cúcuta, Colombia.

*Co-creation exercises
with the participation of*



Cultural exhibition at La Casita, Hispanic Cultural Centre, Chaguanas, Trinidad & Tobago.



Cultural exhibition in Manta, Ecuador.





Tactical urbanism activity, Manuela Beltran, Cúcuta, Colombia.



Surquillo Children's Integration Festival, Surquillo, Lima, Peru.

Observation Race with a gender focus:

The general objective of the “Observation Races” is to develop the city's ability to recognize elements that compromise the access or enjoyment that girls, women, members of the LGBTIQ+ community or other members vulnerable to gender-based violence have to public space. In this sense, those elements that contribute to or compromise access to the right to the city, as well as the safety and well-being of this community in the use and enjoyment of public spaces are identified in a participatory manner.

8 observation
races with

205 participants.



Route for Equality, Cúcuta, Colombia.





Equality route, Bucaramanga, Colombia.



Equality route, La Chorrera, Panama.



Promotion *of entrepreneurship*

A fundamental component of integration is economic inclusion, which was incorporated by the ICCS initiative within its lines of action as the promotion of entrepreneurship. These actions are aimed at strengthening existing enterprises, considered community assets, and promoting the creation of new ones to boost the production and consumption of goods and services within the community and generate sources of employment for the refugee and migrant population in the medium and long term.

The promotion of entrepreneurship is developed by strengthening the capacities of entrepreneurs, providing seed capital, and improving their physical facilities. In addition to the traditional approach of direct support to individuals, an impact component was added from the perspective of the common good

9

Socioeconomic and territorial
plans formulated with

40

beneficiary enterprises.

1.144

training sessions for
enterprises with



Improvement of entrepreneurship, Surquillo, Lima, Peru

» *Physical improvement of workspaces*

The interventions improve the functional habitability of the spaces, mitigating health risks, overcrowding, structural quality, or thermal comfort, thus improving workers' conditions.

» *Occupational safety*

the interventions mitigate occupational risk factors and improve work areas, equipment, rest areas, and customer service areas.

» *Valorization and dignification of the public space*

The interventions improve the conditions of the space in general and that which connects the area of the enterprise with the public space, placing value on the identity elements and dignifying the areas of socialization and coexistence, in addition to improving the safety of the environment.

» *Environmental sustainability*

The interventions mitigate the impact of the developments on their surroundings, introducing sustainable recycling techniques and efficient use of resources.



Baby lingerie entrepreneurship, Villa del Rosario, Colombia.

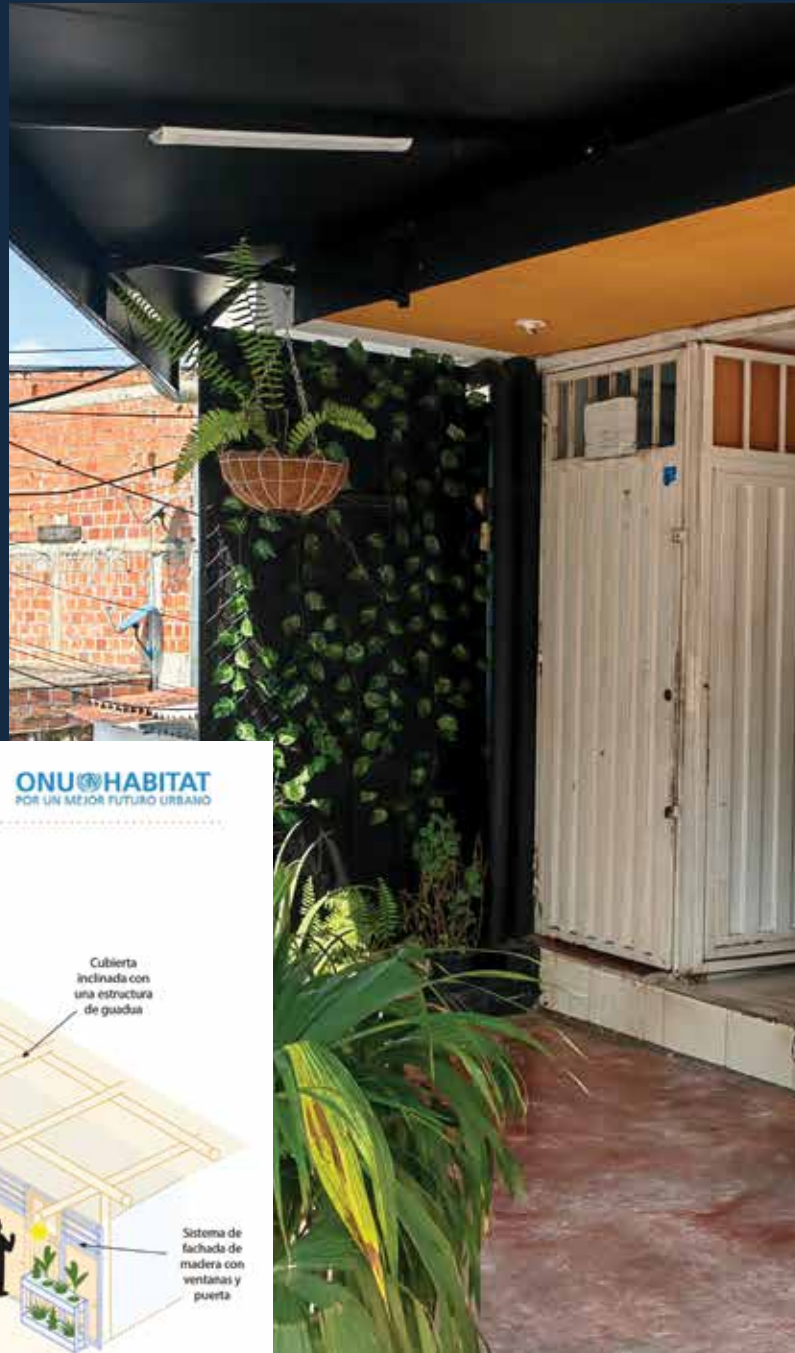


Shoe entrepreneurship, neighborhood, Brisas de los Andes, Cucuta, Colombia.



Entrepreneurship improvement, Bucaramanga, Colombia.

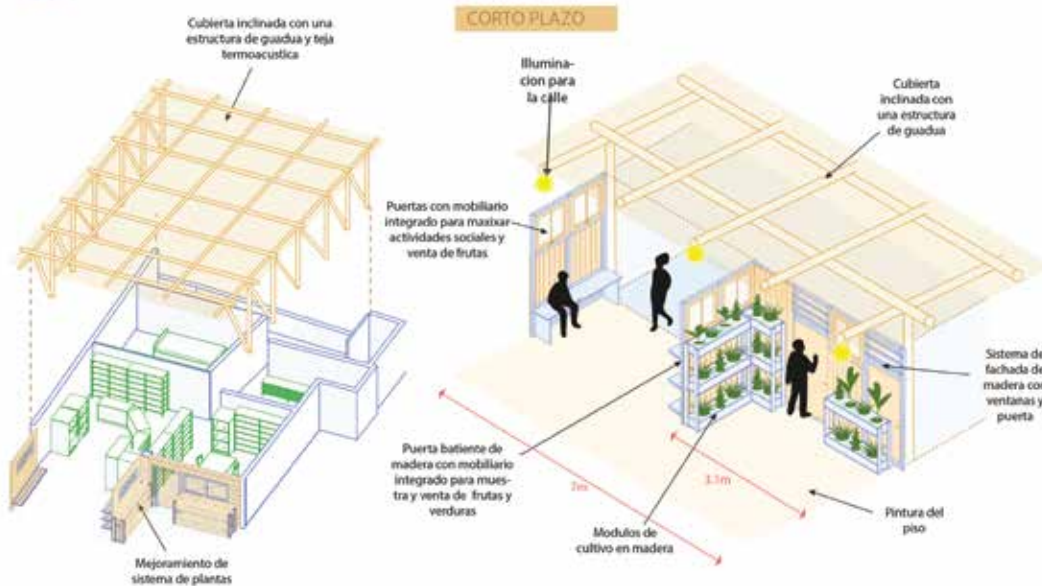
Improvement of fast food entrepreneurship, Bucaramanga, Colombia.



MEJORAMIENTO DEL EMPRENDIMIENTO DE NELSON PAJARO
BUCARAMANGA, COLOMBIA

ONU HABITAT
POR UN MEJOR FUTURO URBANO

4 PROPUESTA







Mónica Hernandez, Social leader, Cúcuta, Colombia.

Fostering personal *and community development*

In order to improve the sustainability of its actions and impacts, the ICCS initiative supports community-based organizations and neighborhood institutions to strengthen their capacity to provide essential services to their communities for the development and integration of vulnerable groups. In this regard, two significant actions were identified, among others.

70 *actions for the promotion of personal
and community development with*

65.194 *beneficiaries.*

New leadership models - “Community Champions”

New community leadership models based on solidarity were promoted, recognizing people who have stood out for implementing remarkable actions in favor of the development of their community, with the intention that they become role models for other members of the community, multiplying impacts and advancing the principles of inclusion and integration.

Solidarity Champions at the Inclusive and Solidarity Cities Forum, Barranquilla, Colombia.





Maria Elena Véliz



Nelson Pájaro,



Luis Castillo



Sonia López



Yeneth Caicedo



Andreina Briceño



Gina Caldera



Leika-Ballesteros



Lizeth-Atuesta



Mónica Hernández



Nurys Morin



Famny-Cedeño

over **21**
community champions
identified in

9
cities.



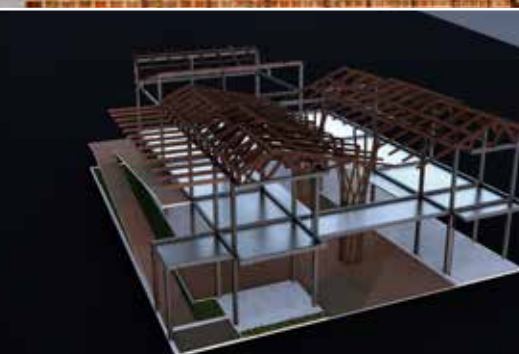
Sandra Torres



Sashi-Durán



Yasmina-Hera



Proposal for an IntegrHa-bitat centre, Brisas de los Andes, Cúcuta, Colombia.



IntegrHa-bitat Centers and Network

The ICCS initiative supported the conceptualization of a new generation of community centers open to all, which in addition to the dimension of protection, attention and orientation to the refugee and migrant population, incorporate broader integration elements, cultivating their relationship with the territory where they are located. In this way, the centers are constituted as engines of development and participation that can adapt their service provision to the problems and assets detected in the communities, articulating with all the actors, and incorporating the social construction of the habitat as the key dimension.

In order to make visible and promote the exchange of centers that share the principles and values of the IntegrHa-bitat proposal, a Global Network of Centers was created which, as of June 2024, has 107 centers in 15 countries.

110

centers adhered to the IntegrHa-bitat network

Quinta Ola, Lima, Peru.



Integrate Center, Barranquilla, Colombia.



Mathare Center Nairobi - IntegrH-abitat.



Mónica Saldarriaga from the Moravia Cultural Development Center and Elkin Velásquez, Regional Representative of UN-Habitat for Latin America and the Caribbean.



Launch event of the IntegrHabitat network
at the World Urban Forum 11, Katowice, Poland.



1

Inclusion and integration to respect diversity

To be an inclusive space open to everyone that facilitates integration while respecting diversity and is free from all types of discrimination and xenophobia.

2

Proximity and territory as binding values

Being a space located in the center of the community, valuing the proximity and community links with the territory, valuing its assets and ensuring its care and sustainable development.

3

Inclusive governance and co-creation

To be a space for inclusive governance and participation, a meeting place that facilitates citizen participation and the co-creation of shared solutions in coordination with all the actors in the territory.

4

Transformation engine from the neighborhood scale

To be a space and central actor of urban/neighbourhood transformation from the community vision and an engine of innovation, creativity, art and culture.

5

Intercultural and global dialogue

To be a space that values diversity and promotes intercultural dialogue for development and peace, building global citizenship.

6

No one be left behind

To be a safe space of care, protection, listening and integration for all vulnerable groups and individuals ensuring that no one is left behind.

7

Advocate for the Human Rights

To be a space that promotes human rights, the right to the city and the principles of the 2030 Agenda, including the 17 SDGs.

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Solidarity with civic sense

To be a space that promotes solidarity, civic sense and belonging, oriented towards social cohesion and harmonious and peaceful coexistence.

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Empowerment and equity of opportunities

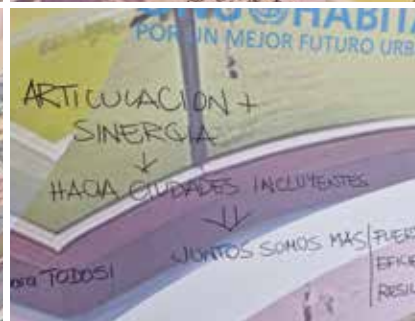
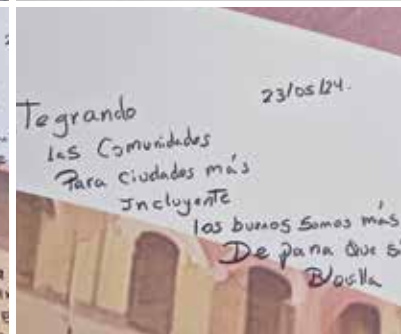
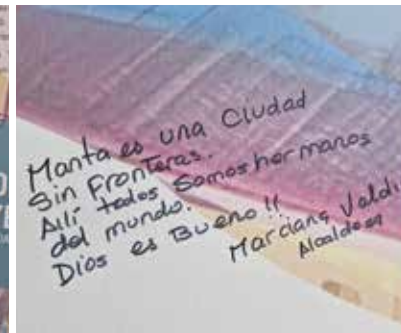
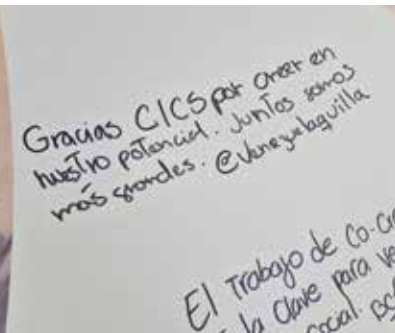
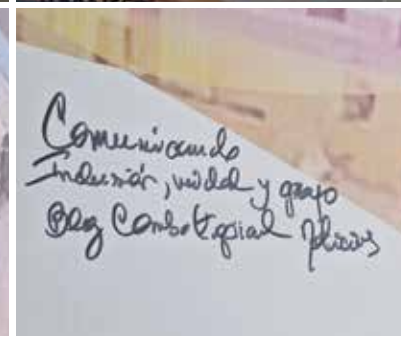
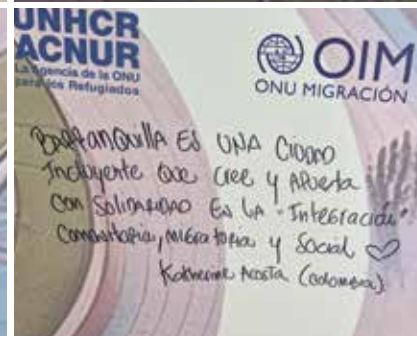
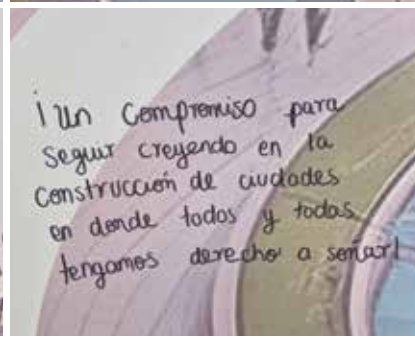
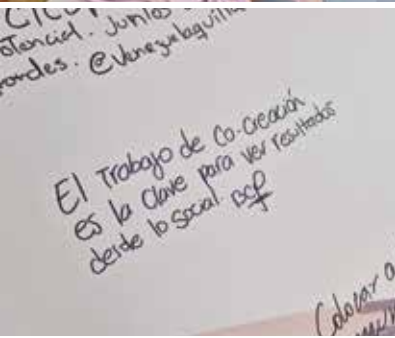
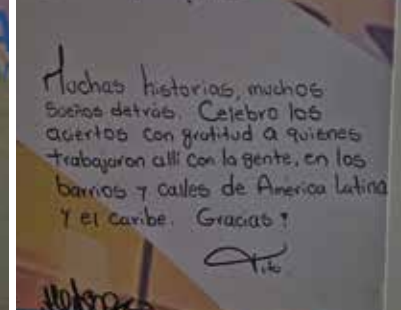
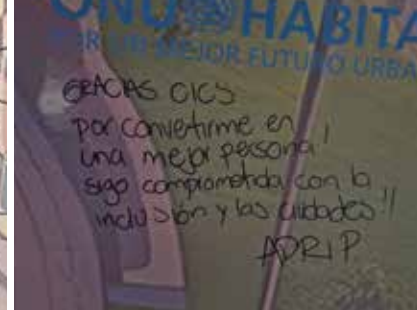
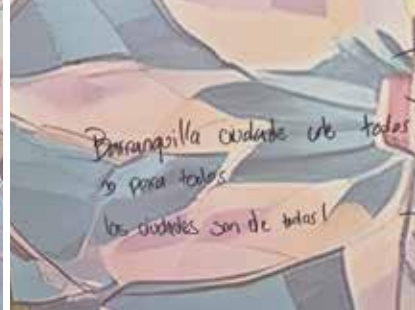
To be a space for capacity building, empowerment and promotion of equal opportunities for sustainable and inclusive development.

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Transforming engine of action nexus: humanitarian - development - peace making from the neighborhood scale

To be an effective activation space in emergencies that promotes the humanitarian action - development - peace nexus, addressing the vulnerabilities of communities at risk and strengthening their resilience.







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