

ANNUAL REPORT

«THE MOST COMPLETE OF ALL ACTIONS IS TO BUILD....»

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Dear friends of the Fondation Aide aux Enfants,

The conflict in Colombia has had severe consequences for its population who has been suffering from it for two generations. Out of 8,5 million registered war victims, 7,2 million are internally displaced persons who are flocking to the slums of the large cities.

Despite its economic growth, the country now faces serious social problems. Alarming inequalities, high unemployment and constant insecurity mean that social stability may still be decades away. In addition, there is now a massive wave of immigrants from Venezuela, estimated at half a million in 2017, who flee the recession in their home country.

More than ever, the Foundation pursues its actions for the most vulnerable.

We have the pleasure of presenting you the annual report 2017, which describes our actions for the poorest Colombians.

Everything we were able to achieve was made possible by your commitment to hundreds of children and their parents. Let us continue what we started 33 years ago!

Thank you for your support.

Hans Rudi Spillmann President Marc Groothaert Vice-president

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PHILOSOPHY

OUR MISSION

Since 1985, the Fondation Aide aux Enfants, headquartered in Geneva, strives to improve the life of the neediest people in Colombia. In our four «Bambi» homes we welcome children from birth to the age of six who find themselves in extreme situations (abandonment, child labor, mistreatment and abuse) and work to restore their physical and psychological balance.

In concert, the Foundation acts at the heart of the family struggle by enabling the children's parents, mainly single mothers, to reach sustainable autonomy through our professional training program (PROMEFA).

OUR ACTIVITIES

- > Bring vital assistance to children in situations of physical and psychological distress
- Improve the socio-economic condition of parents, most often single-parent families deprived of a regular source of income
- > Build sustainable solutions for the children and their families

OUR METHODS AND RESULTS

- > 4 homes in Bogota, Cali, Darien and Medellin
- > 160 full-time Colombian employees
- > 17'500 children in our homes since 1985
- > 4'800 parents having benefited from the PROMEFA program to learn a trade since its creation in the year 2000
- > 75% of the children were able to go back to their own families and followed by our social workers for two years thereafter
- Programs financed 50% by Switzerland and 50% by Colombia
- > Administration expenses of the Swiss organization : 7% of total budget
- > Recipient of Order of Merit and Colombian Congress awards
- > ZEWO label in Switzerland, ICBF and ISO 9001 in Colombia



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The operating time of the members is limited.

TESTIMONIAL

«I am deeply touched by everything Bambi has done for us. Without this support, I would not have known what to do for my daughter and myself. Bambi is like a family: teachers. psychologists, the director and, most of all, the PROMEFA coordinators have opened some doors for me and given us opportunities. They gave us the feeling that we are worth something and now we believe in it. My daughter has made great progress. I learned how to be a better mother, a better friend and how to become a better person. When we started the value workshops, I learned many things, but most importantly, I learned to have confidence in myself. Before, I was a withdrawn person, I felt terrible and lonely, I did not care about anything and thought that I was not worth much. With PROMEFA's help, everything changed for me and my daughter, who is the light of my life...

Thank you from all of my heart – you made dreams come true that were unreachable for mothers like me. Thank you for all your love and your patience. Bambi is our second home.»

Monica

City: Calima-Darien Mother: Monica Alejandra, 22 years old, single

Through PROMEFA, Monica was able to create her own garment production unit and to improve her income. In parallel, she resumed her secondary studies and plans to graduate in 2018.



THE SITUATION IN COLOMBIA

The peace agreement between the Government and FARC, ratified in 2016, was a turning point in the history of Colombia. The demobilization process was completed by June 2017. In parallel, the government has initiated negotiations with the ELN guerillas (Colombian Liberation Army) in order to reach a global and permanent peace.

Colombia's regular growth, mainly based on a great wealth of natural resources has made the country one of the great powers in Latin America. Its GDP has steadily grown by 2% in 2017, with focal areas in the industrial, agricultural and public service sectors. Through its foreign policy, the country was able to multiply its economic relations with the neighboring countries, but also with the EU, the US and Asia. The social protection system has been greatly strengthened, but large parts of the population, mainly in rural areas, do not have access to the full range of its services.

Although the country's development is positive, the unpopularity of the peace treaty among parts of the population as well as the uncertain results of the presidential elections in June 2018 are cause for concern. One third of the Colombian population lives below the poverty level, unemployment is high at 9,3% and almost half of the workforce is employed in the informal sector. Major inequalities persist, and Colombia is currently the most unequal Latin American country.

In addition, there is high insecurity because of drug trafficking, crimes committed by organized gangs and an immigration wave of 500'000 Venezuelan refugees who further add to the country's slum population.

More than ever, the Fondation Aide aux Enfants' programs are carried out in a country where the first victims are people who were forced to leave their home regions and are left without protection or resources. About 5 million children are currently covered by Colombia's social protection systems, i.e. 48,5% of the population under 5 years of age. However, 24% of them cannot benefit from childcare programs because there are either not enough institutions or no free places. (source: ENDS) This problem particularly affects low income families. According to the Ministry of National Education, there are serious inequalities between cities and rural areas, with high rates of exclusion in rural communities, among indigenous people and Afro-Colombians. About 90'000 children drop out of the school system before the end of their primary or secondary studies.

The continuation of our programs

In order to safeguard the children's rights in a secure environment, the Fondation Aide aux Enfants continues its practice to offer access to daycare to the neighboring communities. In parallel, the Foundation has recently closely cooperated with the government in creating public care programs like «Hogares Sustitutos», «Buen Comienzo», «Extramuros» and «Jardin». In 2017, the continuation of these programs was reconsidered. In fact, some of them do not allow for the parents to be integrated into PROMEFA and therefore deviate from our core mission. The Board in Geneva is currently discussing the matter with the Boards of the Bogota and Medellin homes.

Bogota

In the beginning of the year two American volunteers completed an internship within the framework the course «Uplifting journeys – Learn to donate with Impact» and came up with a number of recommendations to improve operations in the home. The main points were an increase of the number of childcare staff, creation of a library in every bungalow, reading sessions for children, rocking chairs to cradle babies, reinforcement of daily activities through games and sport and additional training for staff. The changes carried out based on these recommendations correspond to the ISO 9001 standard required for the recertification of the home which is underway.

Medellin

In recent years, the government has adopted a number of social measures which have made Medellin the city with the best early childhood care in Colombia. The Foundation cooperates with several of these programs like «Buen Comienzo» and «Hogares Sustitutos» but cannot take boarders any longer, since the parents do not wish to leave their children in the home overnight. In parallel, every month, professional teams care for 60 children in the poorest parts of town providing them with healthcare and nutritional follow-up.

These services have made the home the best provider of early childhood care of the municipality. In the future, the Board wants to improve daycare and the PROMEFA training.

The construction of a new center in the same part of town is still under consideration.

Cali

In 2017, a new team has started to work at Bambi-Chiquitines. This highly professional team has worked throughout the year to further develop and strengthen the Home's programs: protection, adoption, community and PROMEFA.

Of the four Bambi homes, Cali is the only «IAPA» center, authorized by ICBF (Instituto Colombiano de Bienestar Familiar) to handle adoptions and train the adopting families. This year, 22 children found a new home. ICBF entrusted 165 children to the home, 53 came to us from the Community program and were given primary care.

Darien

Darien is a rural home, which has had great success with PROMEFA. Currently, a number of mothers are creating production units in the agricultural sector. In 2017, 70 children were admitted to the home and 19 families were able to improve their income through PROMEFA. Because of the home's remote location, it has been difficult to raise funds. The «Friends from Spiez», raised about 50'000 CHF in 2017, more than half of its operating budget. The Foundation wishes to give heartfelt thanks to these 200 donors who have been committed to the Home's support since it's creation in the year 2000.

Communication

The new Colombian website was inaugurated this year based on a communication chart established in Switzerland which harmonizes the information provided in the two countries. In parallel, the Foundation focused on the development of social networks, improvement of the data banks and a new generation of fundraising tools. We wish to deeply thank the Colombian team for its work!

Discover the link : <u>www.hogaresbambi.org</u>



2. SWITZERLAND

The Foundation Board

Two new members joined the Patrons' Committee in 2017: George Petty, our former Treasurer and Patricia Zwahlen who is of Colombian origin and close to the Foundation. The Foundation Board has elected Patrick Spillmann as its new Treasurer and welcomed Lorenzo Romano as a new member.

The Fondation Aide aux Enfants wishes to thank them warmly for their trust and their commitment to the Colombian cause.

Geneva

On February 23, 2017, the Fondation Aide aux Enfants became a member of the Fédération Genevoise de Coopération FCG (Geneva Cooperation Council). Within the framework of this new partnership, two development cooperation projects aiming at empowering the Colombian Foundations were submitted. The first one, «Proyecto Arte», introduces pedagogic support through art in the 4 Colombian homes. The second one concerns the creation of a socio-economic PROMEFA center for the parents of the children who were admitted to the Bogota home.

Events/Birthdays

The Fondation Aide aux Enfants has organized and/or benefitted from several events in 2017. We would like to thank in particular:

- > Hilda Burger Calderón, Board member, for the evening lecture organized in Zurich at PKZ Women in September, which was attended by eighty guests who are sensitive to the Colombian cause.
- > Several friends of the Foundation, chose to donate funds to the Foundation rather than receive presents for their birthdays.
- > The law firm Cuatrecasas who made their Madrid offices available for the 6th BePart auction and offered a cocktail-dinner.
- > Nathallie d'Ornano and Patrick Spillmann for the jewelry sale organized in Paris with Colombian artist Paola Quintana, who donated a part of the profits to the Foundation.

3. USA

Our US affiliate «American Friends of the Bambi Homes», headquartered in New York, established a new Action Committee and elected a new president.

The Association is a 501-3 tax-exempt non-profit organization whose goal it is to raise funds in the US destined to the Colombian homes.

No events were organized in 2017, but the Action Committee is currently preparing another BePart auction for 2018.



A few numbers



General situation

Government: Republic Head of State 2017: Juan Manuel Santos Area: 1'141'748 km² Population : 49.2 million, out of which 76,1% live in cities Capital:Bogota Major cities: Medellin, Cali, Barranquilla, Cartagena Official language: Spanish Other languages: about 85 indigenous languages Currency: Colombien Peso Religion: 95% catholic



OUR PROGRAMS

The programs of our Foundation follow a global approach and aim at reestablishing children's rights while including their parents in a process of socio-economic improvement.



Children who are highly vulnerable because of de-schooling, isolation or exposure to drugs, because they are forced to go begging, are victims of sexual abuse, suffer from housing insecurity and/or economic difficulties Children who are mistreated, displaced or live in extreme poverty

1. THE CHILDREN

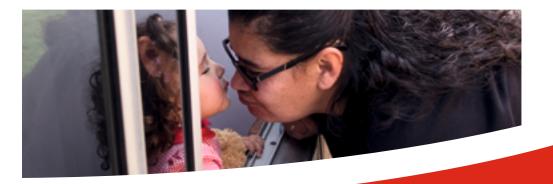
The ICBF (Instituto Colombiano de Bienestar Familiar), the highest public authority for early childhood protection in Colombia, announced alarming numbers for 2017.

About 25'630 children were partially or completely taken away from their parents; the reasons were sexual abuse (11'776 cases), violence (10'834 cases), vagrancy (962 cases), acute malnutrition (938 cases) and child labor (1'121 cases). These children were placed under state custody and entrusted to various institutions like the Fondation Aide aux Enfants for the restitution of their rights and for physical and psychological rehabilitation. In 2017, 248 children from the ICBF's protection program were admitted to the Bambi Homes in Cali and Bogota.

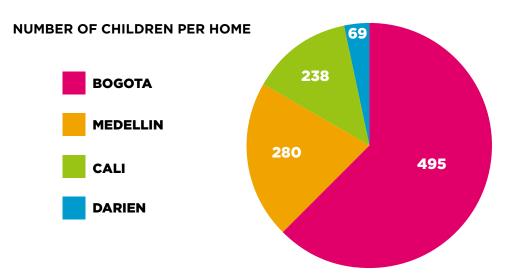
In parallel, 184 children in Bogota and Medellin were provided with day-care under the «Jardin» and «Buen Comienzo» programs, 223 children from traditional community programs were placed as semi-boarders or in day-care in our 4 homes and 60 children received monthly nutritional care in Medellin.

Under the program «Hogares Sustitutos», 367 children were supervised by our staff of the homes in Bogota and Medellin.

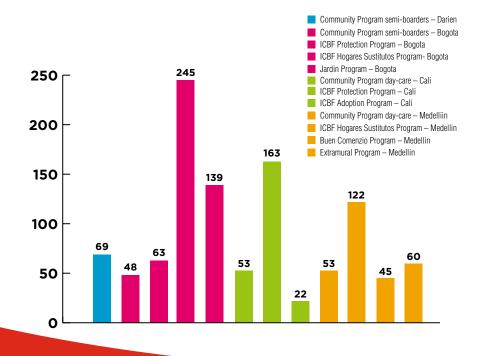
In 2017, the Foundation provided 1082 children with constant nutritional surveillance, educational development promotion, psychological support and medical care.



OUR PROGRAMS



NUMBER OF CHILDREN PER PROGRAM 2017



OUR ADMISSION MODALITIES

Community:

Under this historical Foundation program, children from 0 to 6 years of age from families in socio-economic difficulties are temporarily admitted to our homes. They receive either day-care or are semi-boarders; their parents join the PROMEFA program. Their emotional bonds are strengthened; they receive educational support and nutritional care. The program is fully financed from Switzerland and by local partners.

ICBF protection:

ICBF program which entrusts children under state custody to the Foundation in order to restitute their rights or arrange for adoption (adoption: Bambi Chiquitines Home Cali). The children are admitted as boarders in the Bogota and Cali homes. In some cases, the biological parents are contacted and join the PROMEFA program. Seventy five percent of this program is financed by the Government.

Hogares Sustitutos ICBF:

The Bogota and Medellin homes are in charge of the administrative management of this program. Children under state custody are placed in foster families. The program is in high demand by the government as it allows for child care in a family context. The Foundation supports the foster mothers through permanent training, teaching them the importance of family values, education and care for the children who are entrusted to them and is paid by the government for these supervisory activities.

Jardín :

Day care in partnership with the municipality of Bogota for children of 0 to 6 years of age from low-income families. The program is co-financed by the Secretariat for Social Integration and has enabled 87 families from the Marruecos, Providencia and Bochica districts to join PROMEFA.

Buen Comienzo:

Full day-care for vulnerable children from 2 to 5 years of age in Medellin. The program is co-financed by the Municipality of Medellin, Swiss and Colombian partners. Numerous mothers are integrated in the PROMEFA program.

Extramural:

Ambulatory interventions by our staff in Medellin for children under 2 years of age. Its goal is to improve the nutritional status of the children in line with WHO standards. The program is carried out once a month in the poorest parts of town and is entirely financed by the Foundation in Switzerland. Some mothers participate in PROMEFA.



OUR PROGRAMS

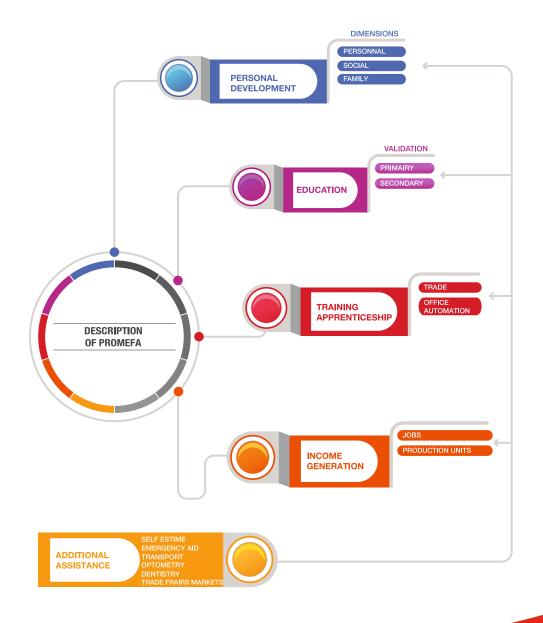
2. THE PARENTS

Every parent whose child was admitted to a Bambi Home participates in the PROMEFA (**PRO**grama de **ME**joriamento para las **FA**milias) training courses (exceptions: «Hogares Sustitutos» and those whose children are under state custody).

The program was introduced in the year 2000, when the Foundation realized that helping children without tackling the underlying family problems did not lead to sustainable solutions. Until then, our work concentrated on the children's physical and psychological rehabilitation, but they then went back to their families who had no resources whatsoever.

We therefore created a program to improve the mothers' and/or fathers' skills which has turned into flagship program of our Foundation. The program's goals are socio-economic empowerment of the families and a tightening of family bonds, to be reached in three phases.





ACTIVITES IN	DICATORS	BOGOTA	CALI	MEDELLIN	DARIEN	TOTAL
NUMBER OF PARTI Families	CIPATING	129	37	50	57	273
PERSONAL	PARENTS TRAINING	106	33	50	48	237
WORKSHOP	PARENTS GRADUATED	100	17	45	27	189
UPDATING	PARENTS TRAINING	17	5	6	12	40
EDUCATION	PARENTS GRADUATED	10	2	5	6	23
TRAINING AND	PARENTS TRAINING	53	9	26	16	104
APPRENTICESHIPS	PARENTS GRADUATED	13	4	24	10	51
EMPLOYED PARENTS	PARENTS Working From promefa	11	3	8	25	47
CREATION OF MICRO Entreprises	1ST STEP Productive Unit	19	4	18	19	60
NUMBER OF PAREN Improved their i		30	7	26	44	107
NUMBER OF PARENT HAVE DROPPED OU		39	3	5	7	54

At the end of 2017, 107 parents had increased their income because they were employed or had created a production unit.

In 2017, our focal points were strengthening the parents and their personal development (1st step) as well as additional management training and accounting courses for parents who had their own production unit. Other priorities were specialized training for the psychosocial teams and closer monitoring of the participants through regular meetings of the program directors in the various cities.

During the year, 273 parents signed up for the program; 237 of them are now in first phase of improving their self-esteem, 40 have resumed primary or secondary education and 104 are trainees or apprentices. There were 54 dropouts, mainly in Bogota; the reasons are either frequent changes of domicile, renewed violence in certain parts of town on transport difficulties in this large city with 8 million inhabitants.



FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 2017

BALANCE SHEET AS AT DECEMBER 31 2017

	31.12.17	31.12.16
ASSETS	CHF	CHF
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash & cash equivalents	10.000	4.000
Postal account	10 820	4 988
Current accounts - Banks	141 120	357 807
	151 940	362 795
Trade and other receivables	2 469	1.000
		1 692
Prepayments and accrued income	72 894	7 225
	75 363	8 917
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	227 303	371 712
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LIABILITIES		
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Financial debts		
Creditors	3 041	1 094
	3 041	1 094
Transitional liabilities		
Accruals	18 081	10 597
	18 081	10 597

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Swiss gaap RPC 21 and to Zewo's Zewo's recommandations. They were approved by the General Assembly on April 24th 2018, after examination by the accountants LO Patrimonia and the auditors VERIFID SA, in Geneva

11 691

281 188

78 833

371 712

21 122

182 803

23 378

227 303

The audited report and the detailed financial statements can be ordered by mail at: infe@fondation-bambl.org or on line on our website: www.fondation-bambl.org

FINANCIAL STATEMENT AS AT DECEMBER 31 2017

	Notes	31.12.17	31.12.16
INCOME	_	CHF	CHF
Donations			
Unencumbered donations		807 901	504 840
Assignes donations		121 074	266 610
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TOTAL DONATIONS RECEIVED		928 975	771 450
EXPENSES			
Donations and grants			
Grants - Bambi Homes		447 002	440 148
General grants Colombia		105 220	80 741
Assigned projects grants		219 458	154 324
Project support costs		72 605	0
	_	844 285	675 213
Direct fundraising costs			
Personnel costs	1	116 583	113 518
Marketing costs		9 973	7 361
Event's costs		14 228	14 332
Travel costs - Switzerland and Colombia		9 955	21 185
	_	150 739	156 396
Other administrative expenses			
Personnel costs	2	48 594	0
Fees		10 128	11 000
Office expenses		12 718	12 752
Postage and CCP expenses		4 440	5 511
Insurances		314	313
	_	76 194	29 576
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES		1 071 218	861 186
OPERATING INCOME		-142 244	-89 736
Financial result		-4 712	-460
Exceptional result		-7 225	-13 523
Others		342	404
RESULT BEFORE CHANGE IN CAPITAL FUNDS		-153 839	-103 315
Change in capital funds		98 384	-112 286
Transfer to free funds		0	0
LOSS (-) / PROFIT		-55 455	-215 600
ease (Arright)		-00 400	-210 000

Part of the employment costs of the Foundation is supported by an anonymous donor.

2 Part of the Foundation's services are donated (translations, computers, publications, graphic design, etc).

TOTAL LIABILITIES

CAPITAL OF THE ORGANIZATION

TOTAL EQUITY AND LIABILITIES

CAPITAL FUNDS

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 2017

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN CAPITAL

	Initial Balance	Internal Transfer	Allocations	Applications	Balance at 31.12.2017
Assigned funds					
PROMEFA	215 188		55 000	-126 456	143 732
Nutritional Program	32 000		25 000	-48 485	8 5 1 4
Educational Program	34 000	0	41 074	-44 517	30 557
CAPITAL FUNDS	281 188	0	121 074	-219 458	182 803
Capital of the Organization					
Capital endowment	2 000				2 000
Free funds	76 833	0	-55 455		21 378
CAPITAL OF THE ORGANIZATION	78 833	0	-55 455	0	23 378
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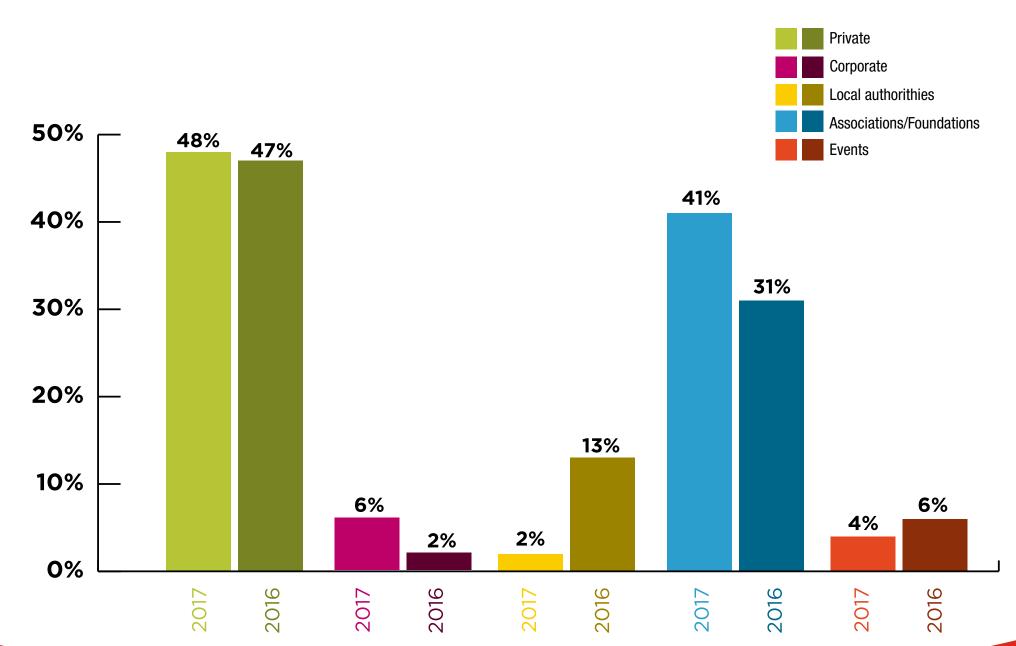
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