



## Supporting Children with Incarcerated Parents & their Families in Latin America and the Caribbean

### BUILDING SAFER ENVIRONMENTS FOR VULNERABLE CHILDREN

Like all children, those with incarcerated parents need to live in safe, supportive environments. This can be a challenge given the unique hurdles that these children and their families face, including trauma, stigma and high rates of poverty.

CWS is proud to support Plataforma NNAPES, the regional coalition of organizations in Latin America and the Caribbean who protect the rights of and advocating on behalf of the estimated 2.3 million children with incarcerated parents in the region. This year, NNAPES members are providing food and hygiene supplies to 350 families who are struggling economically during the pandemic.

Through NNAPES, we also focus on enhancing public policies that support these families. This year, we are hosting online training courses for about 50 government and nonprofit leaders so that they can better address this issue in their countries. More than 100 religious leaders and faith-based organizations will also participate in activities to learn and reflect on how best to support these children and families.

Through all of our program activities, we will continue to support knowledge generation, awareness raising, youth participation and political advocacy. Our goal is always to make the specific needs of these children and families seen.



Youth participation is a pillar of our work. That's why we support group activities that more than 100 children and youth participate in. Through these groups, children affected by parental incarceration have a chance to share their challenges and experiences with others who understand what they are going through. They can work together to find ways to overcome the challenges they are facing and build the skills to become advocates who drive change.