

Equity for Children Impact Report 2017

Equity for Children is a trailblazer in unveiling childhood inequalities and addressing them by pushing the policy agenda forward. We shine a light on innovative and practical solutions to improve child wellbeing.

Accomplishments 2017

Equity for Children is mobilizing local governments. The success of our Civic Accountability project last year led to the opening of a new department within the Cali, Colombia, mayor's office, dedicated to monitoring the care, education and health of young children (*to find out more visit <http://bit.ly/2fYbT8B>*). We are currently carrying out an evaluation of the wider project to assess its impact on policy in three other cities.



Partnering with global leaders for child-friendly cities. Equity for Children was chosen to assess UNICEF's Child-Friendly Cities initiative across Latin America. In early October, we presented our initial findings and recommended actions on child nutrition, prenatal care and education at a forum for child rights experts in Spain. A report will review social policies to strengthen local governance in six countries. In Brazil alone, the initiative will impact nine million children over the next three years (*to find out more visit <http://bit.ly/2h4OXrv>*).

Influencing national budgets to create change. This fall, in partnership with UNICEF and national government agencies in Equatorial Guinea, Equity for Children is developing a system to assess the government's spending on services to children. Equity for Children was selected for this project because of our emphases on data, transparency and the ability to understand and make recommendations about the impact of spending over time to improve the delivery of basic services (*to find out more visit <http://bit.ly/2yvywIb>*).



Measuring the root causes of child poverty in the Arab Region. In a keynote speech at a UNICEF conference in Morocco, Equity for Children Executive Director Alberto Minujin spoke about the importance of looking beyond income poverty and considering issues such as housing, sanitation and education quality. A report with our recommendations will be published in November 2017 (*to find out more visit <http://bit.ly/2qojR0b>*).