

## 1<sup>st</sup> Semester report (October 2020 to March 2021) for Fondation BERFRED

In the proposal approved for the funding of the work of a Child Protection Officer at ACER Brasil, we identified three areas of change we would pursue which are 1. To improve children's understanding of what constitutes violence and abuse and how they can protect themselves and use the mechanisms in the institution's safeguarding policy; 2. The children to learn good sanitary practices and do them both individually and in family to protect against COVID; 3. To become a reference for external organisations and agencies for safeguarding.

At the start of the period, we set up a cloud based registration system for our Safeguarding Officer, Andressa Silva, to use in her work and reduce the amount of time used in administrative duties. We also designed an online reporting system for organisation staff to use in order to make and track referrals to her.

On point 1, Andressa has been delivering monthly safeguarding training to all staff and also preparing them to be co-delivering workshops about gender, sexuality and violence to the children. She has delivered 33 workshops to children and in March the focus was on breaking gender stereotypes and children to identify the differences between girls and boys. She has provided 180 individual sessions with children and adolescents as well as supporting staff individually with certain situations or doubts on 39 occasions. With the establishment of her role, in 2021 the broader community has been seeking orientation and support concerning their children with 47 orientations and referrals given.

On point 2, we kept our community centre open and functioning from 7<sup>th</sup> October to 19<sup>th</sup> March when the government closed it due to the worsening Covid situation. During this period not a single beneficiary got Covid and one staff member caught Covid but was immediately isolated and there was no transmission. We have just done a survey with 207 families we work with and of them 69% report not having any cases of Covid in the family and in a further 19% only one person had caught it. Given the prevalence in the community and the living conditions of our families, we take this as a strong indicator that we have been successful in making sure that the beneficiaries and their families practice good sanitary habits avoiding contamination by Covid.

On point 3, Andressa has been supporting an organisation in Rio de Janeiro, UmRio, to improve their safeguarding practices and procedures as well as their social work outreach. Over the past two months she has supported a group of young people from UmRio to develop a project focussed on the prevention of teen pregnancy which they will deliver in their community. On December 9<sup>th</sup>, Andressa spoke at a national Webinar held by the International Safeguards in Sport Working Group (led by UNICEF-UK) on Child Safeguarding in Sport sharing what the day-to-day practice of a Safeguarding Officer is. ACER has just become a delivery partner for the Rexona (one of Unilever's main brands) Breaking the Barriers project and the programme officer from Rexona requested to use the ACER safeguarding policy as an example to be shared with all other partner

organisations and Andressa will support the organisations who need to develop a first or further develop their safeguarding policies. She has also held several meetings with the social workers and psychologists of the health posts in the region served directly in order to develop an effective referral system for children and families who need their attention during the disruption caused by Covid.



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QUANDO:  
QUARTA FEIRA DIA 09 DE DEZEMBRO  
DAS 10:00 ÀS 11:30

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REALIZAÇÃO:



Event Poster



Gender workshop – swapping roles



Andressa delivering a workshop to the children