

## Short report (April 2021 to July 2021) for Fondation BERFRED

Further to our 1<sup>st</sup> Semester report, we would like to share the following news; following the second lockdown which started on 19<sup>th</sup> March 2021, we were able to reopen our community centre at the beginning of May. During the lockdown, we did two important surveys in our community with over 600 families – one looked at food security (very bad and worsening throughout the community) and another into income levels, household expenditure and how children were coping with education. All-in-all things are worsening and demonstrate the importance of our continued work both on safeguarding and with food distribution.

Andressa has now trained all of the sports staff to co-deliver safeguarding sessions and when we return to 6 different sites to deliver sports sessions in August, she will be preparing them to deliver the bi-monthly safeguarding sessions to all children whilst she continues to support individual children's needs after suffering violence and/or abuse. In a new development, Andressa has gained community trust to the level that families are actively seeking her out for orientation and support with their children's upbringing.

Since re-opening in May, we have had no incidences of Covid disruption to our activities and from July onwards have had a significant increase in the numbers of children coming to our community centre and have opened new classes to cater for them whilst respecting our sanitary practices. We have also distributed over 3,000 washable facemasks to all our children and their families which were made by our embroidery group with a donation from an ex-volunteer of ours.

Andressa has continued to support the local health posts and social services and has also served as a reference for other social organisations in Diadema which are finally starting to operate with the public again (for over a year, we have been the only service (public or civil society) to have been working directly with the public in the city of Diadema – pop. 400,000). As a result of the work, ACER has been elected to represent the population on the Municipal Council for the Rights of Children and Adolescents where Andressa will be one of our two representatives. We have decided that one of the main banners that will shall carry in the council is safeguarding and for all organisations, governmental and non, including schools, to understand the need to have their own safeguarding policy.

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