Child rights and urban planning principles

Affordable Housing and Children’s Rights in the Dominican Republic

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THE CURRENT STATE OF LOW INCOME AND MIDDLE INCOME HOUSING DEVELOPMENT

Surface: 335,000 m² / 33.5 hectares
Housing Units: 2517 apartments
Estimated Population: 9,564 people
Gross Density: 75 units/hectare.

Neighborhood Facilities:
Commercial Centre; 1 Basketball court;
5 Gazebos; 4 Play Areas;
1 Catholic Church

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DEMOGRAPHICS AND FAMILY INCOME

The majority of homes have an income corresponding to vulnerable households (US$120 - US$300 monthly average per person).

VULNERABLE POPULATION

44% are children or adolescents, a greater proportion of children than the national average (35%).
TIME WITHOUT PARENTS - CHILDREN FROM 0–5 YEARS

PREDISPOSITION OF PARENTS TO PAY FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD SERVICES

- 15% of children never remain without parents
  - 1 hour
- 85% of children remain without parents daily for more than 1 hour
- 65% of children remain without parents daily for more than 5 hours
- 28% of children remain without parents daily for more than 8 hours

- 1% is willing to pay between 3,000 & 5,000 pesos per month
- 12% is willing to pay between 1,500 & 3,000 pesos per month
- 21% is willing to pay between 1,000 & 1,500 pesos per month
- 40% is willing to pay between 500 & 1,000 pesos per month
- 17% is willing to pay between 0 & 500 pesos per month
- 9% is not willing to pay.
OBJECTIVE

Develop clear guidelines for the private sector on how to implement child-friendly affordable housing projects in the Dominican Republic. *

PHASE I

Families from Residential

PHASE II

Children, Adolescents, community leaders, mothers, fathers, Governmental Institutions and private sector.

PUBLIC SECTOR

Urban Norms
Real State
Housing Constructors Family Life

PRIVATE SECTOR

SINERGY: UNICEF – GOVERNMENT – PRIVATE SECTOR

MAKE IT REAL FOR THE COMMUNITY

GUIDELINES ON CHILD-FRIENDLY HOUSING PROJECTS

METHODOLOGY

Collected information

Population General Characteristic
Right to Essential Services
Right to Be Safe
Right to Family Life, Play and Leisure

Methods used

Expert observation
Survey
Workshops
Interviews

Right to Family Life, Play and Leisure

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Identify general recommendations that improve children’s rights for the private sector.

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CREATIVE WORKSHOPS

Collective Expression  Personal Recognition and Empathy  Focus and Synthesis
GUIDELINES FOR URBANIZACION NEIGHBOURHOODS

Urban design & landscape
Playgrounds
Sports facilities
Urban environment

Housing

Accessibility
Motorized transportation
Non-motorized transportation
Public transportation

Risk mitigation and accident reduction
A Unit of Primary Health Care (UNAP)
Integral Care Center for early childhood
Playgrounds in Child Care Center
What should we plan for children?

10 Child Rights and Urban Planning Principles

By committing to 10 Child Rights and Urban Planning Principles, urban stakeholders ensure that cities are child-responsive and thrive as homes for healthy, safe, inclusive, green and prosperous communities.

1. Investments in urban planning
   Urban spaces, systems and networks, that offer a safe and clean environment for children and allow them to adopt sustainable behaviors.

2. Housing and Land Tenure
   Affordable and adequate housing and secure land tenure.

3. Public Amenities
   Infrastructure for health, educational and social services.

4. Public Spaces
   Safe and inclusive public and green spaces.

5. Transportation Systems
   Active transportation and public transit systems that ensure independent mobility.

6. Water and Sanitation Systems
   Safely managed water and sanitation services that ensure an Integrated Urban Water Management.

7. Food Systems
   Urban food systems with farms, markets and vendors, that give access to healthy, affordable and sustainably produced food and nutrition.

8. Waste Cycle Systems
   Zero waste systems that ensure sustainable resource management.

9. Energy Networks
   Clean energy networks that ensure reliable access to power.

10. Data and ICT Networks
    Integrated data and ICT networks that ensure safe and reliable digital connectivity.
How to ensure child-responsive urban planning?

- Provide **urban space** on different scales for children and the community.
- Include children in the **design process** to strengthen the community.
- Provide and use data for evidence-based and **people-centered decision-making**.

Principle 1 **Investments** – Invest in child-responsive urban planning that ensures a safe and clean environment for children.

**Sub/national urban policies**

- Norms and standards for city planning and budgeting
- Develop guidelines & tools for participatory planning & design
- Provide city level data for monitoring and evaluation for children
How to mainstream child-responsive urban planning in UNICEF’s Child Friendly Cities?

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Child Friendly Cities Initiatives / city based engagement
Thank you!