

# CHILD-RESPONSIVE URBAN PLANNING AND SUSTAINABLE URBAN TRANSPORTATION

IN PARAGUAY AND IN THE PHILIPPINES

In collaboration with



**Starting in:** 2019



**Duration:** 1,5 year



**Value:** \$197,694

### Implementing partners:

UNICEF in partnership with country offices, institutional, academic and technical partners in Paraguay and the Philippines.

### Beneficiaries:

- Children, students.
- Transportation planners playing a key role in the planning, construction and management of safe roads.

## PROJECT GOAL

Develop capacity in child-responsive urban planning, with a particular focus on developing and improving transportation systems.

### EVERY YEAR, THOUSANDS OF CHILDREN DIE ON THEIR WAY TO SCHOOL

- An estimated 250 thousand children die every year in road accidents in developing and poor countries, with Sub-Saharan Africa registering the greatest number of deaths.
- The number of children injured or disabled as a result of road traffic crashes is estimated to be around 10 million each year.
- This is the leading cause of fatalities for people aged between 5 and 29 years.
- And the burden of road traffic injuries and deaths is disproportionately borne by those living in low- and middle-income countries.
- The new United Nations General Assembly **Resolution A/RES/74/299**, proclaiming the entry into force of a **new Decade of Action for Road Safety 2020–2030**, urges Member States to implement **road safety policies for the protection of the most vulnerable among road users, in particular children**, youth, older persons and persons with disabilities
- **Accessing to good and quality health is one of the rights of the child.**
- If accessing to good and quality health is one of the rights of the child, road safety should be at the heart of our concern.

### Article 31 of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child:

"Children have the right to relax, play and to join in a wide range of leisure activities."

But the road environment is rarely developed with consideration for their needs. Some children work, play or live on the road, and this exposure, along with other risk factors inherent to childhood, make them particularly vulnerable in traffic.

[UN Convention](#)



## KEY RESULTS

This project was implemented by UNICEF in Paraguay and in the Philippines. It has developed a sustainable model school showing that child responsive urban planning and engineering interventions can reduce the number of children fatalities and injuries. As another result of the project, the Paraguay Ministry of Housing and Urban Planning issued a memorandum to ensure that all future urban development projects take child rights into consideration.

- 219 practitioners and stakeholders (Government officials, professionals' urban planners, engineers, private sector, Local Government representatives, etc.) have been trained in child responsive urban planning.
- 102 action plans were drafted by the training participants.
- Development of training material in child responsive urban planning.
- The Paraguay Ministry of Housing and Urban Planning has issued a Memorandum to ensure a child rights approach to the future urban development projects.
- 3 model schools with improved child-friendly spaces developed in Paraguay.
- Universities in Paraguay are planning to integrate the project's modules in civil engineering and architecture programmes.
- Development of 4 model schools exhibiting improved road safety, including a childfriendly space for school children, in the Philippines.
- Formulation of specific policy recommendations for child responsive urban planning.



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### Watch the video

UNRSF & UNICEF help Paraguay to integrate road safety for children in urban planning



SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



Make cities inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable.



Improve children's health and reduce the number of traffic victims and injuries.



Facilitate the access to quality education.



Contribute to reduce inequalities.



Contribute to climate change action.

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