**IOPD - LEARNING SESSIONS** 

# **CHILDREN'S** PARTICIPATION

#### NUEVO LEÓN, MÉXICO

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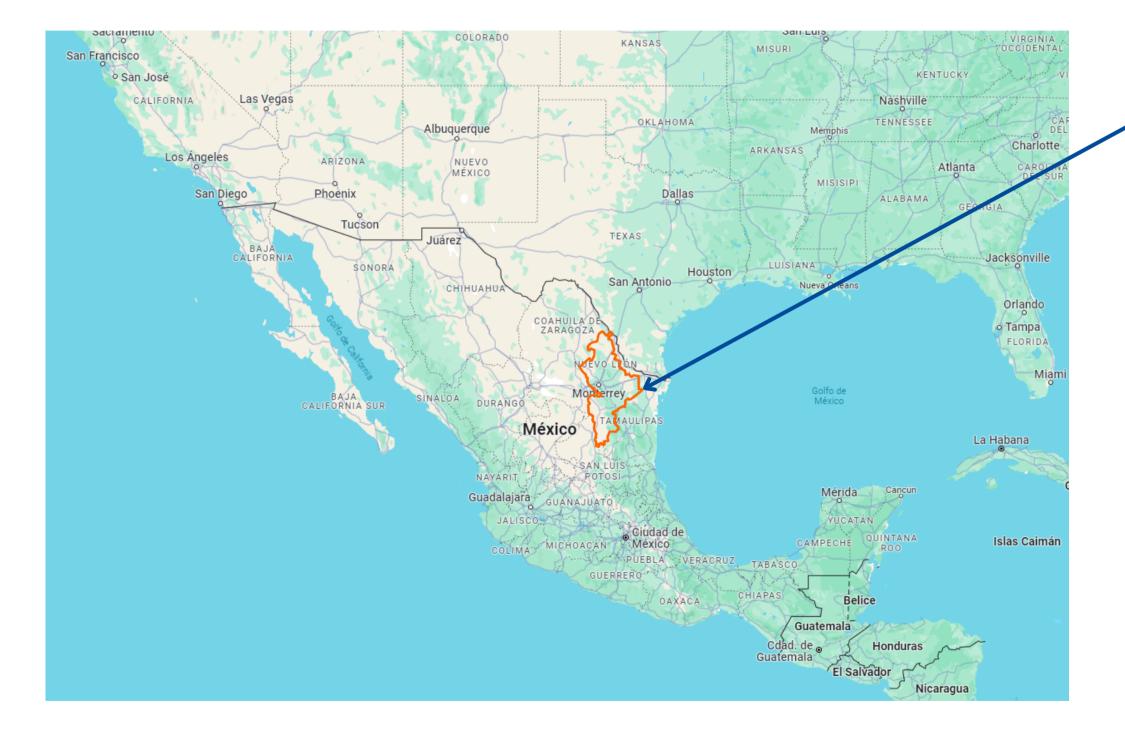




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# **-NUEVO LEÓN STATE**

- Population: 5.7 million
- 51 municipalities
- 64,156 km2

Territory size comparable to that of Ireland or Czech Republic



## **MINISTRY OF CITIZEN PARTICIPATION**



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**Mission:** Guarantee the right to participate to all people in Nuevo León, activating participatory mechanisms, spaces and projects.

**Vision:** Become a national reference in participatory culture for public advocacy with an Open Government model.



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#### In 2021, the Ministry of Citizen Participation was created.



## PARTICIPATORY BUDGETS IN SCHOOLS

#### **Phases:**

- 1. Random selection for group integration
- 2. Workshop: Ideas for school improvement
- 3. Project pitches and voting process
- 4. Project implementation
- 5. Monitoring comitee

#### **Results:**

13 implemented projects in 13 different municipalities





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## **FINDINGS AND LESSONS LEARNED**

- Building participatory spaces requires time and constancy in order to build confidence and a common understanding of the importance and impact of the participation.
- Children's involvement in decisions about topics that affect or interest them **require** permanent and ongoing mechanisms or spaces.
- It is essential for young and adult people that guide and promote children's significant participation to be **prepared and acquire experience**.
- The project design and the people involved need a **child rights perspective**.









## HOW DO WE UNDERSTAND CHILDREN'S PARTICIPATION



- Participation as a human right.
- Children learn to participate while participating.
- Child rights perspective in public institutions.
- Expectations alignment with everyone involved.
- Significant participation is in need of skill development and strenghthening.



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#### SOCIAL AND CIVIC COMMITMENT



Commit and take responsability for collective decisions that favor common good and personal life projects.

SELF-REFLECTION



Analyze one's own identity, emotions and behaviors in order to manage them in ways that promote peaceful and purposeful interactions.





#### EMPATHY AND PERSPECTIVE TAKING



Recognize and consider different points of views, emotions and situations.





#### ASSERTIVE COMMUNICATION



#### CONSENSUS-BUILDING



Express needs and ideas clearly and peacefully, as well as actively listen to other's opinions and ideas.

Actively promote collective decisionmaking through dialogue, deliberation and consensus.







Propose creative alternative solutions to unwanted situations, problems or conflicts.





#### **CHILDREN'S PARTICIPATION: ACTIVITY GUIDE** Guide for young and adult people to encourage and promote children's participation.



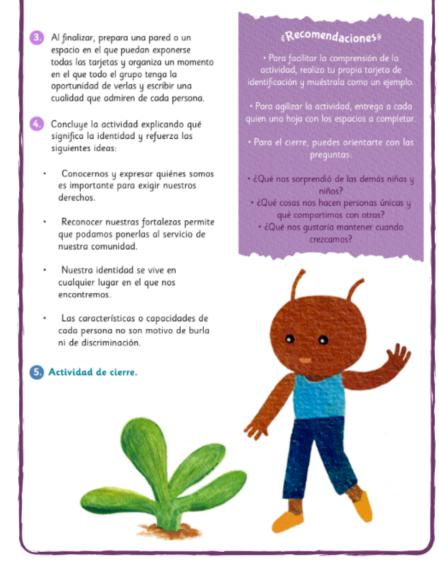


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#### ACTIVIDADES



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## **ACTIVITY BOOK: AULEX AND ITS AMIBICHOS**

#### Book for children to learn about their right to participate individually and collectively in affairs that affect and interest them.



#### Tesoros de la comunidad

iQueremos conocer más sobre tu comunidad! Haz una obra de arte en esta hoja, colocando los tesoros que disfrutas de tu comunidad.



- Pega una hoja que se haya caído del árbol que más te guste de tu comunidad
- Pide a un par de vecinas y vecinos que dibujen aquí el lugar que más les gusta de su comunidad.
- Pega una flor que sea común en tu comunidad.
- Calca un objeto, piedra o planta que encuentres en tu comunidad
- Dibuja a tu mascota o a algún **animal** de tu comunidad.





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La comunidad se forma por personas que comparten gustos e intereses y que conviven en espacios en común con la naturaleza y los animales.





## **OPEN GOVERNMENT**

Actions and projects for children's participation as part of the OGP local commitments.

- School mailboxes
- Girls and Boys Participation Commission
- Activity books and guides
- Workshops for children's participation promotion











## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

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- designing
- and mechanisms
- Strengthen of institutional
- Evaluation





• Child rights perspective in project

Activation of permanent spaces

capacities and skill development





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