Case Management of UASC in Ecuador

Identification

Reference to authorities for assessment (MIES)

Reference to local authorities (JCPD/Juzgado) for protection measure

Reference to CP partners for alternative care measures

- Venezuela Situation increased identification of UASC - mostly adolescents over 14 years - from 200 cases in 2018 to more than 350 cases from Jan-Mar 2020.
- Need alternative care measures as a protection response.
- CP specialized partners have been implementing supervised independent living arrangements
- Providing technical support to the government to develop the legal framework for alternative care arrangements in Ecuador

Supervised independent living arrangements involves:
- Psychological support
- Constant assessment of the case and family tracing efforts
- Regular home visits
- Multipurpose CBI (housing, food, hygiene products, health)
- Education and training for professional abilities
- Supervised integration to working environments
Case Management of UASC in COVID-19 emergency

We are working to respond to two different possible situations:
• New cases of UASC identified
• Children and adolescents in risk of being separated from their caregivers since their caregivers have been infected and need to be hospitalized.

In lack of local authorities, UNHCR and its CP partners are committed to respond to this cases with:
• Family placement (when available)
• Supervised independent living arrangements or other emergency measure
• No change in prioritization criteria.

Adapted services provided:
• Medical assessment in local health system
• New cases will be placed in quarantine, under medical supervision
• Remote psychological support, case assessment and follow up
• Multipurpose CBI (housing, food, hygiene products, health) for one month
• No personal and physical contact will be stablished with new cases unless it is imperative, cases with high risk (medical or safety)

Are authorities available?
- YES: Follow regular procedure
- NO: Reference to CP partners for assessment
  - CP partners put in knowledge of local authorities (JCPD/Juzgado)
  - CP partners implement alternative care measures