

Children on the Streets in Argentina

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Prevent early school leavers and the danger in the streets

Faced with the phenomenon of street children, BICE takes action in Puerto Piray since 2011. The project is conducted in partnership with " [les Soeurs de San José de Cuneo](#) ".

The goal: help children quit the streets and place them back at school, re-establish family and social ties and alert mothers and children to the rights of the child.

Activities for street children in Argentina

Children from 6-12 years old are received in Six centres of Popular Education (CEP) spread across Puerto Piray. [These CEP have been recognised by the Argentina Ministry of Education](#).

Daily, children go to the centre where they meet with educators who aim to strengthen family and community ties for the benefit of the children.

The educators supervise the children in their leisure activities: games, music education, crafts, gardening... They organise educational workshops and offer tutoring.

Every day, the children can eat lunch on site. This meal is sometimes the only one they have during the day. The mothers cook the meals in order to recreate a connection with their children.

The mothers also attend [workshops conducted by a professional nutritionist](#) so they can acquire the basis of a balanced diet.

They also receive advice on hygiene and health. Finally, the CEP team inform children and their mothers on their rights and help them to rediscover the path to school and succeed in the long term.

Key figures of the project in Argentina

- 300 children from 6 to 12 years old
- 50 accompanying adolescents and young educators, aged between 12 and 17 years integrate with the project team and are paid so they can continue their studies.