



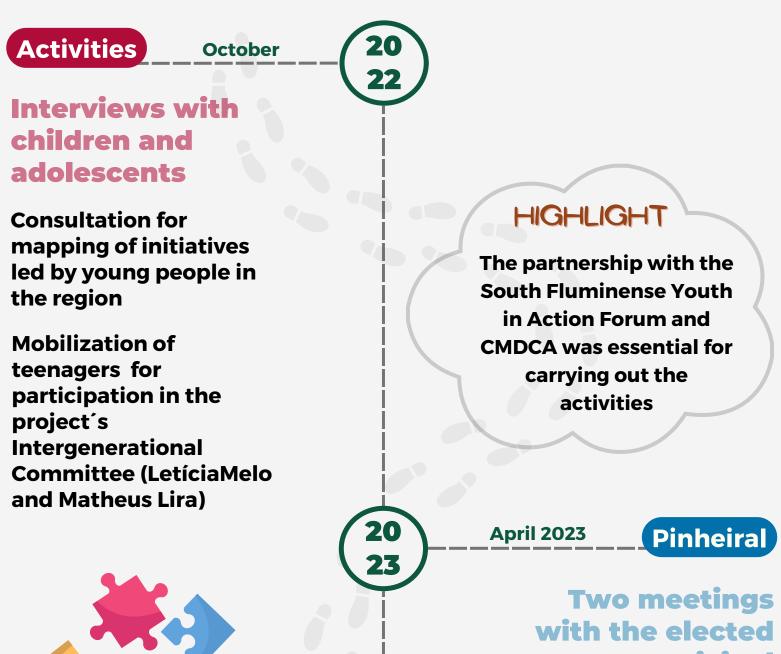




#### YOUTH PARTICIPATION AND PROTAGONISM IN BRAZIL

### A STUDY IN THE SOUTHERN REGION OF THE STATE OF RIO DE JANEIRO

Objective: analyze intergenerational relationships and practices that include the voices and demands of children, adolescents and youth.





Volta Redonda

May 2023

Between May and October five activities were carried out in involving approximately 1400 children

Outcomes: larger visibility to demands of students, improvements in the infrastructure of a school and formal complaint of bullying at the Public Ministry from another school

# municipal delegates

Support from the local Municipal Child and Adolescent Rights Council (CMDCA) for arranging the meetings that took place in April and July

Lack of organization of the CMDCA prevented the youth from Attending the State Conference on the Rights of the Child and Adolescent, causing demobilization

### HIGHLIGHT

Visibility of the demands of children and adolescentes

#### June 2023 Barra do Piraí

Participation of youth delegates in the election for the CMDCA

Discontinuity of participation because the CMDCA did not support the engagement of youth

Based on the South Fluminense Youth in Action Forum's operational model, the CMDCA suggested the creation of the Municipal Youth Council



#### September 2023

Pinheiral

Two meetings at the Reference Center of Social Assistance (CRAS)

Support from the Municipal Secretariat of Social Assistance for organizing meetings in September and

# CHALLENGE

Focus on advisors (individual) and not in the institution (collectively)

# Activities

September 2023

## International Seminar

Seminar "Strategies for increasing participation of children and youth in spaces for discussion and public policy deliberation"

Increase in debates about child and youth participation with the presence of young people and adults



#### October

Discontinuity of further contact and mobilization of public agencies after completion of a series of events organized by City Hall

### CHALLENGE

Prioritization of elections of the guardianship council and of municipal elections by the CMDCAs, harming initiatives in favor of participation of children and youth

#### **Barra do Piraí**

#### October 2023

# Participation in the Municipal Youth Conference

Mobilization of representatives (council woman) to organize the meeting

Invitation to participate in the meeting's thematic axes

Participation of youth delegates at the National Conference on the Rights of the Child and Adolescent

#### October 2023

#### Barra Mansa

Participation of children and Youth at the State Conference on the Rights of the Child and Adolescent

Meeting with children and youth from the CRAS made possible the formulation of a report to the CMDCA to request their attendance during the conference

Participants demonstrated a broaden interest in the activities promoted during courses and in job opportunities available in the Young Apprentice Program

> Participation in the 12th National Conference on the Rights of the Child and Adolescent

Activities

Positive outcomes of the joint effot to create materials with children, youth and adults

### CHALLENGE

Lack of regulation and/or clarity about the functions of the Councils/counselors

#### Activities

March

20

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Publications "Recommendation s for the CMDCA on the Participation of Children and Youth" and "Practical Guide to Children and Youth Protagonism"

Publications were based on previous experiences and observations of what young people and adults need to know to expand the participation of children and youth

Activities

July 2024

Publication "Interactive guide: participation and other rights of

# other rights of children and youth"

Include multiple links and references for children and youth to further their understanding about their rights

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Dialogue with counselors

Presentation of research results during the CMDCA assembly



Broadening of intergenerational debates

July 2024

April 2024

Barra Mansa

Training to counselors of the CMDCA and guardianship counselors

The CMDCA changed its initial unwillingness and sought to include young people's participation in their action plan and use of public funding in 2025





August 2024

### Participation during the CMDCA assembly

It was discussed the importance of informing and publicizing the role of the CMDCA for children and youth

### Activities

October 2024

### Interviews with adult key-actors

Assessment of the activities of the project carried out in the cities of Barra Mansa, Barra do Piraí, Pinheiral and Volta Redonda

## CHALLENGE

Lack of resources and personnel in the CMDCAs, causing discontinuity and endangering positive outcomes

#### July 2024 Volta Redonda

### Two meetings at the CRAS and one at the CSN Foundation

Activities carried out between July and August in partnership with FJSFA: a round of JoguECA (game about rights of the child and the adolescent), in addition to a conversation circle using materials produced by the research team



#### October 2024

### Activities

### Seminar

Organization of the seminar "Adolescents and youth in action: discussing strategies for citizen participation"

Discussion about participation strategies adopted by young people in public spaces in Rio de Janeiro



# To find out more about the project

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