



# CHILD-FRIENDLY ACCOUNTABILITY PILOT IN MEXICO

## BRIEF MEXICO'S CONTEXT

- Mexico's ratification to the CRC (1990)
- General Law of children and Youth Rights (end of 2014)
  - National Protection System recent creation (2016)
  - 32 States with mirror laws
- Mexico's commitment as a pathfinder country (GPEVAC, 2016)
- Presidential Elections, July 2018



## CFA: THE PILOT IN MEXICO

- Implementation:
  - May - June FY17
- 4 groups of 10 youth: Ages 13 to 17
  - 2 from high schools
  - 2 out of school
- Local partner: Hñahñu Batsi Ri Xudi A.C., a child-focused NGO in the state of Hidalgo.
- Objective:
- To assess:
  - Overall relevance of CFA methodology and field manual
  - Applicability of Toolbox with emphasis in the training material



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## KEY LEARNINGS

- ✓ Excellent tool to unleash participation:
  - ✓ Sessions provide novel opportunity to be heard / learn/ reflect
  - ✓ Children and Youth enjoy working with others
- ✓ Relevant to building common understanding around accountability concept:
  - ✓ Spend focused time supporting children and youth to master the concept of accountability.
  - ✓ Create space where children and youth can express themselves and are heard to build trust
- ✓ School authorities buy is critical to hold quality sessions
- ✓ Identifying potential out of school children and connecting them with CFA was more challenging
- ✓ Need to pre-gather / create friendly - short versions of Laws and Policies
- ✓ Facilitator's profile highly skilled / trained in Child Rights and Protection

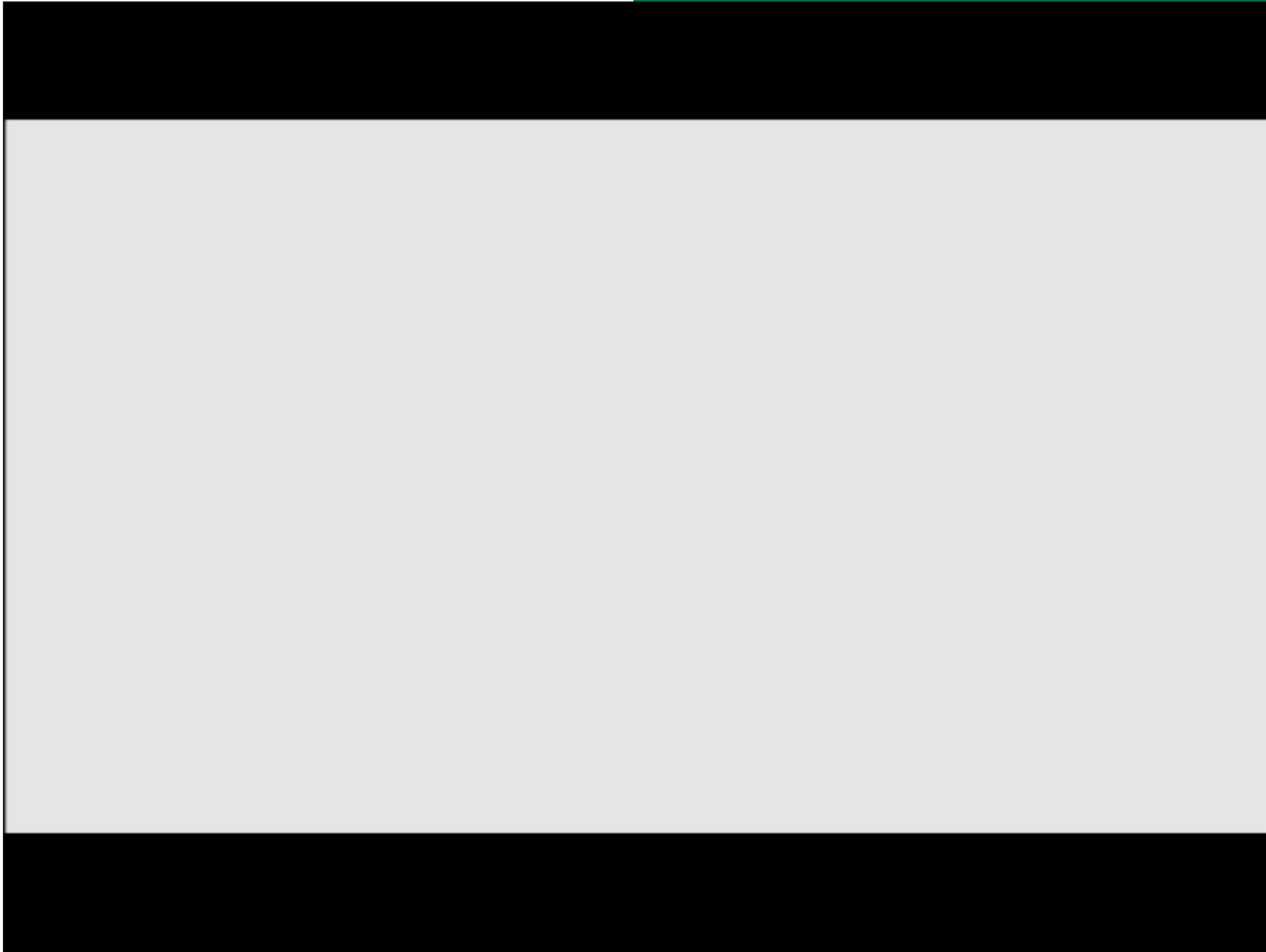




## Child Friendly versions were developed...

"It was a very rewarding experience to see younger children look up to us as role models, and it is important that we can teach them we all have rights, specially to live free from violence".





## OTHER OUTCOMES

- Youth invited to participate in Project Ignite (GPEVAC FUND, US\$ 20K) with other CFA (International and local):
  - Local forums to reflect on how violence affects them and their communities
  - National Youth Dialogue (April 6 - 8th) to prioritize which issues should be included in Presidential candidates proposals
- Introduction of CFA as part of our regular programming (February, 2018)
- Link CFA Projects' progress with our Advocacy Strategy to ensure children and youth voices/participation and support relevant issues

**“CHILDREN AND YOUNG WOMEN AND MEN ARE CRITICAL AGENTS OF CHANGE AND WILL FIND IN THE NEW GOALS A PLATFORM TO CHANNEL THEIR INFINITE CAPACITIES FOR ACTIVISM INTO THE CREATION OF A BETTER WORLD.”**

**2030 AGENDA**