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Submitted by Lead Organization	
Name of lead organization	Ministerio Coordinador de Desarrollo Social
City and country where lead organization is based	Quito, Ecuador
Title of the event	Latin America and the Caribbean: Impact of Urban Inequalities in Childhood
Date of Networking Event	10/17/2016
Networking Event room number	Room 8
Name of partner organizations with city and country where these organizations are based	UNICEF- El Fondo para la Infancia de las Naciones Unidas, Quito, Ecuador
Number of participants	80
Percentage of women participants	60%
Concise summary of the event proceedings, including key points discussed.	<p>The event was co-organized by Ecuador’s Coordinating Ministry of Social Development (MCDS) and the United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF). The key objectives of this discussion space were to analyze the evolution of malnutrition in urban settings in Ecuador and its National Strategy to Accelerate the Reduction of Child Malnutrition, and to identify the co-relation of urban inequalities and poverty with malnutrition. In this regard, the professor Armando Barrientos Professor in Poverty and Social Justice from The University of Manchester presented the relationship between poverty, inequality and malnutrition in urban settings; and how implementation of public policies could foster food security in urban populations. Later, Stefano Fedele, UNICEF Regional Nutrition Specialist for Latin America and the Caribbean, presented the strategies and policies to combat chronic child malnutrition in urban context in the region. Finally, Gabriela Rosero, Minister of The Coordinating Ministry of Social Development, introduced Ecuador’s National policies to reduce inequalities. She also made emphasis in the Strategy to Accelerate the Reduction of Child Malnutrition. After of that, there was an in-depth discussion with participation of the public. The event had the participation of local stakeholders, including representatives of the Health and Social Welfare departments of local governments, NGOs, citizen’s organizations, the National Assembly, universities, schools and youth organizations.</p>



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Recommendations emerged from discussions at the Networking Event .	No publication was launched or promoted at the event.
Full name, title, and organization of the 2nd speaker	Gabriela Rosero, Ecuadorian, Minister of Social Development, Coordinating Ministry of Social Development
Full name, title, and organization of the 3rd speaker	Armando Barrientos, Professor in Poverty and Social Justice, The University of Manchester
Full name, title, and organization of the 4th speaker	Stefano Fedele, Regional Nutrition Specialist at UNICEF Latin America and Caribbean, UNICEF