



# WORLD WITHOUT ORPHANS

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## Summit for a World Without Orphans



Summit for a World Without Orphans was held 31 January - 3 February 2017 in Bogota, Colombia. It was the first gathering of its kind in South America and brought together delegates from Colombia and several other countries in the region and beyond. The event was hosted by [Fundación Internacional Maranata](#) and Colombia Without Orphans.

The summit sessions focused on analysis and reflection on family-based care for orphans and vulnerable children and also issues like impact of trauma, teamwork, role of the church, etc. Among other things, delegates worked on the development of public laws needed to create a culture of adoption in Colombia.



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During the summit a group of delegates from Latin American countries met to share ideas and discuss the formation of a regional platform for continued communication, experience exchange and collaboration. The countries represented were Colombia, Paraguay, Brazil, Argentina, Costa Rica, Honduras, and Panama.

[See the full report with photos of the Summit](#)

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## Burundi Without Orphans Summit



Burundi's orphan challenge is that 680,000 children are fatherless and over 120,000 are orphaned due to HIV/AIDS. During the war, many children were recruited by rebel groups to carry ammunition and carry out killings. Thousands ended up on the streets after the wars and have given birth to other children who know no home but the streets.

The response to Burundi's orphan crisis saw many orphanages established to receive orphans. These institutions were not only seen as a form of religious duty for caring for orphans and vulnerable children but also as a necessity by social workers, philanthropists and NGOs. With one of the worst infant mortality rates in Africa, Burundi needs a full scale multi-sector intervention to ensure that every child grows up in a safe and nurturing family.

Through the help of UNICEF and Parliament advocacy, Burundi launched a National Plan of Action for Orphans and



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Vulnerable Children and established the National Children's Forum.

The Burundi Without Orphans movement hosted a Summit to launch collaborative activities and mobilize the church, government, businesses and NGOs to dream for a Burundi without orphans. Together these sectors will examine how the family unit can be rebuilt to ensure every child grows up in a safe, nurturing and loving family and for every child to know his or her Heavenly Father.

[Read the full report on the Burundi Without Orphans Summit](#)

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## **It's been one year since the Global Forum!**

Videos of each keynote presentation, and video interviews from many of the speakers are still available.

[Watch and share!](#)

