



*From January 21-24, The Global Fund for Children (GFC) brought together grantee partners from Central America in Managua, Nicaragua for the 2009 Latin America Knowledge Exchange. The purpose of this workshop was to advance the dignity of children and youth through sharing knowledge, building practical skills, and developing meaningful and strategic networks.*

*The objectives of the three-day workshop were to share grassroots groups' techniques to advance the dignity of marginalized children and youth in Mesoamerica; to support mission-driven organizational development; and to build lasting networks for social change.*

*Twenty-one GFC grantee partners were represented at the workshop, which featured facilitated dialogue and knowledge sharing along with training and skill building. Activities included a "gallery walk" and informal mingling during which grantee partners had the opportunity to familiarize themselves with one another's work, instructional workshops on organizational development tools, and site visits to two GFC partners located in Managua. On the final night of the Knowledge Exchange, participants were encouraged to relax and enjoy a cultural show, with each country represented at the exchange (Mexico, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, Panama, the United States) organizing a brief performance illustrative of that country's culture and traditions.*



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*Photos and interviews with participants at the Knowledge Exchange are available at <http://www.globalfundforchildren.org/index.php/Our-Work/2009-Latin-America-Knowledge-Exchange.html>.*