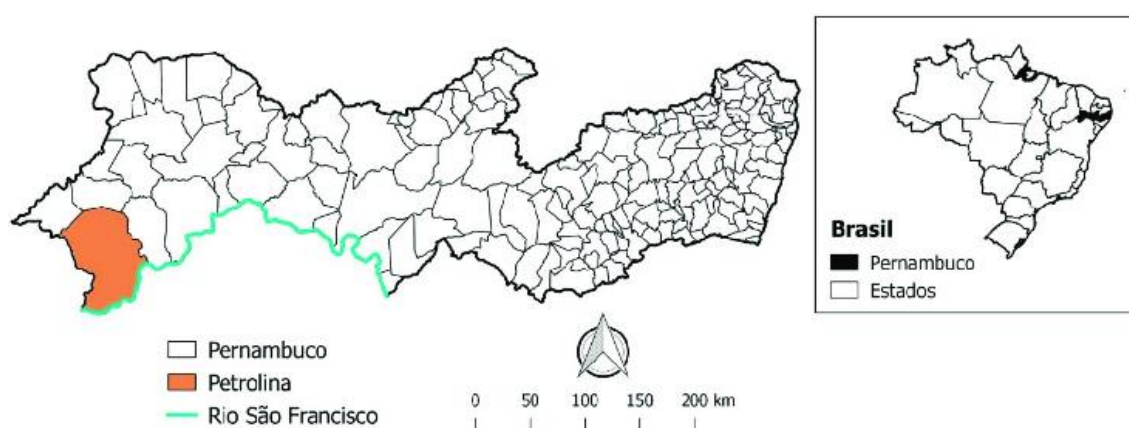


ICDP REPORT BY TRAINERS FROM ACARI, PETROLINA, BRAZIL ABOUT ACTIVITIES IN 2023

ACARI – Civil Association of Articulation for Citizenship is an organization located in Petrolina, in the Sertão of Pernambuco / Brazil. It has developed projects in the semi-arid northeastern region in partnership with non-governmental organizations (NGOs), in the territories of Bahia and Pernambuco.

ACARI's mission is to promote the exercise of citizenship and the defense of human rights, especially those of children and adolescents from a political, cultural, social and environmental perspective, aiming for an equitable and democratic society.



Location of the City of Petrolina.

The Bem Me Quer project (2021-2026) serves around 290 families in situations of social vulnerability in the city of Juazeiro in Bahia and in Petrolina, Pernambuco, using the ICDP methodology.

The project aims for families to experience a positive interaction and relationship with children and adolescents, by living with more dialogue, affection and understanding.

To this end, monthly family workshops were held in 2023 and “positive interaction kits” were delivered to encourage family participation in meetings. Families were invited to participate in meetings through WhatsApp groups and many exchanges of ideas and experiences also took place in this virtual space.

The positive interaction kits delivered in 2023 were:

Positive Interaction Kit 01- “Sweet family moment” – (taking advantage of the proximity of Easter, the kit contained the material for making a chocolate cake with the participation of the whole family);

Positive Interaction Kit 02- “Taking care of Me with affection!” (hygiene and personal care materials: shampoo, soap, moisturizer, deodorant, comb, sanitary pad, toothpaste and toothbrush);

Positive Interaction Kit 03- “Celebrating São João with love!” (products for June recipes: corn cake dough, eggs, milk, margarine, hominy dough, coconut milk, cinnamon);

Positive Interaction Kit 05- “Getting to know myself as a Family” (Feelings Game Card with dice and chocolate popcorn and soda material);

Positive Interaction Kit 06- “I take care of myself and I take care of those I love!” (Foot bath: herbs, marble, rubber ball and basin with material for coffee and biscuits);

Positive Interaction Kit 07- “Educating by example”. (*Frame with Traffic Light of Emotions” - MDF and cold dessert material: condensed milk, cream, biscuit, strawberry juice)

Positive Interaction Kit 08- “Christmas with love and flavor” (Various products for Christmas dinner, such as: olives, cream, raisins, pasta, tomato sauce, flour, smoked sausage, oil, corn and peas and rice)

The strategy used to deliver the Interactive Kits proved to be an efficient exercise tool for adults to interact with children in families at home. The kit, in addition to providing the use of important food, hygiene, well-being and educational materials, which most families do not normally have access to, also establishes the opportunity for healthy coexistence in carrying out a collective task with all members of the family.

In 2023, we worked with around 292 families, from Petrolina and Juazeiro da Bahia, communities within the reach of the project. The challenges faced by these families are due to the situation of extreme social vulnerability. With the ICDP we strengthen the reflection on breaking the cycle of violence and the importance of good coexistence even in the face of difficulties experienced in daily life.

The Bem Me Quer Project is carried out by ACARI and supported by Kindernoithilfe (KNH), a German child support organization.

Project Photos



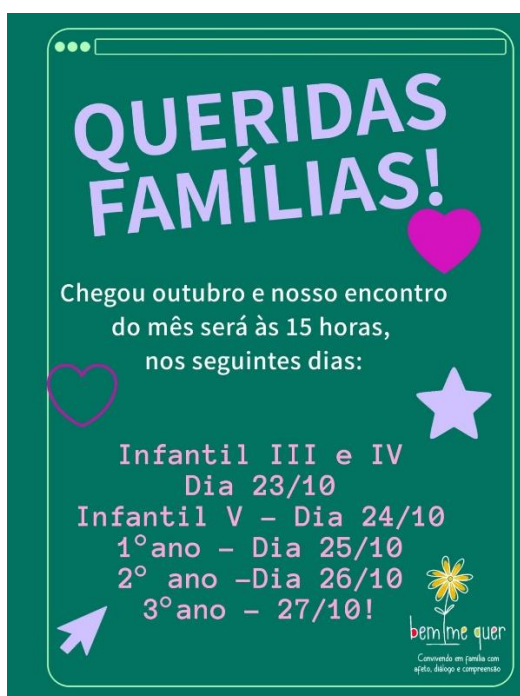
Mother receiving the Interactive Kit.



Child using the interactive kit at home.



Emotion traffic light: tool used in workshops to reflect on one's own emotions before the mother/father interacts with the child.



Workshop invitation card sent to WhatsApp groups.



Mother participating in Bem Me Quer project meetings

In August 2023, some ICDP members of ACARI: Simone Souza, Ilze Braga and Ailma Barros met virtually with Pollyanna Magalhães (ICDP Brasil) and Guillermo Navas (ICDP Internacional) to talk about future prospects for ICDP in Brazil. The steps were to start with the preparation of a Concept Note and seek partnerships to continue the work and extend the ICDP in Brazil.

