

# Ensuring Quality of Life in Bogotá one Children at a time

*Bogotá, is a wonderful city with a potential for greatness (its youth, the Colombian youth) that I believed can be realized through SDG 4 : Quality Education. In the four weeks of volunteering, I advocated the implementation of this SDG to schools, Ministry of Education and the public of Bogotá*

Bogotá, the Colombian capital currently has a population of 8,080,734, of which around 24% of them are young adolescent which make them a huge potential for future developments. Volunteering here is a dream come true for me, I believe it is what I was born to become. As a scholar of international relations, I am someone who fiercely believed in a better world, through achievable and measurable means. I believe, one of this means that we can strive together to achieve is in the form of Sustainable Development Goals (SDG). This 17 points championed by the United Nations is great at being applicable to every nation, and I believe this is also the case with Colombia.

When I first arrived in Bogotá, I felt an immediate sense of awe for everything I see, everything is so different than the Asian culture I am used to living in. The people are friendly, the culture are fragrant. However, as soon as I delve deeper into this historic city I can feel that there is still a potential that haven't been realized yet, and I long for that to happen within my volunteer time.

I believe that children or young adults, are the backbone of a nation's future. Ensuring they are accommodated with everything they need to develop is the most important thing to strive for, in Colombia, Indonesia, Congo, or any other place in the world. I believe the SDG covers this well within SDG number 4 : Quality Education. As it have been proven throughout history, education matters for a national human capital development of youths, and it is what I am striving for during my volunteer time here.

To implement this SDG as a framework into the national education system, I advocated this point of SDG and its targets, to schools, Ministry of Education, and to the public of Bogotá. I believe this action will impact and change the society for the better, one children at a time when we implement it to the larger society. That is because when we invest in quality education, we are not investing solely on a tangible product, but its worth as knowledge was far beyond any countless measurement we can compare it to. Such is why I am campaigning this in Colombia, which I believe have so much more potential to be realized in the development of its youths, through quality education implementation.

Within the spans of this four weeks, I have been to 16 schools throughout all the 20 localities of Bogotá. I also went to the Ministry of Education and the public, with mixed reception, results, and responses. If I cannot promise its implementation, at least I aim to raise awareness on this issue. Even though it seems like a hard work, when I see the eyes of the children in Bogotá, to me it was all worth it. I am happy as long as they are, for I can be sure that their future is assured through my works.