

WFP Austria's Angie Moshammer's Street Children Project in Quito, Ecuador

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In summer 2017, Angie Moshammer worked as a, the capital of the South American country of Ecuador, with children from poor families in the market places. On Saturday, 24 March 2018, as part of an event organized by WFP Upper Austria, she reported on her experiences with underprivileged children in the poorer areas of the city, which is located in the Andean highlands at 2850m above sea level.

Street children in Quito spend an average of ten hours a day selling vegetables and other products with their parents or looking after younger siblings. This means that many cannot go to school and learn basic skills. The local organization UBECI ("United to Benefit the Children of Ecuador") initiated this project. Along with the volunteers, the UBECI employees help reduce the time the kids spend at the market stalls. Under the motto "Play and Learn" small daily "pre-schools" for the children take place on the marketplaces to arouse their interest in education. The photos of the children show that they participate with zeal in the activities. Angie's Origami paper folding with the kids also met with great interest. Towards the end of the presentation a slide show of the children's heartwarming pictures was shown while Angie sang a song in Spanish

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