

TAKE ACTION GUIDE:

DISPLACED BUT NOT DEFEATED



ABOUT THE FILM

In **DISPLACED BUT NOT DEFEATED**, BYkids filmmaker María Ceballos Paz powerfully recounts how the consequences of civil war extend well beyond the battlefield. María, a 16-year-old Colombian girl, has been living in displacement for the past nine years as a result of Colombia's civil war. Decades of fighting between the army, paramilitary, guerrilla groups and drug cartels have forced approximately 4 million Colombians from their homes, the largest internally displaced population in the world.

After her father was killed by guerrillas, María and her family fled their farm. Now living in the slums of Cali, María shows us her family, friends and community as they rebuild their lives.

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When thinking about the human right to an adequate living standard and protection against arbitrary property deprivation, consider Articles 17, 25 and 28 of the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights:

Article 17:

- (1) *Everyone has the right to own property alone as well as in association with others.*
- (2) *No one shall be arbitrarily deprived of his property.*

Article 25:

(1) Everyone has the right to a standard of living adequate for the health and well-being of himself and of his family, including food, clothing, housing and medical care and necessary social services, and the right to security in the event of unemployment, sickness, disability, widowhood, old age or other lack of livelihood in circumstances beyond his control.

Article 28:

Everyone is entitled to a social and international order in which the rights and freedoms set forth in this Declaration can be fully realized.

REFLECT AND SHARE

1. Identify the five countries with the largest population percentage of internally displaced individuals. In each country, what caused the internal displacement? Then compare the percentage population of those living in extreme poverty in India and the US to those displaced by civil conflict in Colombia. What are the root causes of their poverty? What are the living conditions for each group and what public assistance, if any, is made available to them? In each of the three countries, what is the likelihood of a person born into poverty of accessing a higher standard of living? After doing this research, why do you think the United Nations considers an adequate standard of living to be a basic human right?
2. If you had to leave your house with nothing but the clothes on your back, how would you and your family create a home wherever you landed? What relationships, behaviors, and cultural, personal and religious traditions or rituals might you rely upon to create a sense of belonging, safety and connection if all your personal belongings were gone? What makes a place a home?

TAKE ACTION

1. Share your ideas on how policymakers can enact legislation and create change that protects the rights of refugees and internally displaced people.
2. Sign a petition or start one of your own to raise awareness about the ongoing effects of war and the relationship between internally displaced populations, extreme poverty and war at: www.change.org.
3. Host a community or private screening of **DISPLACED BUT NOT DEFEATED** to raise awareness of the challenges facing displaced Colombians and how storytelling through film can deepen our understanding of global issues. Email info@bykids.org for more information.
4. Learn about how the World Food Program is helping in Colombia at wfp.org/countries/colombia. Follow the "Get Involved" link to identify ways you and your school or community can help.

ABOUT BYKIDS

BYkids produces real-world films for kids, by kids. Talented young storytellers from around the world are paired with seasoned filmmakers to create powerful documentaries about their lives. In partnership with public television and education innovators, we share the films and their educational resources to help make global issues feel personal, relevant and actionable for millions of students. Our work serves as a catalyst for change, igniting important conversations and inspiring a new generation of social activists. To support our work, visit bykids.org/donate.

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