



Press release

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"A silent emergency, a call to action": the AXA Foundation for Human Progress is launching an international program to tackle violence against children.

Every year, 1 in 2 children in the world is a victim of physical, psychological or sexual violence, according to the World Health Organization. Faced with this silent emergency, the AXA Foundation for Human Progress announces the launch of its first international call for projects entitled "Fighting violence against children", with an endowment of €10 million over three years.

This call for projects aims to support innovative and impactful initiatives in three priority areas:

1. **Prevention:** raising awareness among families, schools and communities about children's rights and positive practices.
2. **Early detection and support:** developing alert systems and support programmes for victims.
3. **Advocacy:** promoting public policies that strengthen the protection of children.

Why is this call essential?

Violence against children is not only an individual tragedy, it weakens our societies by fuelling cycles of poverty, breaking trust and potential, and undermining social cohesion. By supporting projects in France, Spain and Colombia from 2025, the AXA Foundation for Human Progress wants to contribute to the sustainable transformation of child protection systems.

A unique and ambitious program

1. **An interdisciplinary approach:** by combining educational, technological and community solutions.
2. **A commitment to support all children,** considering their specific needs and regardless of their social background.
3. **An approach on an international scale, as close as possible to actions in the field,** and which will ultimately promote the dissemination and exchange of best practices on a global scale.

Call to action

We invite associations, NGOs and foundations to submit their projects before **November 15th, 2025**. Together, we can provide every child with a safe, dignified and confident future.



"Violence against children is a silent emergency that calls for collective mobilization. With this program, we affirm our conviction that the protection of children is one of the foundations of a resilient and supportive society. This is why the AXA Foundation for Human Progress, by supporting actors in the field who innovate and are committed, wishes to contribute to breaking and preventing the cycle of this violence, to repair its consequences and to prepare for a future where the safety and dignity of children are guaranteed." said **Clément Rouxel**, General Delegate of the AXA Foundation for Human Progress.

To apply or find out more, visit our dedicated platform <https://axafoundation.wiin.io/en/>

ABOUT THE AXA FOUNDATION FOR HUMAN PROGRESS

The AXA Foundation for Human Progress brings together the main philanthropic actions of AXA Group and AXA Mutuelles d'Assurances, in France and in 50 countries worldwide. With an endowment of 60 million euros per year, this fund aims to amplify support for impactful projects in AXA's four historical areas of sponsorship: health and sciences; planet protection; solidarity, inclusion, and education; and arts, culture, and heritage.

The AXA Foundation for Human Progress is fully aligned with our mission: "Acting for human progress by protecting what matters." Through this Fund, AXA implements its broader vision of protection, which extends to the resilience of societies and the reduction of inequalities, today and for future generations.

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