Prevention, risk mitigation and response to Gender-Based Violence (GBV) are key actions of UNHCR to fight against this form of violence and protect survivors who have sought protection in Ecuador. As prevention actions, UNHCR has trained 1,815 People of Concern (PoC) and people of host community, who have taken on a role of spokespersons on how to prevent GBV in their communities. Meanwhile, in the framework of risk mitigation, 602 public servants have been sensitized on GBV and trained to ensure services and safe spaces for survivors. As response measures, UNHCR and partners have ensured safe spaces for 57 PoC survivors, and 608 PoC accessed specialized services, 828 PoC were identified as survivors in the system of case management, 83% of whom are women.

In this first quarter of the year, the challenges in terms of child protection have remained, the identification of unaccompanied and separated children continues to increase, which makes it necessary to strengthen and expand the various special protection services for these profiles. Thus, during the period, UNHCR and its partners have created and are managing a total of 877 cases of children and adolescents, including unaccompanied, separated and at risk (violence, child labor, begging, among others).

In the process of accompanying and strengthening the MIES for the response to populations in human mobility and specifically to children and adolescents, the piloting of the articulation of MIES services has begun with its 'Ciudades de Acogida' program, which includes the application of the MIES internal protocol for the care of children and adolescents, with the networks and services of other State, civil society and humanitarian organizations that serve these population profiles. This process has begun with an approach to the local levels in Quito, Ambato and Manta, and training to key staff of the services.

### Response to Gender-Based Violence

- **608** PoC identified as GBV survivors
- **57** GBV survivors who provided of a safe space.
- **1,815** Trained people of concern and of the host community

### Child and Youth Protection

- **273** Unaccompanied / Separated Child identified
dissagregated by age groups
- **875** Best interest assessments
- **222** People from institutions trained
- **860** Trained people of concern and of the host community

#### Unaccompanied Children and GBV survivors identified by cantón

- **1 - 10:** 
- **10 - 50:** 
- **51 - 100:** 
- **101 - 213:**