



ILLPWA 2018 Colombia - reducing the risk of lead poisoning from paint in schools

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“Colnodo” and the Sustainable Development Network take active part in the International Week for the Prevention of the Intoxication with Lead.

Last 20th of October, “Colnodo”, the Sustainable Development Network (RDS, by its initials in Spanish), IPEN, allied with the Foundation Orbis of “Pintuco” (Pintuco: a well-known paint brand) celebrated and started the International Action Week for the Prevention of the Intoxication with Lead, along a journey of painting in the Rural School “TOLDAS” in the municipality of Guarne.

In the International Week for the Prevention of the Intoxication with Lead, 2018) from 21st. to 27th October), and in the framework of the Pintuco program “Give a hand to your school”, “Colnodo”, RDS, IPEN, the “Pintuco” Orbis Foundation and more than 100 volunteers took active part during the journey that transformed the facilities of a school in the municipality of Guarne, Antioquia, Colombia, with lead-free paint. One of the main goals of this initiative is to promote the use of paints free of toxic substances, harmful to children.

“COLNODO”, within its transversal axis of sustainable development, keeps and updates the Sustainable Development Network in Colombia, which aims to generate awareness among the different agents of society, disseminating and promoting the principles, recommendations and formulations expressed by the United Nations Organization (UN), in the “Summit for the Earth”.

Visit here the official Web page of the Sustainable Development Network:

<https://rds.org.co/es/inicio>

About lead intoxicación...

Although lead poisoning is preventable, according to the 2016 estimates of the Institute of “Sanimetry” and Evaluation, exposure to this metal caused 54000 deaths and the loss of 13.9 million work years, adjusted for disability due to long-term effects of lead over health. This burden is greater in the development regions.

It is of special concerning the influence of the exposition to lead in the increasing number of children with intellectual disability. Even though the harmful effects of the lead are well known, and many countries have taken corresponding measures, the lead exposition,



mainly during the infant age, it keeps being an important problem for the sanitary professionals and for the public health officials.

Visit here the official Web page of the World Health Organization and its “international Program for the Safe Chemical Substances.

http://www.who.int/ipcs/lead_campaign/es/

Youtube video link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3p9shXGq_Vg&feature=youtu.be

Photo link:

https://www.facebook.com/pg/Colnodo/photos/?tab=album&album_id=2453506617998299

Note link of “Colnodo”:

<https://colnodo.apc.org/es/experiencias/colnodo-y-la-rds-participan-activamente-en-la-semana-internacional-para-la-prevencion-del-envenenamiento-por-plomo>