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Guaranteeing the pupil safety access to the school by applying eco-friendly mobility interventions



Implementation of pathprint and panels



Awareness workshop

The danger of freely walking in Ibagué is a daily issue for thousands of pupils who have to commute to the school in a traditional car-oriented city with an inefficient public transport network.

simArpa, British-Swiss experienced landscape and mobility consultancy co-founded in 2012, collaborated together with the municipality of Ibagué to find a low-cost efficient solution in order to promote a safe eco-friendly access to the learning centres in the metropolitan area of Ibagué.

The accepted proposal, integrating the 3rd and 4th education environment and sustainability strategies within the “Ibagué Development Plan (2012-2015)” framework was to set up a friendly pedestrian metropolitan network connecting the schools with some of the most constrained resident areas. After a demographic analysis as well as crucial fieldworks with the own pupils to be close of their behaviour and transit constraint, we designed two kinds of interventions including path prints and information panels following the successfully Swiss pedestrian model (path coding, walking time left and bus transfers among others).

The main idea was to concentrate a big part of their transits on a selected safety ways with large sidewalks to guarantee their access to the schools, achieving at the same time an increasing pedestrian (and cyclist) mobility, the promotion of further cultural interventions or the integration of the network within the “Tolima” green belt among others.

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