1.2 Million Ecuadoran Children Homeless

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Recent statistics released by the Ecuadoran National Development Council (CANADE) show that only four percent of all abandoned children are currently cared for in public and private institutions, leaving some 1.2 million children homeless. A total of 65 public and private institutions house 60,000 children. According to the Paternity Study Center (CEPAR), over 3.6 million Ecuadorans are under 12 years of age. Approximately 35% of the total do not live with parents or other relatives. (Basic data from PRENSA LATINA, 10/4/86)

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