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## **Multilateral Institutions Finance Program For Homeless Children & Adolescents In Central America**

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On March 5, the Inter-American Development Bank and the UN Children's Fund (UNICEF) announced approval of a US\$3.07 million loan earmarked for aid to homeless children and young people in Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua and Panama. The US\$6.6 million program, to be administered by the UN Children's Fund (UNICEF), focuses on providing direct assistance and organizing private and public sector resources to meeting the needs of homeless young people, including children and teenagers involved in crime, teenage prostitutes, and victims of political violence and natural disasters. The six regional governments are to contribute US\$600,000 each to the program. (Basic data from Spanish news service EFE, 03/05/92)

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