



Permanent Mission of Italy
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Side Event Concept Note

From Emergency Relief to Lasting Change: The Impact of the Francesca Rava Foundation NPH Italy in the World: 75 years of International Engagement.

7 July 2026 – 10:00 am – 11:15 am, CR 8, United Nations Headquarters

The Permanent Mission of Italy is pleased to host this side event presenting *Francesca Rava Foundation*'s flagship humanitarian initiatives in the fields of education and health.

The values of *the Francesca Rava Foundation* – NPH Italia (the Italian representative of NPH- Nuestros Pequeños Hermanos) are strongly aligned with the principles and objectives promoted by the United Nations, particularly those contained in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the Convention on the Rights of the Child, and the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Through its work supporting vulnerable children, adolescents, women, and families, the Foundation contributes to building a more inclusive, equitable, and sustainable society. Through love, responsibility, sharing, safety, empowerment, transparency, and a commitment to education and children's rights, the Foundation actively contributes to the **achievement of the UN Sustainable Development Goals and the promotion of human dignity and social justice worldwide.**

- Since 1954, the Rava Foundation has been carrying out projects in 9 countries in Central and Latin America (Haiti, Mexico, Honduras, Nicaragua, Guatemala, El Salvador, Dominican Republic, Peru, and Bolivia), as well as in Italy with a concrete impact on empowering children and their communities, and promoting activities to educate and raise awareness of children's rights and implement the Charter of Children's Rights.
- Emergency interventions are conducted in collaboration with institutions, such as the Italian Navy, with projects in Lebanon, Türkiye, the Gaza Strip, the Mediterranean Sea, and a number of African Countries.
- The Rava Foundation promotes and supports the values of volunteering in schools and across civil society.

Agenda

Speakers:

- Welcome remarks - Moderator Ms **Simona Renieri**
- **Mariavittoria Rava**, President Fondazione Francesca Rava NPH Italia
Video – 75 Years of Rava Foundation engagement
- **Victoria Saiz-Omenica** - Deputy Director UN Office For Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA)– *(joining remotely)*
- **Pedro Arteaga**, Mission Minister of Nuestros Pequeños Hermanos International
- **Pascale Gassant**, Medical Doctor and General Director of St Damien Pediatric Hospital Port-au-Prince, Haiti *(Video screening - Rava Foundation projects)*
- Closing Remarks – **H.E. Ambassador Giorgio Marrapodi**, Permanent Representative of Italy to the United Nations