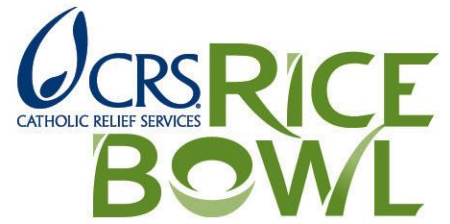


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CRS Youth-Related Violence and Peace

Peace building advocate, Isabel Aguilar is changing the lives of at risk youth in Latin America through Catholic Relief Services (CRS).

Based in Guatemala, Isabel has worked with CRS youth-related violence prevention programs since 2015. These programs include the CRS Rice Bowl featured program, YouthBuild in El Salvador, where CRS is serving vulnerable, at-risk youth, helping them become productive members of society, where they too can help build peace in seeking restorative justice within a very violent nation.

Isabel works to prevent youth related violence in Latin American countries through public policy and advocacy. She also works to rehabilitate those affected by violence, helping them through reinsertion programs, assisting and integrating the beneficiaries back into society.

Over the last decade Isabel has been dedicated to working with programs focused on peacebuilding efforts with youth. She has written many publications surrounding the topic of peace and human rights.

Isabel's continual service to her community and those in Latin America, has allowed CRS, and programs like YouthBuild, to make strides in addressing issues of poverty and violence across the region.