

A room, toilets and soap for those in need

Whether it is for children scarred by conflict in Colombia or the homeless in San Francisco, various groups are stepping in to help them. Go to [The Straits Times Impact Journalism Day website](#) to watch videos made about their efforts.



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They look like any other children - caught in the spell of toys, games and dappled sunlight. But beyond this room is a region embroiled in violence. In Santa Rosa, a post-conflict zone in Colombia's capital Bogota, former guerrilla fighters, locals and families displaced by the violence struggle to co-exist. In this environment, Centro COMPArte hopes to facilitate their integration.



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Go up this bus, and grab a ... shower stall. That is what a fleet of blue buses in San Francisco is offering to its homeless. Since 2014, Lava Mae has breathed new life into retired city buses, converting them into mobile toilets and shower stalls. By delivering basic hygiene to the city's homeless, the organisation hopes to restore their dignity.

