ASSOCIATION FOR EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT IN EL SALVADOR - ADEES, INC. UPDATE MARCH 2021

SALVADORAN YOUTH LEAD THE WAY, DISTRIBUTING FOOD BASKETS AND EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS IN MORAZAN



From December 2020 to January 2021, The Association for Educational Development (ADEES Inc.) in El Salvador, supported a youth initiative to provide over 225 "Solidarity Food Baskets" and other essentials, along with educational materials to families in rural Morazan, El Salvador, in response to the urgent humanitarian crisis provoked by the COVID-19 pandemic and mandatory quarantine.

Although the government provided a \$300.00 subsidy to thousands of families in need, thousands more were not taken into account because they were not registered for a gas subsidy. The economic stress was particularly acute because of a reduction in remittances from compatriots in the United States where the pandemic was also taking its toll on jobs and therefore the ability to send money to families in El Salvador.

In December (2020) and January (2021), the strict quarantine in El Salvador made it even more difficult to find work, and for a great majority of those in the informal labor market, it became extremely difficult to earn their daily bread. In early January, ADEES convened a coordinating committee to collect information from community based organizations to identify families in need who have not yet been registered for the government's subsidy program.

ADEES's partners in El Salvador: Two youth groups, Organización Social Casa Abierta, <u>OSCA</u> and Colectivo popular <u>kilómetro 200+</u> distributed integral food baskets with the authorization of government agencies and followed health and safety protocols to protect themselves and the communities whom they served. Local ADEES coordinator, Mauricio Gonzalez, led the project.

PROPOSED BUDGET FOR THE EMERGENCY FOOD BASKETS

PRESUPUESTO/ CANASTAS BÁSICAS /EMERGENCIA COVID19 BUDGET / FOOD BASKETS / COVID19 EMERGENCY					
#	Descripción Productos	Unidad de medida	Cantidad	Costo Unitario	Total
	Product Description	Unit of measurement	Quantity	Unit Cost	
Productos Alimenticios / Food products					
1	Frijol seda / Beans	Libra / Pound	3	\$0.80	\$2.40
2	Arroz precocido / Precooked Rice	Libra / Pound	3	\$0.60	\$1.80
3	Harina de Maíz (Bolsa 2 libras) / Com Flour (Bag 2 lbs)	Libra / Pound	1	\$0.85	\$0.85
4	Leche en polvo / Powder Milk	Libra / Pound	1	\$1.75	\$1.75
5	Aceite (Bolsa) / Oil (bag)	Bolsa / Bag	2	\$1.25	\$2.50
6	Espaguetis (Oferta 4 unidades) / Spaghetti (Offer 4 units)	Paquete / Packet	1	\$1.50	\$1.50
7	Sardina en lata / Canned sardine	Unidad / Unit	2	\$0.75	\$1.50
8	Avena / Oatmeal	Libra / Pound	1	\$1.25	\$1.25
9	Kit Educativo (colores, paginas para colorear) / Educational Kit (colors, coloring pages)	Kit	1	\$1.35	\$1.35
Subtotal Productos Alimenticio / Subtotal Food Products					\$14.90
Productos de Higiene / Hygiene Products					
10	Lejía (Paquete 12 unidades) / Bleach (12 units pack)	Media Docena / Half a dozen	6	\$0.08	\$0.50
11	Jabón trastos disco (Paquete 6 unidades) / Dish soap dish (Pack 6 units)	Paquete / Packet	1	\$0.50	\$0.50
12	Jabón ropa / Detergent Soap	Unidad / Unit	1	\$0.85	\$0.85
13	Papel Higiénico / Toilet Paper	Unidad / Unit	2	\$0.50	\$1.00
14	Pasta Dental (125ml) / Toothpaste	Unidad / Unit	1	\$1.60	\$1.60
15	Cepillos Dental / Toothbrush	Unidad / Unit	2	\$0.50	\$1.00
16	Costo de Logistica / Logistic Cost	Unidad / Unit	1	\$1.88	\$1.88
Subtotal Productos de Higiene / Subtotal Hygiene Products					\$7.33
Valor por paquete / Value per Package					\$22.23
Redondeado / Rounded					\$23.00
Valor total 225 Canastas / Total value 225 Baskets					\$5,001.75

ACTUAL EXPENDITURES: ADEES - \$4683.00 plus Local Contributions of \$300.00+.

Results reported by youth group partners: More than 225 families benefited from the solidarity baskets. Families were selected from 13 municipalities of Morazán, and baskets were distributed to 169 women and 56 men. The list of beneficiaries included--persons in extreme poverty, unemployed, and who did not receive the government subsidy.

FUNDING SOURCES:

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made this project possible. In order to cover expenses, ADEES, in partnership with Cipotes Unidos, held an online celebration (Pachanga), on December 19, 2020. Thanks to DJ LOVO, Francisco Lizama, and a special performance by Lilo Gonzalez.







SALVADORAN YOUTH LEADERSHIP IN ACTION!





Mauricio Gonzalez, ADEES local volunteer coordinator

Youth Leaders at work



Recipients of the Solidarity Food Baskets

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