

TRAJECTORY AND TRANSCENDENCE

1994 – 2017

With the Mottos:

*“Give a man a fish, and he will eat for a day.
Teach him to fish, and he will eat for the rest of his life.”*

Chinese Proverb

...because teamwork divides the work and multiplies the results.

Throughout our 23 years, FEDICE has worked in the poorest communities of Ecuador, helping about 5,115 families in 59 communities in 6 different provinces. Our work has centered on promoting socially responsible economic development by implementing family micro-projects, offering technical assistance, providing medical services, and constructing infrastructure for the most vulnerable groups.



We want to share with you the principle results of our work. Thanks to your support, these improvements have been possible.

239 Family Micro-Projects. During these years, we have created opportunities for employment by empowering the existing talent in the communities. Our strategy is to invest in projects that maintain the culture, identity, and customs of the people, while generating income and respecting the environment.

Most of our projects have been agricultural. Recipients have been able to increase production in animal and agricultural productivity by reducing mortality and discard rates, and through more ecological techniques in cultivation. Some results include an increase from 8 to 16 liters of milk per cow per day, an increase in the weight of sheep from 20 to 40 kilos, and an increase in the harvest of onions per square meter from 5.79 to 42.27 kilos per month.



for the most vulnerable groups **Savings and Credit Unions.** During the past 2 years, FEDICE has fortified community finances through Savings and Credit Unions in 5 communities. The purpose was to generate local investment using project participants' own resources,

with the goal that they create a more cohesive community and increase the family and community economy. Already, we have observed wonderful results: 85% of the community-made loans came from the monthly savings of program participants; 90% of the loans given were destined for agricultural, handicraft, or commercial activities; and most importantly, they identified and helped provide food for their senior citizens who live in extreme poverty.

“...occupying ourselves in our responsibilities; teaching others to work with their own hands....” 1 Thessalonians 4:11

5,115 Persons Trained. FEDICE's technicians visit the communities frequently, teaching and modeling a good moral sense to program participants, establishing order, and empowering their organizations. With this, all benefit.

“In this way, the communities are completely trained to do all kinds of work.” 2 Timothy 3:17



Hope. In the province of Esmeraldas, we assisted 29 families after the devastating earthquake of 2016, and the Project, *Generating Hope*, was begun to reactivate the economy of the families. A year has gone by and change is evident. As she expressed her thanks, Jessica Castro said, “The help came at the precise moment (needed) and I am grateful because I was able to lift up my business, which is very small, but I have been able to make it better little by little with the help of God and FEDICE.”

“...giving new hope, helping the oppressed, the orphan, and the widows and giving them a dignified life.” Isaiah 1:17

Preschool Centers. As of now, 800 children have benefited from the construction and reconstruction of 4 preschool centers: “My Little Angels of Víctor Vaca” in San Francisco



de San Buena Ventura, "The Sweet Angels of Lisa Franke" in Romerillos, "The Little Sprouts of Violeta Groth Vaca" in Caluquí, and Sumak Wasi (Pretty House) in Pijal. In 8 preschools near Otavalo, nearly 300 children have received lessons in English in the past 2 years through FEDICE. Besides expanding their learning abilities, this is preparing them for later study and acceptance of English. Adults who speak English are often able to get better paying jobs.



"Because all the work and effort for one of these my brothers, even the smallest, is done unto me." Matthew 25:40

Churches. Workgroups from the U.S. have contributed both funds and labor in the construction or remodeling of 7 churches in Capillapamba, Pijal Centro, La Florida, Cuatro Esquinas, Cachimuel, Tocagón, and Cachiviro, providing these communities with a place where they can demonstrate their faith and share the love of God with one another.

*"Working with effort to prepare everything necessary for the temple of our God".
1 Chronicles 29:2*



Medical Services. Since 2003, 7 U.S. groups of professionals have given quality medical attention to more than 2,100 people, donating their services as well as medicines, vitamins, and glasses, totally free.

....Because I was sick and you healed me... Matthew 25:36

All of the projects have generated positive social changes, especially for women. No longer are they seen as only housewives in charge with the care of the children and animals. Now they also contribute to the financial support within the family and the community, thanks to the projects and newly learned social processes. In addition, families have more resources available for food, education, housing, and savings.

The future of FEDICE

Our outcomes have a marked trajectory upward, overcoming many difficulties during our 23 years in those communities where we work. Our staff has given the excellent direction necessary for the training of our groups of beneficiaries.

Now, FEDICE is in a difficult place. Gifts have diminished in the past several years. Now, we are working with 15 communities as well as with our social projects. All of this generates a cost: costs, which we cannot cover because our annual donations have diminished considerably. **For this reason, we ask you to help us increase our income.**

Our team is working on various strategies to maintain the work of the foundation begun by Violeta Groth and Victor Vaca.

With your help FEDICE will continue. Your suggestions are always welcome.

Together we will come through this difficult time; together we will keep on working for the neediest people; and together we will generate hope and progress.

*The work of many is more valuable, as it produces more benefit.
Ecclesiastes 4:9*

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