



Project 3: “Akarapu’ã” Empowering communities “Akarapu’ã” means development or to raise the head in the Guaraní language

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Introduction

Problem: In Bolivia only 4% of solid waste is being recycled. Given the lack of economic opportunities, informal recycling associations were formed made up of low-income people, where the majority of their members are elderly people and women. These groups of people not only contribute to solving this issue, but are also frequently discriminated against, work in unsafe conditions and lack the skills, budget and knowledge to improve their work.

On the other hand, the number of sick people is increasing in the country. The increasing environmental pollution in cities is contributing to this. Due to this, many people want to resort to the ancestral use of medicinal plants to accompany traditional medicine. However, in cities people are forgetting the knowledge necessary to use these plants in the best way.

Solution: Empower vulnerable and youth groups of people so that they can acquire the skills, knowledge and materials necessary so that they can be agents of change in their reality and that of their environment.

Goal

Our goal is to empower 400 people by 2030, raise their voices, and give what they need to join the climate fight and the sustainable development movement.

Objectives

Objective A: Support the work of 30 informal urban recyclers every year by giving them tools, equipment and training.

Objective B: Train 30 vulnerable people each year in the cultivation and use of medicinal plants by applying indigenous and ancestral knowledge combined with applied science.

Objective C: Support our IDEAS For Us - Bolivia team to expand environmental education by purchasing minor educational materials and equipment, as well as providing soft-hard skills training.

Budget breakdown:

Budget to support 30 informal urban recyclers:

Item description	Unit cost USD	Quantity	Total Cost USD
Aprons	7	30	210
Work vests	12	30	360
Work gloves	3	30	60
Carts to transport solid waste	50	5	250
Medicinal alcohol for refilling	3	30	90
Pocket Hand Sanitizer Spray	2	30	60
Jute bags	1	60	60
Sun hat with neck flap	10	30	300
Consulting to determine specific training needs	1	150	150
Training workshops	5	200	1000
Logistics	70	1	70
Administration	1	1000	1000
TOTAL			3400

Budget to train 60 vulnerable people in the cultivation and use of medicinal plants:



Item description	Unit cost USD	Quantity	Total Cost USD
Seedlings	2.5	60	150
Impressions	10	1	10
Materials	2.5	60	150
Trainer	50	2	100
Round trip bus	40	2	80
Logistics	10	1	10
Refreshments	2	60	120
Rent place	70	2	140
Administration	940	1	940
TOTAL			1700

Budget to help our IDEAS For Us - Bolivia team to expand environmental education activities:



Item description	Unit cost USD	Quantity	Total Cost USD
Folding table	70	1	70
Banner	45	1	10
Canopy tent	75	1	70
Data projector	170	1	170
Tripod projection screen	170	1	170
Stationery	50	1	50
Transportation	30	1	30
Small pots, seeds, hand pruners, garden shovels, and organic fertilizer	100	1	100
Composting worms (2 pounds)	30	1	30
Small portable greenhouse	300	1	300
TOTAL			1000