

IMPACT ASSESSMENT

PARAGUAY: NEW PRESCHOOL HELPS STUDENTS GROW

REBUILT PRESCHOOL WILL EDUCATE LOCAL CHILDREN AND PROVIDE ADULT EDUCATION



A teacher and her students enjoy the new facilities at Pepe Semillita Preschool. After construction, enrollment rose from 16 to 46 children.

COMPLETED PROJECT

Of Paraguay's population of 6.78 million people, more than 25 percent are children ages 1 to 14. Asunción, the capital city of Paraguay, is the most populated city. Zeballos Cue, one of the districts in Asunción, is densely populated and experiences the problems associated with urban life and poverty. It is estimated that 70 percent of Zeballos Cue's population are school-age children, and there are just three schools to serve them – one owned by the government and two private schools.

Early childhood is an important stage of life when children begin to develop physically, intellectually, socially, and spiritually. If nurtured properly, they grow in these areas at an astounding rate. In the Zeballos Cue area, access to early childhood education is limited, especially for poor families. Yet, the children need good early learning experiences to help them develop and thrive.

Anglican Diocese of Paraguay and a local church, Redeemer Anglican Church located in Zeballos Cue, demolished Redeemer's old, dilapidated preschool building and built a new facility. The reconstructed Pepe Semillita Preschool greatly increased the enrollment of children ages 3 to 5. Students there receive a Christian preschool education, learning Christian values and an understanding of the Christian faith, while also stimulating their minds for future learning.

Anglican Diocese of Paraguay overwhelmingly achieved its main benchmark of providing education to children in slums of Asunción, Paraguay. The preschool has been officially approved by the Ministry of Education. Two other benchmarks were rated below because securing approval from the government is a bureaucratic process that took a lot of the director's time. The original demolition and building plan changed, which also took more time than expected. Also, the director was not able to pay more attention to parents. However with the approval secured, focus has shifted to ensure Bible study for children out of school and an adult education program for parents. This project symbolizes hope for children and people of Zeballos Cue. It is giving them the power to dream a better future and confidence to pursue a full education.

PROJECT PROFILE ID: ARDF-0616-Paraguay

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Requested amount	\$77,050
Amount spent	\$76,882
Expected cost per beneficiary	\$550
Actual cost per beneficiary	\$1,148
Location	Paraguay
Sector	Christian Education
Evaluation date	April 2019
Researcher	Ana Lisbeth de Ramirez

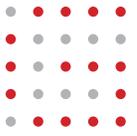
PROJECT PERFORMANCE

BELOW ACHIEVED EXCEEDED



DEFINITION OF RESULTS

Exceeded	Implementer exceeded goal by more than 20%
Achieved	Implementer solidly achieved the goal +/- 20%
Below	Implementer partially achieved the goal
Not achieved	Goal was 100% not achieved



ASSESSMENT & RECOMMENDATION

Anglican Diocese of Paraguay was able to work on the demolition of its old preschool building and built a new facility; this occurred from March to October 2017. It coincided with the school year in Paraguay, which runs from February to November each year. The preschool worked in the hallways of the local church the complete year and served 16 children. They began using the new facilities in 2018.

This refurbishment allowed Redeemer Anglican Church to more than double its capacity to benefit more families of Zeballos Cue community. During its 10 years of existence, its enrollment went up from 11 to 17 students per year. With this new building, attendance jumped to 46 students in 2018 and 70 in 2019.

According to the implementer, one of the lessons learned was that it's difficult to take every possible scenario into account when you plan a project. This happened to when, at the start of the project, they found that water was filtering from a neighbor's property. Due to this problem, the school had to install a drainage system, which will prevent this problem in the future. However, this was not included in the original budget and local funds were used to pay for the unexpected work. The situation enabled school officials to develop a closer relationship with their neighbors as they met and found a solution. The construction enabled the school to modify plans for classrooms, which resulted in a bigger space, but forced the relocation of the bathrooms of the local church. They needed to rent mobile toilets for the church for three months. The project united people working together with the same goal: Serve the Lord and the community.

In general terms, the work schedule was carried out without major setbacks. However, restarting the Saturday Bible Club and the parents programs has not been easy.

As the Anglican Diocese of Paraguay continues this project, there are still some risks that need to be considered:

Capability. The ratio of staff to beneficiaries may not be sufficient if the school wants to increase the number of students every year.

Sustainability. Continued access to donor funds is necessary to maintain the overall plan that calls for the school to build new classrooms every year so students can continue studying there in higher grades. In addition, the income fees don't cover the salaries and benefits for the staff, leaving the diocese to cover these items.

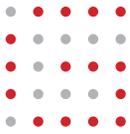
Recommendation

The implementer demonstrated the ability to manage some changes regarding the original plans, which resulted in a more useful refurbishment. Leaders proved flexible and adaptable in seeking solutions. The GRID recommends this project for future funding because it is building tomorrow's change-makers in Zeballos Cue today.

ANTICIPATED	ACTUAL	EXPECTATIONS/COMMENTS
<p>50 CHILDREN will be exposed to a Christian preschool education where they learn Christian values and gain an understanding of the faith, as evidenced by school records</p>	<p>70</p>	<p>[++] EXCEEDED A total of 70 students are enrolled and attending classes this year. In 2018, 46 were enrolled, based on school records. The good name of the preschool and the construction of the new facilities contributed this success in the Zeballos Cue community.</p>
<p>40 CHILDREN who are not enrolled in the school will benefit from a Saturday Bible club, which includes a free lunch</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>[-] BELOW A total of 27 children started attending this program in March 2019. Due to many adjustments, this program was not reestablished in 2018. The pastor of the local church in charge of it says he has a team of teachers that is ready to lead the program.</p>
<p>50 PARENTS will benefit from having their children receive a Christian education and also participate in adult education program</p>	<p>—</p>	<p>[--] NOT ACHIEVED At reporting time, this aspect of the program has not been conducted. Pepe Semillita wants to start this program and is looking to partner with a Christian organization that provides training on personal finance and some other parenting matters. No training dates have been scheduled.</p>



When the Anglican Church of Paraguay rebuilt the Pepe Semillita Preschool, leaders decided to expand the facility to include elementary grades. The school was renamed El Redentor School.



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FINANCE REPORT

BUDGET ITEM	REQUESTED FUNDS	LOCAL FUNDS REQUESTED	REQUESTED FUNDS USED	LOCAL FUNDS USED
Concrete structure	\$23,600		\$23,003	
Construction	\$10,400		\$17,552	
Research and evaluation	\$10,050		\$10,050	
Flooring	\$8,068		\$8,143	
Taxes	\$6,085		\$1,182	
Plumbing for school restrooms	\$5,500		\$4,906	
Skylights	\$4,216		\$3,876	
Painting	\$3,884		\$4,675	
Electricity	\$2,688		\$1,095	
Miscellaneous	\$2,559		\$2,400	
Repair of pastoral house		\$22,200		\$21,697
Restrooms for the church		\$20,000		\$2,238
Equipment for the preschool		\$3,000		
Equipment for the local church		\$1,500		
Drainage system*				\$2,865
Lining for external walls*				\$2,051
Sidewalk and rampant*				\$4,065*
Handrail*				\$1,581
TOTAL	\$77,050	\$46,700	\$76,882	\$34,497

* These items were not included in the original budget, but the work was necessary. Costs were covered with local funds.

IN THEIR OWN WORDS

"I knew the school by reference of my sister-in-law. My two nephews entered into the school about six years ago. The references I heard were so good that I promised myself, when I have my son, I want him to enter this school. I heard about the good treatment from teachers to students, their patience, the values they learn, and the good curriculum.

"Josias is my only son, he used to be very shy. Going to school completely change him. He is now a very sociable child, he improved a lot and positively changed his behavior.

"Last year, [there was] a meeting in my neighborhood. I was listening to some mothers complaining about the school where their children were going. I told them about this exemplary school. Some of them decided to move their children and now they are studying at El Redentor school as well."

— **Adriana Galeano de Coronel, mother of Josias Benjamin Coronel Galeano, 5 years old and a student at El Redentor School**

PROJECT RECAP

ID - ARDF-0616
Timeline - 12 months
Requested - \$77,050
Modified - 060619

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