



WEEK OF COMPASSION SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT PROJECT REPORT

For Global Ministries

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SECTION 1: Basic Information

Area Office	Latin America and the Caribbean
Date of Proposal Submission	August 2023
Project Title	<i>Production of beef cattle.</i>
Project Period	From January 30, 2023 to January 30, 2024.
Name of Local Partner	FEDICE, Ecuador Ecumenical Foundation for Integral Development Training–Education
Location- City/State/Country	Yanacocha, Jatun Juigua, Cotopaxi, Ecuador
Total Amount Received from WoC	US \$12,500
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SECTION 2: Project Summary

Project Goal

Referring back to your original proposal, what is the overall goal of the project? If your plans have changed from the original proposal, please describe.

Improve the organizational, technical, and economic standard of living of the 35 families that make up the Yanacocha group through the beef cattle production project.

Primary Activities Implemented

Describe administrative and programmatic activities implemented in your request for funding.

a) *Introduced improved cattle in family productions.*

FEDICE works based on the premises of relevance and significance, respecting the knowledge, customs, and experience of the families. Therefore, in the case of Yanacocha, once the group was known, along with its geographical location and its experience, the project was developed jointly with the group, and the project for the purchase of fattening livestock was determined.

In the initial meetings with the group, and once the project had been approved, prior to the allocation of resources, engineer Marco Garzon, the local technician, provided training to explain the physical characteristics that should be considered when purchasing livestock. Likewise, based on the experience and knowledge of the women, efforts are made to purchase animals with the best conditions and within the budget available.

In the first project, FEDICE begins with a reimbursable fund of \$300 per family, which was the case with Yanacocha. In some cases, the cost of the animals exceeds this value, so the families must contribute their share for the purchase of the animals. We strive to purchase improved animals that are already adapted to the geographical and climatic conditions of the area. The families organize themselves for the purchase and transportation of the animals from the nearby fairs to the community.

b) *Generated financing sources through the re-investment of resources.*

c) *Trained and monitored activities by the technical team of FEDICE.*

Since this is the first project with the women's group in Yanacocha, the training sessions mainly focused on the project itself, specifically the productive, reproductive, and health management of the fattening livestock. Afterwards, based on the animals that the families have, additional training is provided regarding the management of smaller animals such as sheep, pigs, and cattle.

Training is a fundamental part of FEDICE's activities, which are conducted both in theory and

practice. We have a predetermined calendar for training sessions with each group of women. In the case of Yanacocha, it takes place on the last Monday of every month, allowing people to organize and allocate time for activities with FEDICE.

In accordance with the project, various topics are covered, including the proper handling of animals, pasture improvement, sanitary management (vaccination, deworming, and vitaminization), and prevention of animal diseases. However, we also try to cover additional topics, such as motivation, self-esteem, leadership, and resource management for the women.

Regarding the theoretical and practical training on animal management, the aim is for the women to be capable of independently conducting proper sanitary management of the animals without having to rely on a veterinarian, whom they would have to pay. This saves resources that can be used for their families.

Once the resources are distributed, after one month, a verification is conducted to assess the purchase of the animals and their sanitary management, as mentioned before, such as vaccinations, deworming, and vitaminization. This verification is utilized as an opportunity to provide practical training to the women in the group, with the participation of their spouses and children. It becomes a day of celebration and community festivity.

d) *Formed an economic fund for the organization.*

Challenges and Actions Steps Taken to Resolve

Summarize what organizational and environmental (political, social, infrastructural, etc.) challenges arose during this past year that hindered the project achievement of its goals. Also, include how the project/program addressed them.

Transporting our technicians to the community is the main challenge. Yanacocha is in the community of Jatun Juigua, Pujilí canton, 50 minutes from the city of Latacunga and 4 hours from the capital Quito. The way we have tried to solve the transportation issue is through resource optimization. We have a technician, engineer Marco Garzon, who lives in Latacunga. He is a zootechnician (an animal breeding specialist, like a veterinarian). He lives approximately 50 minutes away from the Jatun Juigua area.

In addition to Yanacocha, which FEDICE is working with, we have other communities in the same area, such as Nueva Vida, Tuglin, Tucumbi Cucho, and Totorá Pungo. Therefore, we schedule multiple activities in the same day so that the visit is not only for Yanacocha. Similarly, when it is necessary for a technician to be present from Quito, economist Hugo Pacheco, we coordinate with the technician who lives in Latacunga and try to schedule multiple activities in the same day. We are also planning joint training sessions with people from other groups, depending on the topics to be addressed, such as leadership, motivation, and parliamentary procedures. As mentioned before, this will help optimize resources in terms of transportation.

SECTION 3: Project Results

Client/Participant Success Story or Details of a Program Achievement

Please share a client success story or a program achievement from this project. The success story or the program achievement should be related to program activities implemented and should convey the need or impact of the project. If using a client/participant success story, please keep client confidentiality in mind. If available, include pictures as attachments to your report.



Celia Tucumbi Pallo, president of the women's group in Yanacocha:

Good morning friends of FEDICE. We want to thank you for the support received. We are a group of 35 women from Yanacocha. We are working and with the credit received we buy cattle. We receive training, we put vitamins, antiparasitic to our animals. Thanks to the engineer Marco Garzón who trains us. For us women it is very important to learn everything about the proper handling of cattle. Of course, thank the brothers and sisters in the United States who are supporting us women to get ahead, to have a better future for our children and our families. Thank you on behalf of all the women of the YANACocha group in the province of Cotopaxi, Ecuador.

Short and Long Term Results

Realistically link program activities to the difference they are making. Describe how the project's activities are making a difference in the short and long-term for both the client and the community.

1. *We created an organization of 35 families that work together to find sustainable solutions to problems of access to financing and low levels of animal productivity.*

The women of the community, not FEDICE, choose the participants for the groups. FEDICE works with women's organizations, mainly indigenous ones. When a community is interested in working with FEDICE, they organize themselves into a group. These groups, which are organized based on their knowledge, geographic location, family relationships, trust, and responsibility, choose the families and form a working group that will partner with FEDICE.

In the case of Yanacocha, for example, Celia Tucumbi Pallo, the current group president, is a young indigenous leader. She is also the daughter of Juanita Pallo, who has been the president of the Nueva Vida women's group for many years. They have been working with FEDICE for several years. Based on this knowledge and experience, Celia and other women decided to organize the group in Yanacocha and selected the women who would be part of this group themselves.

There are usually several women who want to participate and be part of the group. In this case, the board members, and the women themselves, based on their knowledge, references, and backgrounds, select the women who will be part of the working group with FEDICE.

2. *By re-investing resources and forming an economic fund, we generated a culture of monthly savings for families as a financing alternative.*

In the first project, like in the case of Yanacocha, FEDICE begins with a reimbursable fund of \$300 per family. The project lasts for one year, which means that the families are required to reimburse the funds to FEDICE after one year. However, internally, they organize themselves to recover the funds in three payments per year, making payments every four months. This allows them to have a fund that is used for what we commonly refer to as "internal loans," and the generated profit from these loans is managed within the group.

Additionally, they established an initial fund of \$10 per family, totaling \$350, which is also a fund for the group. The women save \$5 per month, allowing them to generate more resources. Within the internally drafted regulations established at the beginning of the project, they impose financial penalties for absences and lateness to meetings.

As a result of this financial management, the women's group in Yanacocha has generated a fund of \$3,500 during the development of the first project. They used this fund to give \$100 to each family for the new project. For the second project, FEDICE increased the reimbursable fund from \$300 to \$400, so each family received \$500 for the second project.

- 3. We established an administrative management system for the operation of the organization through which participants can present their needs and find family-centric solutions.*

The projects are managed and administrated by the women. However, considering that women, especially in indigenous areas, have had limited access to education, in some cases, their spouses, particularly the treasurers' husbands, support and accompany them in managing the resources. Of course, this is done under the control and supervision of FEDICE's technicians. This continues until the women receive training and can independently manage the group's resources.

The women's group chooses a board, consisting of a president, treasurer, secretary, and vocal members who are responsible for coordinating activities with FEDICE. Prior to the distribution of resources, a project-based agreement is drafted, outlining the responsibilities of both FEDICE and the organization. The president and treasurer sign these documents and are responsible, on behalf of the group, for the funds provided for the productive projects.

At the beginning of the project, the board, the group, and FEDICE create an internal regulation with guidelines and directives that will guide the development of activities during the project. The internal regulation is based on a template but adapted to the reality of each community. In general, it covers aspects such as the day and time of meetings, the value of monthly savings, the value of penalties for absences and lateness to meetings, rights, obligations, and responsibilities of the board and group members.

Based on these premises, and always with the participation of women working together in a MINGA (community work, many hands working towards the same goals and dreams), FEDICE can work with this group in Yanacocha and other rural communities.

- 4. Through the training provided by FEDICE's technical team, we started a process of genetic improvement of the animals owned by the families.*

This is based on two axes: 1) Monthly training focused on the correct maintenance and care of the animals, and 2) Financing for the purchase of animals whose productive characteristics are better than those present in the community.

Best Practices:

Please Identify and Describe processes or practices that you implemented in this project that were successful, and that you recommend for use in similar situations.

- 1. We will carry out training in: Administrative management, leadership, and financial**

education. The objective is that the families that make up the organization can manage projects at the family and organizational level. This will create a self-sustaining system that can be implemented elsewhere and adapted for specific community needs.

2. Yanacocha will be integrated into the accounting network that FEDICE is designing for the communities with which FEDICE works. This network will allow accurate, reliable, and timely information for decision making.

Quantitative Results

Provide "numeric indicators" of your work in serving people and implementing project activities.

PEOPLE Served <i>Avoid Duplicate Counts between Categories</i>	# of People Served	Comments or Description
Women <i>age 18+</i>	35	31 married, 2 single mothers, 1 widow and 1 single.
Men <i>age 18+</i>	31	They are the husbands of the women who are part of the project.
Youth <i>age 13-18</i>	12	
Children <i>age 0-13</i>	25	Some of them are grandsons and granddaughters who are living with the families.
Families/Households	35	
Disabled	5	Harelip. Visual and speech impairment Physical disability - does not speak or walk. Uses a wheelchair
Other: <i>specify such as employed, unemployed, immigrants, etc.</i>		2 families traveled to the United States as undocumented immigrants

Examples of Activity Descriptions: food distribution, legal assistance, trainings, workshops, clinical services, TB screening, intakes, pigs raised, wells dug, school supplies provided (units), etc.

ACTIVITIES Implemented <i>-Specify Activities-</i>	# of Activities or Service Units	# of Participants or Beneficiaries <i>If applicable</i>	Comments or Description
Monthly training with topics according to the technical needs of the project.	12	35 families	Meetings for theoretical and practical training
Training and monitoring of activities, by the technical team of FEDICE	15	35 families	Meetings for project design, verification, and evaluation of purchases.
Correction of weaknesses and strengthening of benefits through periodic following up with the participation of the group.	12	35 families	Monthly meetings to review payments and monthly meetings with the FEDICE team

SECTION 4: Financial Management

Required Attachment: How was funding used?

Provide a financial report of how gifts were put to use in support of your project. A template for this financial report is attached for your reference. Any report that does not follow this template will not be considered a completed report and not eligible for applying for WOC Sustainable Development grant.

a. SHORT FINANCIAL REPORT OF THIS PROJECT

DESCRIPTION	FEDICE	YANACOCHA	TOTAL
Investments	-	350.00	350.00
Supplies	12,500.00	2,742.50	13,242.50
Direct labor	-	4,200.00	4,200.00
Technical assistance expenses	-	1,575.00	1,575.00
Selling expenses	-	350.00	350.00
TOTAL	12,500.00	9,217.50	21,717.50
%	57%	43%	100%

FEDICE finances 57% (\$12,500.00) of the annual cost of the project. These resources are distributed in reimbursable funds for each family. The fund is destined to buy a bull that the families must take care of and fatten for a year for its sale on foot. On the other hand, the organization of 35 families contributes 43% (\$9,217.50). Families oversee caring for the animal and buying medicines, vitamins, and antiparasitic during the year of project development. The resources were delivered to the families under the following institutional policies of FEDICE:

1. One year term,
2. Reimbursable fund, and
3. Contribution for administration, operation, and evaluation expenses of the project.

SOME PICTURES OF THE YANACOCHA PROJECT

Members of Yanacochoa group, first meetings



Treasurer and president of the group



Reading documents for the project



Delivery of resources for the project



Individual delivery of resources for the project



Practical training



Members of Yanacocha group.

