



Sustainable Development Application Form

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<p>Project Name: Beef Cattle and Sheep Project – Year 2</p> <p>Local Partner: Ecumenical Foundation for Integral Development, Training, Education (FEDICE)</p> <p>Location: Yanacocha sector of the Cotopaxi Province, Ecuador</p>			
<p>Person at DOM responsible for and accountable for this project: Michael Joseph, Transitional Global Relations Minister, Latin America and the Caribbean</p>			
<p>Partner’s History/Relationship with the Project:</p> <p>Ecumenical Foundation for Integral Development, Training, Education (FEDICE) coordinates educational, health, agriculture, and community development projects with the indigenous population in rural communities of Ecuador, a country where between 70 and 80 percent of the population lives in poverty. With the help of Global Ministries and other partners, FEDICE carries out income-generation and construction projects, medical clinics, pastoral work, and other programs in the provinces of Imbabura and Cotopaxi. FEDICE also has been instrumental in the development of water systems and agricultural and animal husbandry programs (mostly led by indigenous women), including cultivation of garlic and onions, and raising sheep, guinea pigs, rabbits, chickens, and cows.</p> <p>FEDICE’s projects are for families but are especially geared to being led by women. All family members share the activities and responsibilities for taking care of the animals and development of the projects.</p> <p>The community of Jatun Juigua Yacubamba is located in the Yanacocha sector, where there is an organization of 35 women who want to work on productive projects with FEDICE. They learned about the organization through relatives and other organizations that have worked on projects with FEDICE, sponsored by Global Ministries, in the same community of Jatun Juigua Yacubamba. The families met, organized themselves, and submitted a letter to FEDICE. Marco Garzón, one of FEDICE’s technicians, visited the community and held a meeting in which he provided orientation regarding the policies of the Foundation and its institutional work. Once the families received the orientation, they decided to work with credits under FEDICE policies.</p> <p>To begin this project, FEDICE provided a reimbursable fund of \$300 per family. Additionally, the families established an initial fund of \$10 per family, totaling \$350, which can be utilized by the whole group. Through FEDICE’s contributions, in partnership with Week of Compassion, the 35 families purchased a bull. Furthermore, through the Yanacocha group’s contributions, the families purchased the resources to care for the animal including medicine, vitamins, and antiparasitics. They must take care of and fatten this bull for a year after which it will be sold for a profit. The resources were delivered to the families under the following FEDICE policies: One year term, reimbursable fund, and contribution for administration, operation, and evaluation expenses of the project. FEDICE partnered with the Yanacocha group to provide necessary training in administrative management, leadership, and financial education. Additionally, FEDICE provided monthly training focused on the correct maintenance and care of the bull.</p>			

As a result of the group's overall financial management, they have generated a fund of \$3,500 during the development of this first project. They used this fund to distribute \$100 to each family for the second project. FEDICE increased the reimbursable fund from \$300 per family to \$400. These combined funding sources have provided \$500 for each family for the second project.

Description of Project

A brief description of the project (agricultural, health, water, micro-credit, education, community development, etc.):

For their second project, the 35 families have decided to produce cattle and sheep, for which 18 families will buy 18 fattening cattle and 17 families will buy 102 sheep (bighorn sheep). The fund from FEDICE will provide 4 sheep per family (68 total) and the family organization will provide 2 sheep per family (34 total) for a total of 6 bighorn sheep per family (102 total).

The main problem to be solved is: The keeping of beef cattle and sheep with little technical knowledge of management and low genetic quality that produce animals with low production and in a longer timeframe.

The continuity of the work with the women's group in Yanacocha and the implementation of the second project is justified for the following reasons:

- The 35-family organization is administratively and economically strengthened.
- As a result of the economic management of resources, the Yanacocha women's group has generated a fund of \$3,500 during the development of the first project. This fund was used to provide \$100 to each family for the new project. For the second project, FEDICE will increase the reimbursable fund from \$300 to \$400. With the group funds (\$3,500), each family will receive \$100. In summary, for the second project each family will receive \$500. These funds will allow the purchase of better-quality animals, which will allow better results at the time of sale.
- The 35 families have received training and have improved skills in animal management; however, they need to continue with this training to improve their knowledge even more.
- Organic fertilizer is also produced through animal husbandry. This organic fertilizer will be used on the land of each of the families for planting and improving crops and pastures. In this way, they avoid buying chemical fertilizer and ensure that the animals are fed with organic pasture.
- The families have improved pasture areas, and the cattle and sheep are treated with dewormers, vitamins, vaccines, and mineral salts. The necessary technological changes will be progressively introduced to improve the production process and optimize the project's production and productivity levels.

This project fits within several of these themes, including an agricultural project, a micro-credit project, as well as a community development project. The project works with 35 families in the rural community of Jatun Juigua Yacubamba located in the Yanacocha sector of the Cotopaxi Province. The project is women-led, and a micro-credit group has been formed to support one another as they work individually and collectively to produce beef cattle and sheep. FEDICE actively participates in the training – both financially and agriculturally, providing loans, and monitoring and evaluating the project.

Target Population (children, women, farmers, urban poor, etc.):

The target population for this group includes 35 indigenous families living in a remote area of Ecuador. Families who participate in this project are farmers working in the highlands of the Cotopaxi province.

How many persons are/will be served? (please give as specific a figure as possible)?

Each of the 35 families has approximately seven family members within their household. Therefore, the total number of direct beneficiaries in this project for year two will be 245 individuals.

Key Objectives:

General Objective

Improve the organizational, technical, and economic standard of living of Yanacocha families with beef cattle and sheep production.

Specific Objectives

- Increase the reimbursable fund that each family receives for the purchase of animals.
- Buy animals of better genetic quality which will give better results in breeding and later for sale.
- Empower women to earn more income for their families by selling animals at a better price.
- Train women in pasture improvement, which will produce healthy and natural feed for fattening animals.
- Train women in the best productive, reproductive, and sanitary management techniques of their animals.
- Train beneficiary families in livestock and administrative accounting to ensure sustainable production and economic management of the project.

IMPACTS

SOCIAL IMPACTS

The implementation of this project will have the following social impacts:

Families guarantee the educational process of their children due to the positive flow of resources. We seek to improve the living conditions of the families that make up the group and through the influence of the families in the community.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS

With the installation of this project, the environment will not be negatively affected because animal waste and food waste will be used as organic fertilizer. This fertilizer will be used to fertilize the plots of each of the families and to improve their crops and pastures. The families will avoid using chemical fertilizers and therefore will have a diet with healthy products, improving the health of all families.

Key Activities:

The activities to be carried out in this project are related to the management schedule established under the following aspects:

- The number of beneficiaries for this project proposal is 35 families requesting a reimbursable fund of US \$14,000.00 for the purchase of 18 bulls and 68 improved sheep. The remaining 34 sheep will be purchased by the family organization.
- Installation and timely management of improved paddocks, ¼ Hectare in each of the family productions, to be used for direct grazing.
- Visit producers and fairs in the area that offer animals with good production characteristics for purchase.
- The contribution of each beneficiary corresponds to the physical facilities for raising the animals.
- In the case of people who produce sheep, they will lay 2 female sheep per family.
- Sanitary practices such as: internal and external deworming, supply of vitamins, mineral salts, and vaccinations will be carried out. The beneficiaries will contribute to the purchase of medicines.
- Training and technical assistance on animal management will be provided by the foundation and others on a group basis, and the group will assume responsibility for the technical and accounting management and administration of the project.
- Continuous monitoring of the development of activities at the family level.
- The family organization will continue with the internal economic management of the organization's resources under its policies to form the organization's common fund.
- To comply with everything agreed upon, an agreement will be signed between FEDICE and the Yanacocha women's organization, represented by its president, Mrs. Celia Beatriz Tucumbi Pallo, to comply with the objectives and goals proposed in this project.

MODALITY OF PROJECT DEVELOPMENT

OF THE ORGANIZATION:

The organization of 35 families maintain the same board of directors for the management of the second project. The board will oversee the following:

1. Coordinate the activities with the families so that the project can be carried out normally.
2. Coordinate with FEDICE for the elaboration, execution, installation, follow-up, training, and evaluation of the project.
3. Distribute the \$400 from FEDICE to each family in the form of a reimbursable fund for the installation of the project.
4. Coordinate with FEDICE and partners for the purchase of animals.
5. Make decisions based on periodic evaluation.
6. Support in the management and administration of the project.

BENEFICIARIES:

1. Actively participate in the development and implementation of the project.
2. Provide ¼ ha. of grass to ensure the feeding of cattle and sheep.
3. Contribute supplies such as corals, ropes, and stakes for the technical breeding of the animals.
4. Actively participate in the different trainings provided by FEDICE.
5. Contribute transportation for the purchase of the animals.
6. Labor for pasture planting and animal care.
7. Purchase of animals at fairs, production centers, or in nearby communities.
8. Save \$5 each month.
9. Submit production and reproduction reports.
10. Pay the reimbursable fund to the board in full.
11. Support in the economic management of the organization's resources.

FEDICE:

1. Provide a reimbursable fund of \$14,000.00 for the purchase of 18 beef cattle and 68 sheep (4 sheep per family). Each family will receive \$400.00.
2. Project development, installation, and monitoring and evaluation.
3. Training on different topics.
4. Presentation of reports and photographs
5. Joint evaluation.

Duration of Project: One year upon delivery of funds.

Project Budget

Total Budget: \$23,742.50

Amount Requested from Week of Compassion: \$10,500

Is this a one-time request or an on-going request? One-time request

Is this specific proposal financially supported by ecumenical or outside partners? If so, what percentage does it cover for this project? Global Ministries has provided support for this women's organization's projects, and this specific project is being supported through the community as well.

Please list partners who are funding this project: Global Ministries

Does this project/partner receive funding from UCC OGHS, if so how much? In 2023, FEDICE received \$4,000 from OGHS for a separate project and will receive \$4,000 in funding for a project in 2024.

What is the overall percentage of fund requested that will be used for administration/overhead?

0%. All the funding requested for this project will be used directly in the community.

Please attach a detailed, itemized budget and cost breakdown for the requested funds.

DESCRIPTION	FEDICE	YANACOCHA	TOTAL	%
Investments	-	350.00	350.00	1%
Inputs	14,000.00	2,742.50	16,742.50	71%
Direct Labor	-	4,200.00	4,200.00	18%
Technical Assistance Expenses	-	2,100.00	2,100.00	9%
Cost of sales	-	350.00	350.00	1%
TOTAL	14,000.00	9,742.50	23,742.50	100%
%	59%	41%	100%	

Dates and project names of previous proposal submissions:

Planchaloma Community Project in April 2021

Yanacocha Community Beef Cattle Project: Year 1 in May 2023

How do you plan to monitor and evaluate the project and its objectives? Additionally, please provide a report back to Week of Compassion on the project. (Please note that future funding is contingent upon reporting. In addition to reporting, please provide stories of transformation and photos.)

FOLLOW UP

The follow-up of activities will be done through home visits to see productions and meetings to analyze difficulties and solve existing problems, recommendations, and planning of activities. The families involved in the project will participate.

The activities carried out will be compiled through reports, records, and photographs that will be used for analysis in the evaluation.

EVALUATION

The progress of the project will be evaluated based on the objectives set out in the activity plan, budgets, goals, and impacts, through visits, interviews with the beneficiaries, meetings, among others. All families involved in the project will participate in this process.

If granted, is there a deadline by which to receive funding? As soon as the funds are provided.

If granted, please provide full information for how (wire transfer, check, etc.), where, and to whom funds should be sent:

Wire transfer to DOM/Global Ministries