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Documenta is a non profit organization devoted to "applied social investigation", whose aim is the implantation of sustainable local development models in intelligent territories. During the last years, Documenta has consolidated an experienced multi-disciplinal professional team made through a self methodology that combines reflection and action around four working axes:

- Territorial analysis and strategic planning.
- Integral service on training, employment and advice to entrepreneurs.
- Design and management of European projects.
- Active participation in projects related to cooperation for development.

In some cases as promoters, and in other cases as active partners, through all these years we have been acquiring a remarkable experience in the design and management of numerous European projects addressed to different initiatives *(Leonardo da Vinci, Youthstart, Adapt, Prince, Local Commitment for Employment, Training and Support service for SME, Equal, E.S.F Art. 6, Interreg...).*

The trust put by numerous entities in our *know-how*, have allowed us to be pioneer in Cantabria in tackling the areas of New European Yields of Employment (NYEC project, Innovative Actions, Feder Art.10 European Union), as well as in the design and practical experiencing of Intermediation Structures such as "Proximity Services Headquarters", or New Financial Instruments such as the "Quality Cheque". Moreover, our organization has coordinated and has contributed to consolidate reference events such is the Employment Week in Cantabria, or the "Democracy and Development" European Forum.

The conception and application of an integral itinerary for training/employment has allowed Documenta to develop a wide range of actions that cover, from the introduction in Cantabria of Innovative Training Methodologies (Enterprise Simulation for Educative Purposes, SEFED), or the set into motion of Entrepreneurs Assistance services (SACE), to the evaluation of actions, projects and diverse programs.

These last years, Documenta has developed diverse

PROJECTS FINANCED BY THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION:

- From the Equal Initiative we have tackled the intervention in diverse sectors such as environment, culture, or proximity services to reconcile family and labour life starting from three different projects:
  "Generating Employment on the Environment" project (G.E.M.A.).
  "Cultur@civitas" project.
  "To Reconcile and to Preserve" project (CONSAR).

- In the framework of E.S.F. Art. 6. Innovative Measures, DOCUMENTA intervenes as the managing entity of the ELECAN Project. "Local Strategy of Employment for Cantabria".

- The Project *E-Learning for E-Inclusion* has allowed our entity to participate, with other transnational partners, in the study of the relationship among social exclusion and I.C.T.'s, working together in the analysis of required measures to cushion the current technological gap for people with social inclusion difficulties within the European Union.

- The "Preparatory Measures for a Commitment on Employment" Call has allowed that DOCUMENTA faces the challenge of micro-financing of local development participating in the Financial Engineering Project.

- Through "Interreg" we are promoting the set into motion of the "European Network of Virtual Info-business incubators" and the "Route of the Bays" project.

- Through the "Leonardo" program DOCUMENTA is promoting a pilot project for the design, development and testing of a new professional profile named "Innovation Agent" which favours the incorporation of women to the labour market through new technologies.

From left to right and top to bottom.
1st session on Cooperation for Development organized by Documenta in Santander, (1998).
Working session with the active tourism enterprise Llaqctapuri, created from the project New Yields of Employment in Huaycán (Peru, 2001).
Speech of Javier Farto from Documenta in Rosario, Argentina, (1999).
Training actions on local development taught in Tendrara, Fignig province (Morocco, 1998).

Documenta's public/private collaboration and networking philosophy, joint to our European and international vocation, is shown in the membership to diverse networks: GC Development Group, Metronet, Euroidees...; apart from the European networks of the projects in which we participate: (Financial Engineering, European Network of Virtual Info-Business incubators, eL4el, Equal Dreat, Equal Asset).

In the Cooperation for Development field, Documenta has contributed its experience in socio-economic promotion and local development, managing in some cases, and collaborating in other cases, projects developed in countries such as Morocco, Uruguay, Argentina, Colombia, Ecuador and Peru.

The experience accumulated, and the full incorporation of the Sustainability concept (social, environmental and economical) to our working philosophy, has led us to a strategic re-orientation: we currently work behind the deepening into values and activity lines, in which we already have a remarkable *know-how,* strengthening investigation and innovation applied around new interest focuses, (Social Capital, Social Responsibility of Enterprises, micro-financing for Sustainable Local Development...) as a consequence of the identification of emergent social demands for territorial development.

In Documenta we believe that a new economy which puts people and nature in the centre of economical thought is possible; we also believe that if we can imagine it we can help to construct it; so that, our decided commitment in Cooperation for Development in the most un-favoured countries and territories in the planet.

DOCUMENTA COOPERATES.

Description of activities and projects developed

Cooperation for development is tackled by Documenta from the transference of methodologies and strengthening of actions through the creation and participation in intervention networks already created in the territories. Our actions in cooperation for development are planned from an integral vision, and from the full collaboration with local counterparts in their design and planning. To do so we will use the same endogenous development approach that we use in our daily work, concentrating in local economic development projects, support for the creation of micro-enterprises and self employment promotion.

Our main goal in the field of cooperation for development is the support to local development policies in their integral dimension, attending social, economical, cultural and environmental factors; so that, Documenta works on:

- Informing and sensitizing local, regional and state administrations, as well as international entities on the idea of making resources profitable and to deepen into the application of adequate policies for training and employment at local scale.
- Promoting the creation of stable structures for intermediation and support to previously mentioned policies in collaboration with other public and private entities of third countries.
- Contributing to international cooperation policies designing and managing intervention actions in developing countries, in which population has to be an active part of the process, starting from respect to their social and cultural characteristics.

Different cooperation activities developed these years by Documenta, have as the common nexus the search for and the test of new systems for the development of communities; transference of methodologies; sensitizing on novel systems for the generation of micro-enterprises, and the improvement and qualification of people.

From the beginning years of existence, Documenta has participated and managed the following

PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES ON COOPERATION FOR DEVELOPMENT:

"INTEGRATED SEABOARD" PROJECT. INTEGRATED TRANS-BORDER DEVELOPMENT OF THE URUGUAY RIVER.

Action scope: Corridor of the Uruguay river (Uruguay and Argentina, 1998).

Local counterpart: Latin-American Centre for Human Economy (CLAEH).

Collaboration was based on the teaching of a training module on local development addressed to technicians and political responsibles of the territories.

"SUPPORT TO THE ASSOCIATIVE ACTION" PROJECT.

Action scope: Tendrara, province of Fignig (Morocco, 1998).

Promoter: Association "Local Project" from Barcelona.

Local counterpart: Association de Cadres et Anciens Élèves from Tendrara (A.C.A.E.T.).

The goal of this project was to consolidate development associations in the area through a double system of technical assistance and training.

Collaboration lied on teaching training actions on local development.

PARTICIPATION IN THE OPENING SEMINAR OF THE YOUTH, EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT CHAIR ANDRÉS BELLO, "UNIVERSITY AND CITIZENSHIP. NEW POLICIES ON EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT FOR YOUNG PEOPLE IN LATIN AMERICA".

Action scope: Río de Janeiro (Brasil). June 1999.

Organizer: University of Río de Janeiro, Convenio Andrés Bello (C.O.) and Fundación Mudes.

The paper *Introduction to New Yields of Employment* came to complete the experiences and methodologies on training for young people and integration processes into the labour market.

1ST SEMINAR ON LOCAL POLICIES FOR YOUTH IN MERCOCIUDADES.

Action scope: Rosario (Argentina). July 1999.

Organizer: Rosario Council.

Participation with the paper *Experiences on self-employment and employment promotion in the youth,* expounding cases and initiatives developed at European scale, with transferability possibilities, setting the bases for further development of common projects.

YOUTH FACING THE THIRD MILLENNIUM. PUBLIC POLICY IN COLOMBIA AND ITS INSTITUTIONALISM.

Action scope: Santa Fe de Bogotá (Colombia). November 1999.

Organizer: Vice-ministry of Youth Colombia.

Technical session restricted to technicians from Administrations and NGO's to establish the most adequate strategies against the difficult reality of Colombia, and to plan a youth public policy at long run. Participation with the paper: *The development of NYEs as an active policy for the creation of employment for the young.*

ORGANIZATION OF THE 1ST SESSION ON COOPERATION FOR DEVELOPMENT IN SANTANDER.

Documenta organized in its head office, in 1998, the first sensitizing session for local development agents and responsibles of social economy entities related to the possibilities of cooperation and work from Cantabria with third countries.

ON-LINE EVALUATING JURY BY THE YOUTH HOUSE OF ROSARIO COUNCIL, ARGENTINA.

Documenta participated in 1999 as an expert entity, in the selection and assessment of different enterprise projects promoted by young people from Rosario.

NEW YIELDS OF EMPLOYMENT IN HUAYCÁN (PERU).

Financed by: Regional Ministry of Economy and Treasury from the Government of Cantabria.

Promoter and Managing entity: DOCUMENTA.

Collaborating entities: Local Project, NGO's.

Local counterpart: ADEC-ATC, Labour Association for Development.

Actions scope: District of Ate-Vitarte in Lima (Peru).

Execution period: January 2001 - February 2002.

This project, had as its goal the promotion of the development of SMEs within the scope of new yields of employment and proximity services, starting from the strengthening of their management, operativity and negotiation; promoting the creation of employment and the increase in the levels of incomes of the people living in the self-managed Community of Huaycán, located in the district of Ate-Vitarte in the city of Lima (Peru).

"CANTABRIA" CRAFT SCHOOL FOR THE RESTORATION OF THE URBAN ENVIRONMENT IN HUAYCÁN.

Financed by: Regional ministry of Economy and Treasury from the Government of Cantabria.

Promoter and Managing entity: DOCUMENTA.

Local Counterpart: ADEC-ATC, Labour Association for Development.

Execution period: 2002 / 2003.

The project allowed the set into motion of a training / employment programme towards professional qualification of unintegrated young people, through occupations related to gardening, bricklaying, and plumbing in the self-managed community of Huaycán, located in the district of Ate-Vitarte in the city of Lima (Peru).

2ND ACTIVITY STAGE OF THE "CANTABRIA" CRAFT SCHOOL FOR THE RESTORATION OF THE URBAN ENVIRONMENT IN HUAYCÁN.

Financed by: Regional Ministry of Economy and Treasury from the Government of Cantabria.

Promoter and Managing entity: DOCUMENTA.

Local Counterpart: ADEC-ATC, Labour Association for Development.

Execution period: 2003 / 2004.

In this second stage, the project continued with its training / employment programme, developing different works and actions for the creation and the fitting out of public urban spaces (school library, squares and sport areas).

THE EXPERIENCE OF THE "CANTABRIA" CRAFT SCHOOL FOR THE RESTORATION OF THE URBAN ENVIRONMENT IN HUAYCÁN.

Two years of work in the self-managed community of Huaycán (Lima – Peru)

*In 2002, the project **"Cantabria" Craft School for the restoration of the urban environment in Huaycán** arises with the goal of implementing a model of training / employment already used successfully in Spain, in which unemployed young people receive vocational professional training in alternation with professional practices, through real works jobs.*

The project is the result of the collaboration relationship established among DOCUMENTA Association in Cantabria, and the Labour Association for Development ADEC-ATC in Peru, and has the financing of the Direction General of European Affairs from the Government of Cantabria. It constitutes the logical continuation of a previous project, called New Yields of Employment in Huaycán, developed by DOCUMENTA together with the NGO "Local Project" from Barcelona, and is also financed by the Government of Cantabria.

The good results and the high interest and participative degree of social groups, in that first project, encouraged this proposal, whose final aim was to reinforce the cooperation of Cantabria with this community, equipped with a high social vitality and wide possibilities for development from its precarious and complex starting situation. DOCUMENTA designed its operative structure, seeing the Craft School as an opportunity to transmit its methodologies and technical knowledges for a better development of the area.

CONTEXT

Members of Documenta, local counterparts and neighbourhood leaders visiting the community of Huaycán, (September 2002).

Huaycán is located in the outskirts of the city of Lima, capital from Peru. It has a population of more than 140.000 inhabitants, with a majority of children and young people. As a Community, Huyacán was born as a consequence of the large migrant flows from rural areas of the central mountainous zones to Lima, motivated by terrorist violence created by Sendero Luminoso. Most families that have been occupying these territories and have settled down have their homes in precarious habitability and hygienic conditions, mainly due to the lack of economic resources and the weak implantation in the area of public administrations.

Most of the settlers in Huaycán have achieved to face extreme poorness through self-generation of employment, integrating most times family members in such economic initiatives. These modest initiatives lack mechanisms that allow them to leave survival and to aspire to a better quality of life, showing the need to implement training programmes for the improvement of professional qualifications of young women and men. The insufficiency of paid employments makes that the creation of micro-enterprises and self-employment are the only possibilities to obtain a job by population, process that encounters limitations in the precarious labour market, mainly formed of informal economy, and the lack in training of the promoters of such initiatives.

DEVELOPED ACTIVITIES

Theoretical and practical contents designed for the set into motion of the **"Cantabria" Craft School for the restoration of the urban environment of Huaycán,** were oriented to the development and construction of social works and infrastructures in the community. Selected jobs were Gardening, Bricklaying and Plumbing. The training stage, four months lasting, included the practical application of learnt contents, in such a way that project beneficiaries (students of the Craft School), under the supervision of trainers, practical assistants and project promoters, developed different public use works; among them: a trainers room, restoration of hygienic services in schools, building of a community library, sport areas, the creation of several parks, etc. Project beneficiaries, during the first stage, received as a subsidy a monetary assignation as the retribution for the work developed. For the second execution year of the project, funds used for the grants were re-oriented to the promotion of the service in order to improve the conditions for their insertion into the labour market, making them more autonomous.

Practical activities of the workshops on gardening and bricklaying.

But apart from this, the Craft School was conceived as a technical stable structure to support the development of already existing micro-enterprises located in Huaycán, and to promote the creation of new enterprises addressed towards emergent

Closing and delivery of diplomas to a promotion of students from the Craft School.

markets, starting from training and the strengthening of management capacities, creativity and negotiation for young people.

An 80 square meters premises was firstly rented where two classrooms, an administrative area, hygienic services and a warehouse were prepared. Then, a programme of training actions for technical and training staff from the School was developed, and contents and didactical materials were elaborated.

Subsequently, and after the development of the project dissemination campaign by the local counterpart, a selection of participants was developed based on criteria such as their entrepreneur spirit, and their commitment to assume qualification and integration into a working team.

Training actions were developed in two periods, with total 77 students qualified distributed in three different specialities: bricklaying, plumbing and gardening.

The training period was divided into two stages: in the first stage, students received theoretical-practical vocational training, accompanied with an economic support as a training grant; and in the second stage, worker students signed a working contract for training with the promoter entity, by which they received a corresponding salary, and developed public and social works.

After its second year of existence, and due to the experienced success among the inhabitants in the area, and to the participative desire demonstrated through the high number of enrolment applications received, the Craft School entered into its second performance stage, with the aim of providing a higher efficiency to activities already started.

In this second stage of the project, new qualification courses have been developed for new promotions of young people, and have continued providing support to enterprise initiatives from the beneficiaries of the previous promotion; this way, 35 young people from Huaycán are currently rendering professional services in the local labour market.

The impulse to labour insertion is the key goal of the Craft School, so that ADEC ATC, as the local counterpart, has promoted, together with other local actors (neighbourhood assemblies, municipality, NGO's), the development of activities that allow an increase in the insertion opportunities of the young people in the labour market.

RESULTS

When the first year of the project concluded, the 35% of the beneficiaries was developing activities that generated some income, and at the conclusion of the second stage of the Craft School, around the 40% of beneficiaries were rendering professional services in an independent way; as it is logical, and mainly due to the characteristics of the service market in Peru, those activities are still not developed in a permanent fashion. Some young people are articulated around informal hiring networks, other do so through the set into motion of a credit fund for home restoration, but most times, the young people who has passed through the Craft School, do perceive incomes larger in more than the 10% to those average incomes in their professional activities fields.

Once balancing this two year activities period, the main goals achieved by the **"Cantabria" Craft School for the restoration of the urban environment of Huaycán** are the following ones:

- Set into motion of a basic technical training / employment structure, fully operative and oriented towards the attention to the demands and needs for qualification and improvement in the quality of living of the Huaycán Community.
- Creation of 3 curricular plans for their taught in a continuous way, and design and development of didactical materials for students.
- Development of a training and practical programme of six courses in the three professional specialities (plumbing, bricklaying, and gardening) through which 77 young people of that community have been qualified in the first stage and 144 in the second, using the same methodology.
- Inventory and classification of Public urban spaces in Huaycán.
- Bricklaying works: construction of a 120 square meters public park and two other smaller public areas; conditioning of the land in the Industrial Park in Huaycán, for the construction of a drinkable water tank; building of a teachers' room in an education centre and construction of a 80 square meters building for a community library.
- Plumbing works: conditioning and repairs of the health facilities in two education centres.
- Gardening works: conditioning of a public park and a plants nursery.

Some of the works developed by students from the Craft School. Up: construction of health facilities in a children's school. Down: creation of a sports area.

Works from the gardening workshop: conditioning of a public park and creation of a plants' nursery.

- Development of a qualification programme for the creation of services micro-enterprises specialised in each of the jobs and set into motion of a support plan to beneficiaries' initiatives, in which diverse local actors such as Municipal Government, neighbourhood managers and some NGOs which intervene in the area do participate.

The **"Cantabria" Craft School for the restoration of the urban environment in Huaycán** is being consolidated as a promoter entity of socio-economic development in the area, strengthening collaboration relationships with other public and private local organizations, and being each time more visible among the rest of social agents and population.

We believe that this initiative has being obtaining self entity, as a n instrument that seeks to contribute in the improvement of the conditions of its social environment, improving professional competence and encouraging young people from Huaycán become real agents of the change process, and main characters of their own development.

DOCUMENTA (Spain)
ADEC-ATC (Peru)

TESTIMONIOS

"... The park is healthy, specially for children and is an enjoyment for all the population...".

MR. LOYOLO VALERIO CHAMORRO (65 YEARS OLD), RESIDENT.

"The construction jeans much for me, because our children can play in it and makes young people spend their time in sport and not in delinquency".

MRS. RAQUEL CUEVA QUISPE (28 YEARS OLD), RESIDENT.

"... I previously did not know what soil fertilizer was nor what plagues faced plants, but now with the gardening course, I have enough qualifications to be able to work in whatever job of this kind....".

RICHARD VILLEGAS COTERA (24 YEARS OLD), GARDENER.

PROJECT FILE

PROJECT TITLE: "Cantabria" Craft School for the restoration of the urban environment in Huaycán.

LOCALIZATION: Peru.

LASTING: 24 months.

COOPERATION SECTOR/AREA: local economic development through training and socio-labour insertion.

GENERAL AIM: Creation of a Craft School that promotes the generation of employment and creation of micro-enterprises by young people from Huaycán, through a training programme and work practices related to the improvement of homes and urban environment of the community.

DIRECT BENEFICIARY POPULATION: 221 men and women from Huaycán.

INDIRECT BENEFICIARY POPULATION: population in the area.

MAIN ACTIONS PERFORMED: advising and management of training programmes; theoretical and practical training activities in gardening, bricklaying and plumbing; professional and labour orientation activities; development of improvement works in the urban environment.

LOCAL COUNTERPART: Labour Association for Development (ADEC-ATC).Working axes: technical support activities to micro-entrepreneurs; training and technical support activities in the area of self-employment generation.

CO-FOUNDERS: Government of Cantabria. Direction General of European Affaires, and Cooperation for Development.

TOTAL AMOUNT: 1st stage: 84,598.46 ; 2nd stage: 95,500 .

DOCUMENTA IMPELS IN QUITO, ECUADOR, A NEW PROJECT FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF MICRO-ENTERPRISES WITH THE ASSOCIATION OF NATIVE WOMEN SUMAK ALLPA

The last initiative on cooperation for development impelled by DOCUMENTA is being developed in Ecuador. This is the project called 'Strengthening of Productive Micro-enterprises of the Association of Immigrant Native Women Sumak Allpa' located in Quito, the capital city in Ecuador.

The goal of this project is to improve living conditions of immigrant native women in the San Roque district in Quito, through the organizative consolidation of the Association Sumak Allpa, in order to constitute itself into a social and economical support space for immigrant women which come from rural areas.

The project intends to improve the quality of living of women in this district through qualification, the creation of a micro-credit line, and the technical support for the development of productive initiatives that allow them to generate their own incomes.

The project lasts for 12 months, and has a total budget of 76,389.29 euros, being the 80% financed by the Government of Cantabria through the Direction General of Cooperation for Development, and the rest by DOCUMENTA and the local counterpart, Foundation Esquel - Ecuador.

The project for the development of productive micro-enterprises of the Association of immigrant native women Sumak Allpa in Quito, seeks for the creation of employment both at group or individual levels. This will be achieved by the consolidation of the Dressmaking Workshop that belongs to the association; the improvement in the development of the trash recycling activity, and the provision of funds for micro-credits on the development of different productive activities; all these actions will be accompanied by a process of technical, administrative and social qualification, which will strengthen and will provide sustainability for the cooperation already existent among Foundation Esquel and the Association of Women Sumak Allpa.

The action areas in which activities will be carried out in the current project are the following ones:

- Tailoring, production and marketing of garments, in specific lines of sport clothes, typical costumes for native groups in the area, and amendment of all type of garments.
- Trash recycling, and production and marketing of organic fertilizer.
- Micro-credit fund, for the promotion of the implementation of productive initiatives of those women that cannot access to a full time job post.

Foundation Esquel is the organization responsible of the execution of the project. It is in charge of providing technical support required to set up foreseen activities as well as, based on the experience in planning mechanisms, project monitoring and evaluation.

On the other hand, starting from its large working experience in the field of local development, and cooperation, DOCUMENTA will give several training actions for the Association of Women Sumak Allpa.

CONTEXT

More than two million people live in Quito within the 65 central and suburban metropolitan parishes.

The project intends to improve the quality of living of native women who live in the San Roque district, through their qualification, the creation of a micro-credits line and the technical support to allow them generate their own incomes.

The San Roque district is located in the Quito canton, in the province of Pichincha, and has a social structure which is typical in the mountains in Ecuador: it has a large native population, lacks basic services, and has high degrees of illiteracy and unemployment, together with a low productivity.

The 80% of the population in San Roque is formed of immigrant natives, who come mainly from the province of Chimborazo. (It is estimated that around 350,000 natives are living in the city of Quito, most of them being kichwa-speakers). Within this context, the "Association of immigrant native Women Sumak Allpa", whose aim is to search for a meeting and attention place for the needs that, due to their condition of women and natives, are not attended by public bodies. This way, since three years ago, date in which the association was formed, these women have started different productive activities, promoting their personal and group growth.

The good geographical location of the San Roque district favours an intense commercial activity in the area, and represents a positive element that favours the development of a large part of the project. So, the district's market is one of biggest ones in Quito. Commercial dynamics are very intense, as merchants arrive everyday to sell and buy products. This commercial inflow generates a demand for all type of services: food, housing, local products marketing, transport, among many others.

On the other hand, we find the deficient system for trash collecting (which highly affects the population of the San Roque area and the rest of popular districts in the city of Quito), which has led the Association to assume a high responsibility, performing for some time, the collecting and recycling of some types of trash. These collecting activities are still quite precarious due the lack of space, machinery and tools for the treatment of wastes.

After three years of activities, and once the association Sumak Allpa is consolidated as an alternative for the generation of employment among native women, it is required to search for new possibilities of growth to make the Association achieve an stabilisation and increase in their labour coverage, becoming a social and productive support space, not only to group members, but also to other women who live in the area.

To strengthen these activities, participation of the beneficiaries is key. Concretely, the dressmaking workshop of the Association is under its initial performance stage and needs support to take in ten native women on a permanent basis.

On the other hand, the improvement in the trash recycling activity for the production and marketing of organic fertilizer, apart from generating incomes, it also intends to start the creation of family type vegetable gardens where vegetables, legumes and plants for family consumption are cultivated. In case that surplus is produced, the project expects to commercialise them. This way, the nutritive diet of members and their families will be improved, and the organic fertilizer not sold will also be used.

With the new credit fund of the project, it is intended to support 24 women with small initial capital amounts to allow

them invest in their own familiar micro-enterprises. Work will be done with a community methodology shown in the framework of a Community Bank in which members themselves are the guarantees and promoters of credits, being in charge of the management and recovery of them through an internal credit regulation. The average amount of the credits will be of around 500 at a year run and with a preference interest rate; this will allow the Association to capitalize and to have a rotary credit fund that will be managed to assure the fund.

The credit will be given to those women's personal enterprise initiatives, specially to those that can not directly participate in micro-enterprises leads by the Association Sumak Allpa (workshop on dressmaking, and trash recycling). This way, additional familiar incomes can be generated, improving personal economic situations, as well as genre issues related to the capacity of women to undertake, develop and manage their own micro-enterprise.

BENEFICIARIES

The project will benefit immigrant native women in the province of Chimborazo who live and work in the San Roque area and who have grouped to form the Association Sumak Allpa; those women are between 18 and 50 years old.

Moreover, 10 other women that not being members they do participate in the events developed by the group will be also benefited. On the other hand, support through micro-credits is expected for other 24 women to be able to start their personal enterprise initiatives.

Additionally, there is a whole series of indirect beneficiaries from the project, as, through the development of the dressmaking workshop, the marketing of the organic fertilizer, and the improvement experienced by women through the incomes obtained from their personal enterprise initiatives through micro-credits, more than 250 people will indirectly be benefited, considering an average of 5 members in each family.

Associations such as Sumak Allpa, have eased the organization of women from rural areas from Ecuador who live in Quito, with the aim of improving their precarious living conditions.

PROJECT DATA

PROJECT TITLE: "Strengthening of Productive Micro-enterprises of the Association of Immigrant Native Women Sumak Allpa from the San Roque district".

LOCATION: Quito, Ecuador.

LASTING: 12 months.

ECTOR/COOPERATION AREA: infrastructures area: enterprise development and organizational strengthening.

GENERAL GOAL: to improve living conditions of immigrant native women in the San Roque district in Quito, through the qualification, micro-credit and technical support for the development of productive initiatives that enable them generate their own incomes.

MAIN ACTIONS: consolidation of the Dressmaking Workshop, improvement in the trash recycling activity; and contributions in capital for micro-credits in different productive activities, actions that will be accompanied by a technical, managerial and social qualification process.

LOCAL COUNTERPART: Foundation Esquel-Ecuador, organization responsible of supplying the required technical support to set into motion foreseen activities, as well as the project monitoring and evaluation.

CO-FOUNDERS: Government of Cantabria. Direction General of European Affairs, and Cooperation for Development.

TOTAL AMOUNT: 76.389,29 euros.

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