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Build a kitchen to feed a school in Chaco

Who we are:

ACDI is a not-for-profit, non-governmental organization founded in Argentina in 1990. Its mission is to promote the dignity of the person through social and economical development activities, with special attention to education, training and accompaniment.

ACDI is a founding member of AVSI Foundation, an international NGO that promotes cooperation projects in 30 developing countries throughout Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean, Eastern Europe, Middle East and Asia.

Framework of this project:

ACDI has two areas of intervention, a urban one and a rural one. The school of Paraje Guemes is part of a long distance adoption program that ACDI carries out from the urban area since 2001. The program, called *Padrinos Solidarios*, focuses on education and involves 8 schools and more than 3.000 students.



The school of Paraje Guemes

Context:

The educational context in which Argentinean children are growing is characterized by social inequality and marginalization, poverty, affective instability, familiar disorganization, violence, drugs diffusion, incomplete schooling and poor nutrition.

In the rural context living conditions are aggravated by the isolation of the communities and the lack of current water and electric power. Families live off small plantations, chickens and sometimes a cow or goat. Children nutrition needs are completely unsatisfied.

How we pretend to tackle the issue:

Thanks to the State Paraje Guemes can count on a small school and two teachers compromised with children's education. However, nutrition is a key factor of the learning process and public resources can't afford students' nutrition needs.

We propose to rebuild the shabby kitchen of the school, providing it with a dignified appearance and all the tools required to prepare nutritional meals. At the same time, this space will be used to train mothers on good nutrition and child care, which will provide for their families' and for the whole community health and well-being.



A teacher serving food in class.



The current kitchen with a student washing her dish after lunch.