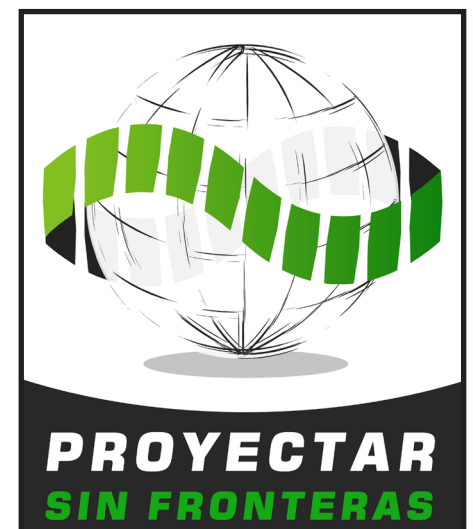




ACTIVITIES REPORT 2014

PROYECTAR SIN FRONTERAS COLOMBIA



WORDS FROM THE DIRECTION

Proyectar Sin Fronteras (PSF) was created with the objective to reduce levels of vulnerability within marginalized populations. With the main headquarters based in France, our organization works principally in Colombia, with pilot projects in other geographic zones (Peru, Brazil and India).

In Colombia, since 2007, PSF has been developing a model of social action in the context of post-war conflict in the city of Bogota. Our projects' objectives support the construction and consolidation of the social and economic fabric of marginalized communities. Having started a pilot project in 2007, PSF has evolved to structure their actions based on two projects. «Seeds of Confidence» has the aim to reduce economic vulnerability and improve the environmental sustainability of participants from rural areas, including ex-military and displaced individuals. The «COMParte Center»'s objective is to build the social fabric of communities through cultural, spiritual and entrepreneurial development, in areas characterized by low-income populations within Bogota.

2014 has been a year of enrichment, in learning and in results for various reasons:

After the initiation of various pilot projects, the Seeds of Confidence project has consolidated around three principal elements:

1. A network of environmentally friendly agricultural producers and clients.
2. A training and awareness program looking at agricultural, nutritional and environmental issues.
3. A network of community gardens, converted into creative places of social networking and solidarity whose production reinforces the participants' food security.

In 2014, Seeds of Confidence was selected by the 'National Agency for the Overcoming of Extreme Poverty' (ANSPE) as one of 18 most innovative social initiatives in the country. Furthermore, we were semi-finalists in a worldwide competition for social impact innovation for the organization Hivos. Lastly, Bogota's Botanical Garden granted us a certificate of excellence for the edible gardens project in the Santa Rosa neighborhood.

The COMParte center has developed a multitude of cultural and entrepreneurial projects, including language classes, art workshops, ICT classes, and textile and embroidery classes. Participant engagement has been good. It is however important that further work is done to continue improving relations between participants and PSF projects. The center has managed to attract interest from the religious community in the area who has asked for their support in extending activities in the neighborhood of Moralba, and replicate the center in the Quindio neighborhood. In addition, the center and its coordinator, Sindy Pinzon have received first prize from the El Nogal Youth and Reconciliation Foundation.

These results wouldn't have been possible without the commitment and innovation of our young and motivated team. At the end of an intense year, as 2014 has been, it is important to highlight the hard work and professionalism of the entire team. Proyectar Sin Fronteras have demonstrated in 2014 that they know how to adapt themselves, work as an effective organization and organize their human resources efficiently around the organization's projects.

In 2015, the Colombian government and the FARC are advancing in the signing of a peace agreement; the work of PSF is more important than ever. In effect, it is in this context of post-conflict that PSF must manage the arrival of numerous displaced populations coming from rural areas to urban communities. We believe it is necessary to support the improvement of cohabitation in a society marked by bitterness and problems of marginalization.

In light of the results obtained in 2014, we hope that 2015 will bring us one step closer to lasting peace for Colombia. Our goal is to consolidate our social action in Bogota through our projects, Seeds of confidence and the COMParte center.

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Textile-manufacturing workshop

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Seeds of Confidence





Santa Rosa area

CONTEXT AND PROJECTS

For more than 40 years, Colombia has lived through a very violent armed conflict, which began over disputes about the political system. With time the dynamics of the conflict have evolved and become more complex, especially due to drug trafficking, which for the last 80 years has financed numerous armed groups. The Colombian conflict is also closely linked to the question of land repatriation and agricultural production in rural areas. Without doubt, guerrillas have come from rural settings principally because of their interest in Colombian agricultural policy.

For more than 20 years Colombia has committed itself to reconciliation, but the results have not been satisfactory. Today, Colombian society is profoundly marked by its historical conflict and violence. Peace continues to be a fundamental objective in contemporary Colombia. This context of the armed conflict has created divisions within society. These divisions manifest themselves in socio-economic fractures inherited from the armed conflict between the urban and rural classes. Indeed, Colombia has experienced a number of significant internal displacements (populations who are escaping the conflict, but also ex-military or demobilized paramilitaries), the majority coming from rural areas to the city.

Consequently, Colombian cities, more specifically the city of Bogota, have found a significant rural population endowed with agricultural skills and competency. As a result, a city like Bogota needs to be capable of managing the internal conflicts of Colombian society, and feed a growing number of citizens.

In light of this context, Proyectar Sin Fronteras has positioned itself to develop a model of post-conflict social action for Bogota. This model of social action implicates the reconstruction of the city's social fabric, the promotion of social-economic activities, and urban and semi-urban agricultural development, with the aim to secure lasting peace in Colombia. For this reason, Proyectar Sin Fronteras has structured its action around two projects: Seeds of Confidence and the COMParte center.

COMPARTE CENTER



French class in the COMParte center

The main objective of the COMParte center in the Santa Rosa neighborhood (in San Cristobal) is to contribute to the social development of the area.

The center was imagined and built collectively with the community; organizations that work with Santa Rosa's parish, and the design group Abordo.

The center helps foster the creation of social networks, promoting cultural and entrepreneurial projects to counter the insufficient presence of public authorities, the lack of economic opportunities and social fractures that affect the local population.

Indeed, the proposed activities ascribe to the notion of positivecoexistence,inordertoreinforce theunderstanding of the concept, 'community', in particular for young people so that they can feel at home in the center.

The center COMParte offers many spaces and services:

- an ITC suite
- an audiovisual room
- a textile workshop
- a hall for various activities (dance classes, music classes, gym and languages)
- a community green-house school



Creation of graffiti in Santa Rosa

During 2014, the center has proposed different activities with the objective to strengthen the local social fabric through cultural enrichment, and reduce economic vulnerability through technical trainings.

ART WORKSHOPS (70 PARTICIPANTS)

- 1 12-hour photography course
- 1 cinematic course, 5 films presented with debates to follow
- 1 audiovisual course (5 classes lasting three hours each) for children, to learn the basics of making a video and presenting it to the public
- 2 practical courses in recycling, 34 hours of class

SPORT WORKSHOPS (47 PARTICIPANTS)

- 4 yoga classes
- 1 football workshop.



Photographic workshop



Practical course



Yoga classe

TECHNICAL TRAINING (122 PARTICIPANTS)

- ICT classes: 75 2-hour sessions. Learning the basics of ICT, the Internet and using Office programs
- Textile workshops: 4 courses in the production of clothes (trousers, dresses and blouses...) 35 hours of class in total
- Embroidery classes: 1 16-hour course

10 MEETINGS ORGANIZED FOR COMMUNITY LEADERS in the neighborhood to improve dialogue and build alliances between PSF and different communities.

The challenge for 2015 is to make Centro COMParte a model that can be replicated in other neighborhoods of Bogota, in order to reach a greater number of people living in vulnerable situations.



ICT class



Textile workshop



Embroidery class

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