

Report 2010 - 2015



ACDI is an organization that is committed to all aspects of human development. ACDI's mission is to promote social and economic sustainable development in rural and urban environments, according to the social teachings of the Catholic Church.

According to **ACDI**, being the **Subject of Development** means belonging to a group of people who have an "operative friendship" and have the critical capacity to understand and deal with reality. **Development** signifies setting in motion the freedom of individuals, generating new subjects of development with an educational dynamic that collaborates with the real satisfaction of the wishes of happiness, beauty, truth and justice that people have.

ACDI only implements **Cooperative Projects** that promote people's freedom and follow the **social teachings of the Catholic Church**: empowerment and education as the premises for development; support for diverse forms of education and understanding reality in all its forms; strengthening local organizations; and promoting the creation of new social works.



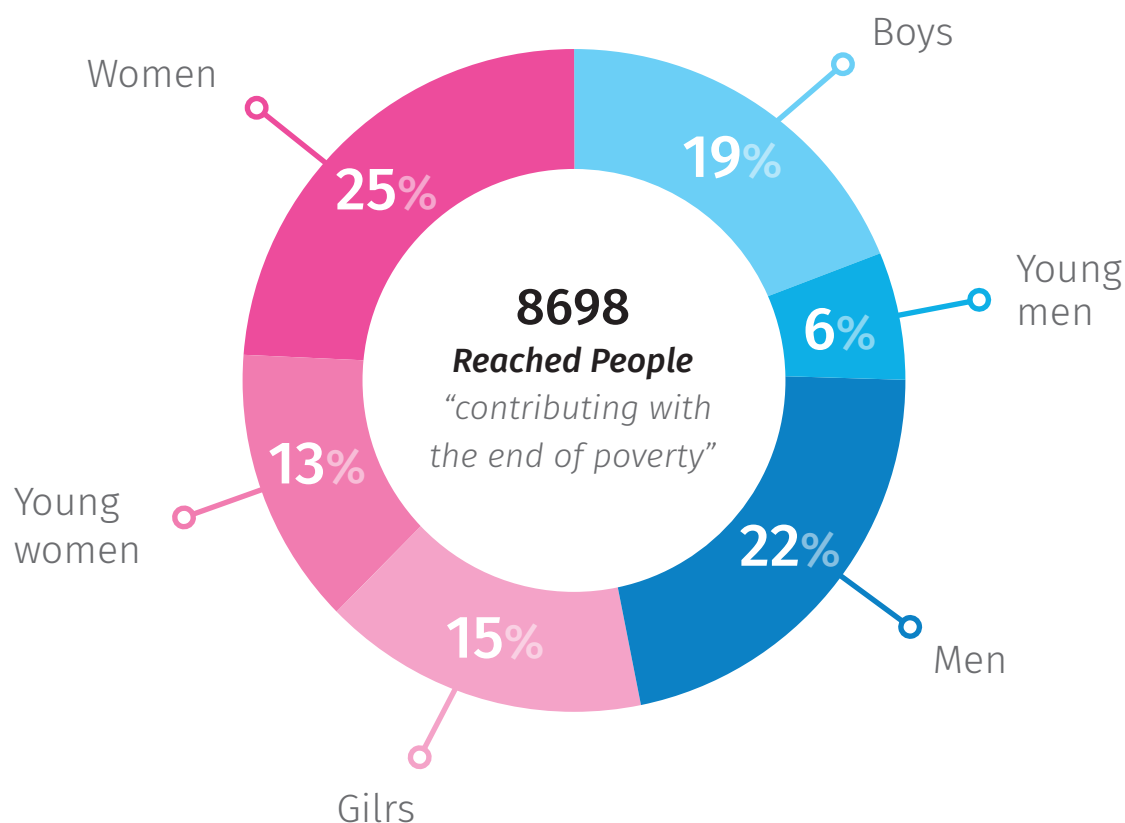
People for development

- a** **Asociación** — *We are a private organization of civil society,*
- c** **Cultural** — *We are friends who share a culture and an ideal: our way to relate to people and to reality,*
- d** **Desarrollo** — *We work with others to set in motion the freedom of people,*
- i** **Integral** — *To make people protagonists of their own growth in a material, emotional and spiritual way.*



Index of results

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Generating productive employment

261 productive forms of employment secured and 688 productive enterprises strengthened.

Strengthening civil society organizations

Social organizations created, restored or strengthened

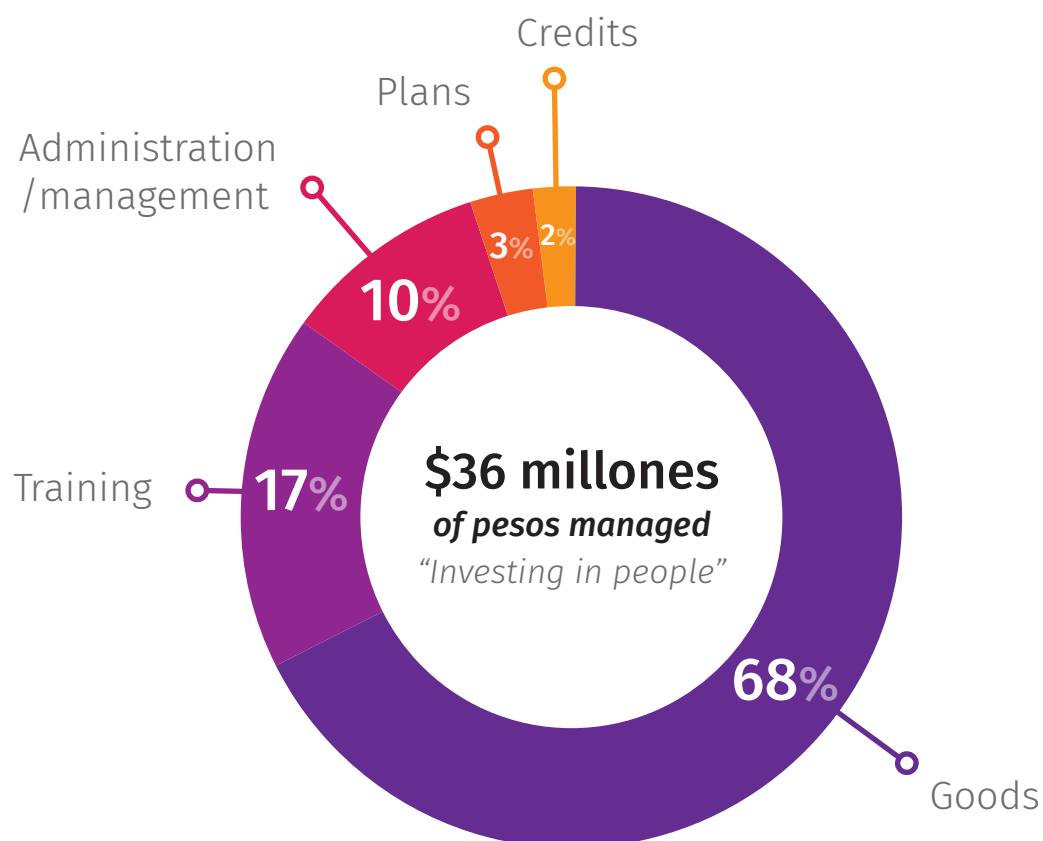
Taking care of the "common house"

205,839 hectares under sustainable production or recovering their environmental potential



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Providing an educational differential

12,106 hours of training and educational support

Doing along with other

38 institutional partners collaborating together with ACDI

Investing in people

\$36,097,435.89 managed (\$31 managed directly by ACDI, 69% by the beneficiary organization)



Where we are

Regions with active presence

- *Salta*
- *Tucumán*
- *Santiago del Estero*
- *Mendoza*
- *Jujuy*
- *Chaco*
- *Santa Fe*
- *Entre Ríos*
- *Corrientes*
- *Formosa*

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Rural



Lamadrid - Tucumán

Contributing to distributive justice

Agricultural competitiveness, creation of productive employment and access to technologies.

The current global food system is characterized by new forms of production in the field, agribusiness processing and distribution systems, and new consumer demands. It is based on the achievements of modern biotechnology, information technology, and new models of business management and customer service. It implies developing a vision of food chains and clusters that involve multiple stakeholders.

ACDI is committed to promoting the **development of an innovative and competitive rural sector** that allows small and medium farmers to remain on their land by increasing agricultural productivity, access to markets, and the value of traditional production. This work enables farmers to improve their incomes and quality of life and protects local culture and natural resources.

ACDI also works to **generate productive jobs**, promote entrepreneurship, and strengthen local economies. ACDI promotes economic diversification, entrepreneurial creativity, collaboration, and new inclusive business models that are orientated towards more

equitable income distribution and that encourage job creation and access to the commons.

In more isolated communities, ACDI works to increase **access to basic services**. ACDI promotes access to safe water, energy, and communications by helping develop local groups and applying the principle of subsidiarity.

In the last five years, ACDI's activities have been concentrated in the northern regions of Argentina. They have been focused on: promoting agricultural and food production, incorporating equipment and technologies, building new capacities and adding value to production, achieving a qualitative and quantitative leap in productivity, generating productive jobs, promoting access to basic services and establishing a key link between the region and the different instruments of investment of the **National Public Policies**. ACDI also involved large and medium-sized companies in these processes in order to create **Shared Value**, proposing business models that allow the creation of economic and social value.

For ACDI, development is linked to the duties that arise from man's relationship with the natural environment. Any weakening of civil society can produce environmental damages. Likewise, environmental degradation can cause social dissatisfaction.

Thus, several of ACDI's projects are oriented towards taking care of nature: environmental restoration of degraded environments, the recovery of the environmental potential and the introduction of sustainable management practices. In this way, ACDI has contributed to overcoming poverty and increasing wellness at the same time.



We collaborate with the following Sustainable Development Goals



Strengthening the Production, Processing and Marketing of goat milk in the Province of Tucumán

Where?

Tucumán
Argentina

In 2013, ACDI start to work in southeastern Tucumán in order to help change the current business model of goat milk production. The prior model, which involved numerous middlemen, has been replaced with a model of production based on industrial associations and the recovery of traditional cheese production and higher sanitary conditions. This system has increased access to local sales channels, which has added value to production.

Together with

- GRUNISUR (Organización de Base)
- Gobierno de Tucumán
- UCAR
- IDEP
- FIDA
- Slow Food



Lamadrid - Tucumán

Development of competitive goat and sheep production in the Region of Albigasta

Where?

Tucumán, Santiago del Estero, Catamarca
Argentina

In 2015 ACDI started to help strengthen institutions in the Region of Albigasta, laying the foundations for the development of productive networks of related companies. Matadero Frigorífico and the Associations of Producers' business strategy will enhance economic competitiveness and add value to goat and sheep meat production in the region. This collaborative network has created a business ecosystem that promotes innovation and the incorporation of new technologies, making room for collaboration but also increasing competition.

Together with

- 6 Basic Organizations
- Ministerio de Agroindustria de La Nación
- Gobierno de Tucumán
- UCAR
- Municipio de Lamadrid
- Municipio de Taco Ralo
- SENASA
- ADeS



Taco Ralo - Tucumán



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Promoting natural Argentinean beef from the grasslands of the Chaco – Pampas area

Where?

Santa Fe, Entre Ríos, Corrientes
Argentina

Together with

- 3 Basic Organizations
- Gobierno de Santa Fe
- Cooperación Italiana
- AVSI
- UNIDO
- Universidad de Parma
- Alianza del Pastizal

Between 2003 and 2011, ACDI has promoted the development of consortiums of producers in the provinces of Santa Fe, Entre Ríos and Corrientes and supported similar initiatives in three additional provinces. These groups of farmers are livestock cattle producers who share a common production and commercial strategy. They have developed strategies to add value to their meat products by promoting high standards for quality and food safety, facilitating access to quality and origins certifications, increasing access to export quotas, and protecting natural resources and biodiversity. In recent years, ACDI has continued encouraging farmers to implement the sustainable practices of natural grasslands management and the commercial development of the Grasslands-certified Beef.



Information and Communication Technologies for Development



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Information and Communication Technologies for the competitive and sustainable development of rural small and medium enterprises

Where?

Santa Fe, Entre Ríos, Corrientes
Argentina

Together with

- 6 Basic Organizations
- FOMIN/BID
- AVSI
- INTA
- Fundación Trazar

Between 2003 and 2010, ACDI developed important and innovative systems based on new information and communications technologies. The **TRAZAR System** is the largest national program that uses electronic animal identification. This system traces to the origins of Argentinian beef and provides access to commercial information on the beef value chain. The **FRUTIC System**, designed for the environmental management of citrus farms, helps farmers control pests and diseases more efficiently by sending alerts related to plant health, increasing yields while reducing unit production costs, and improving the quality of production while reducing environmental impacts. Subsequently, ACDI founded the Trazar Foundation to continue managing these technological solutions, promoting technology transfer to other countries and institutions, and adapting them to other types of production.



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Remote economic centers: connecting isolated communities in the Gran Chaco.

Where?

Chaco, Formosa, Salta
Argentina

Since 2014, thanks to the alliance with Samsung Electronics Argentina and Avina Fundation, ACDI started promoting capacity building in rural and isolated communities in the Argentinian Gran Chaco. Introducing technological and social innovations, ACDI facilitates access to basic services. The impetus for this action was developed with a prior initiative called "The Future is in Forest," led by ACDI and Fundación Gran Chaco.

Together with

- 12 Basic Organizations
- Samsung Electronics Argentina
- Fundación Avina
- Fundación Gran Chaco
- Fundación Trazar



Work and Productive Employment



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Development of productive employment in Jujuy

Where?

Jujuy
Argentina

In late 2014, ACDI began working in the Province of Jujuy, encouraging the generation of productive employment together with the Union of Public Employees. The aim of this collaboration is to promote local enterprises in small towns and to foster collaboration, productive modernization, and the design of more inclusive business models that encourage equitable distribution of incomes, the creation of jobs, and access to common goods.

Together with

- 4 Basic Organizations
- Gobierno de Jujuy
- UCAR
- SEON Jujuy
- Fundación Gran Chaco





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Environmental protection of native forest

Where?

Chaco, Salta, Tucumán
Argentina

Together with

- 8 Basic Organizations
- Ministerio de Ambiente de La Nación
- Fundación Gran Chaco
- Fundación Mirada Interior

Since 2011, ACDI has worked on various activities aimed at enriching, restoring, conserving and developing the sustainable management of the native forests of Gran Chaco, in accordance with the Provincial Plans on Territorial management and the National Law on Minimum Budget for the Protection of Native Forests. These actions aim to generate environmental awareness of the goods and services that the forest provides in local communities through education, trainings and the implementation of sustainable management practices for preserving native forests.



Paraje El Pintado - Impenetrable Chaqueño

Strengthening sustainable management of forest and biodiversity conservation

Where?

Chaco, Salta
Argentina

Together with

- 5 Basic Organizations
- Gobierno del Chaco
- UCAR
- PNUD
- Fundación Gran Chaco
- Fundación Mirada Interior

Since 2012, in collaboration with local partners and funding sources, ACDI has been working to incorporate sustainable forestry practices that enrich native forests in the Gran Chaco by reforesting, restoring and promoting conservation of biodiversity. These initiatives show the value of the products and services generated by native forest ecosystems and improve the quality of life of vulnerable rural populations through the recovery of the native forests.



Barrio Wichi - Misión Nueva Pompeya



Urban Areas



Barrio Santa Rosa de Lima - Santa Fe

Compassionate Education

Strengthening the educational system and supporting families, social organization and citizen participation.

During the twentieth century, the world's population has urbanized rapidly. The number of people living in cities has increased from 13% in 1900 to 50% in 2009, and it is estimated that by 2030 more than 60% of the world's population will live in cities. Governments have expressed concern about their inability to respond to this rate of urban growth with opportunities for employment and basic services. This has the potential to negatively affect the quality of urban life, expanding the gap between rich and poor and increasing social marginality, informal living situations and crime.

Therefore, we must address the significant challenge of reducing poverty in these urban areas of concentrated poverty, where people face significant difficulties in improving their quality of life, finding adequate housing, and developing the area.

Studies have proven the effectiveness of education as a tool to combat structural poverty because education allows for the breakdown of intergenerational transfer when it is directed at children and adolescents, Literacy improves critical reflection and

increases access to decent jobs, healthcare, and family planning.

However, there is remarkable inequality of opportunities in urban areas, as demonstrated by the lack of opportunity for children in poverty to promptly enter the educational system and to remain in it until graduation.

Therefore, ACDI has developed various projects to expand social and educational services offered by civil and public organizations that work to reverse this situation. ACDI provides various methods, plans and activities that increase access to education and encourage children and adolescents to take advantage of their education. Education is conceived not only as didactic instruction but also as a comprehensive process that includes the development of the child's intellectual, social and emotional skills. Expanding the horizon of experiences, ACDI works on reversing the experience of social inferiority and "inability" by providing experiences of participation, recognition, and skill development.

ACDI guarantees the sustainability of its actions by:

- **i** > Strengthening existing institutions and civil organizations in the territory.
- **ii** > Conducting advocacy work, as our projects always base their methodology in building a dialogue between civil society and public authorities, stimulating the formulation of public policies aimed to strengthen organized civil society
- **iii** > Encouraging skill development, new job opportunities, and citizen empowerment.



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Solidary Godfathers

Where?

**Santa Fe, Salta, Chaco
Mendoza**
Argentina

Together with

In Santa Fe:

- Escuela N° 1174 y 3138 Santa Lucía
- Escuela N° 1196 Santa Rosa de Lima
- Escuela N° 1001 San Francisco
- Escuela N° 1132 Cristo Obrero
- Jardín de Infantes N° 1448 Cristo Obrero
- Aprin - Asociación de Protección a la Infancia
- Fundación Padre Catena
- Escuela N° 319 Mercedes Z. de Iriondo, Esperanza

Other regions:

- Colegio San José (Salta)
- Escuela Juan Eugenio Serù (Mendoza)
- Escuela N° 924 Paraje Güemes (Chaco)



Barrio Santa Rosa de Lima - Santa Fe

University Volunteers

Where?

Santa Fe
Argentina

Together with

- Escuela N° 3138 Santa Lucía
- Escuela N° 3098 Juan Marcos
- Escuela N° 1225 y 2025 Ceferino Namuncurá
- Escuela N° 1224 Nuestra Señora de Itati
- Escuela N° 1001 San Francisco
- Escuela N° 1132 y 1448 Cristo Obrero
- UNL
- AIESEC Santa Fe
- Inst. Sup. Fray Francisco De Paula Castañeda

Since 2010, ACDI has carried out several university volunteering projects in collaboration with different educational institutes in Santa Fe City, civil society organizations and local universities. These activities are meant to strengthen local children's education by providing new methods of studying, facilitating the integration process between primary and secondary school, and reducing the dropout rate, thanks to an experiential contact with young university students.



Barrio Yapeyu - Santa Fe



Dedicating a lot of time to few people in order to reach many



Misión Nueva Pompeya - Impenetrable Chaqueño

In each project, ACDI uses the methodology of "working together with people," which means starting from relationships with local people (the beneficiaries of the projects) and taking steps together towards maturity. The inclusion of beneficiaries in the actions is a "conditio sine qua non" for the realization of every project because ACDI conceives of development as an active and free action between individuals

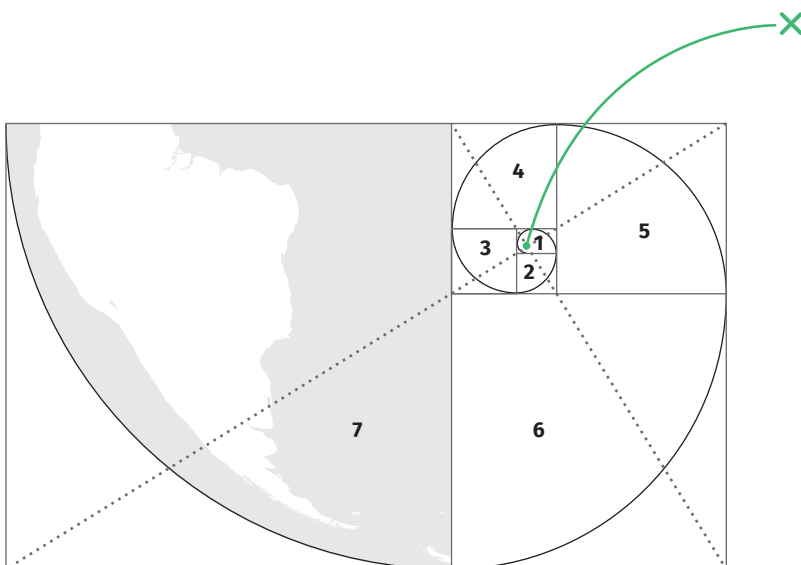
who work responsibly towards individual and social growth.

Society develops from the free union of people and families, and ACDI considers that development also means promoting the capacity to generate partnerships. It's important to recognize, value, and promote the development of intermediate social bodies, creating a rich social fabric of participation and solidarity.

As experience shows, free, responsible and socially active people are a powerful force for change.

To face major and complex challenges, it is essential to build partnerships between local subjects that have to be awakened in their freedom and responsibility, and the other entities involved: local authorities, social forces, international institutions, cooperatives, companies, etc, according to their respective roles, putting in motion a large synergy of entities and resources.

That's why ACDI has been promoting the creation of various collaborative networks on a national, regional and international scale. These networks are composed of different actors, but they share an ideal, a vision where sharing knowledge is promoted in order to generate synergies, reduce costs and develop new opportunities and innovations to overcome difficulties and meet the objectives.



- 1 > Assembly
- 2 > Board of Directors
- 3 > CEO
- 4 > Group Leaders

- 5 > Managers
- 6 > Collaborators
- 7 > Networks



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Facing together the educational emergency

This network developed from the commitment of a heterogeneous group of public and private actors who are committed to education as an instrument to overcome urban poverty. They agree on a common plan to solve the educational crisis on the outskirts of Santa Fe and Parana cities. Understanding that only a participatory and coordinated strategy can have an impact on the scale of the problem, ACDI has worked to expand the network of partners, institutions and organizations in order to generate coordinated solutions in and around schools, encouraging and promoting community participation, access to basic services and decent housing, family development, and nutrition skills.

Strategic Partners

- HPHA, Hábitat para la Humanidad Argentina
- Fundación Padre Catena
- UCSF, Universidad Católica de Santa Fe
- Universidad Nacional del Litoral
- FOS, Feria de Organizaciones Sociales de la Ciudad de Santa Fe
- 6 Schools



Barrio Yapeyú - Santa Fe

Gran Chaco Argentino. The Future is in the Forest



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Gran Chaco Foundation and ACDI created "The Future is in the Forest" in 2010. Today, it's composed of a variety of grassroots organizations, civil society organizations, public institutions, and companies that work in partnership to promote productive and sustainable alternatives in the region of Gran Chaco. They encourage the design and development of business plans that add value to natural resources, mobilize social innovations, guide public and private investments in the region, and strengthen communities.

Strategic Partners

- Fundación Gran Chaco
- Matriarca
- Fundación Avina
- IAF



Paraje "El Quebracho" - Impenetrable Chaqueño



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Innovación social y tecnológica en el Gran Chaco

Strategic Parthners

- Samsung Electronics Argentina
- Fundación Avina
- Fundación Gran Chaco
- Fundación Alimentaris
- HPHA, Hábitat para la Humanidad Argentina
- Fundación Los Grobos - Potenciar Comunidades
- FLACSO, Facultad Latinoamericana de Ciencias Sociales
- Gobierno de Chaco
- Gobierno de Salta
- Gobierno de Formosa

The Gran Chaco Nanum Village developed from the integration of three strategies: Samsung's comprehensive strategy of corporate responsibility; a regional strategy for development designed by Avina Foundation; and the local strategy of "The Future is in the Forest." Starting from a pilot project called "Centers of remote economy: connecting isolated communities of the Gran Chaco," the Gran Chaco Nanum Village expressed the synergy of a variety of actors committed to strengthening the capacities of rural communities that are existentially and geographically isolated. Gran Chaco Nanum Village promotes technological and social innovations that can facilitate access to basic services.



Gran Chaco Sudamericano: Bolivia, Paraguay, Argentina. **PROADAPT**



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Building resilience in the Gran Chaco Americano

Strategic Parthners

- Fundación AVINA
- FOMIN/BID
- Fondo Noruego para el Desarrollo
- Fundación Gran Chaco
- Sombra de Arbol
- Nativa
- INTA

In 2015 ACDI developed the initiative Proadapt. Proadapt promotes an alliance of three nations, integrated by organized civil society, the private sector, local governments and investments on development. The project aims to mobilize, address and coordinate resources, knowledge and actions to address climate change and climate variability by generating adaptive capacity and resilience of small farmers and vulnerable groups in the Gran Chaco.





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Alda Maria Vanoni
AVSI Foundation President

"The emergencies and the reasons for development assistance are innumerable, the projects underway are many and varied, but in the challenges we face every day on all levels, one of the undeniable strengths of AVSI is its network in Italy and overseas, composed of our founders and our partners in various countries. The experience of shared work in the field and the possibility of working alongside embedded organizations in even the hardest contexts are of concrete help and a constant provocation to broaden our view to recognize the more authentic need of the people we wish to meet and support".

ACDI is a founding member of AVSI Foundation, an international not-for-profit, non-governmental organization (NGO) that promotes human dignity through cooperation projects, in 30 developing countries throughout Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean, Eastern Europe, Middle East and Asia.

AVSI Foundation operates in different environments: education and social development, urban development, health, employment and training, agriculture, food security, water, energy, protection of the environment, humanitarian emergencies, migration, human rights. Its experience, cultivated in different sectors over more than forty years of history, feed into the AVSI Foundation's Knowledge Center, the center that oversees the documentation collected and produced by various projects, safeguards the knowledge base and promotes its continuing expansion via publications, research, and seminars. AVSI Foundation reaches more than 2.6 million direct beneficiaries per year.

Strategic Partners

- *Ministerio italiano de Asuntos Exteriores*
- *Unión Europea*
- *USAID*
- *FAO*
- *UNICEF*
- *Banco Mundial*

Highlight

- 109** projects
- 2.600.000** direct beneficiaries
- 700** partners
- 1270** employees in the world



People for development

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