



Project Report: Educate 89 Inner-City Youths and Adults in Panamá by Academia Juntos Podemos



Overview

Juntos Podemos, is a civic social center located in the inner-city neighborhood of Curundu, in Panama, launched an initiative to educate 89 youths and adults. This program aims to provide educational opportunities and support to individuals in a community that faces significant socio-economic challenges.

Goals and Objectives

1. Increase Literacy and Education Levels: Provide foundational education to improve literacy rates among youths and adults.
2. Skill Development: Equip participants with vocational skills to enhance employability.
3. Community Engagement: Foster a sense of community and support through educational programs.
4. Personal Development: Promote personal growth and self-esteem among participants.

Implementation Strategy

1. Assessment Phase: Identify the educational needs and current skill levels of the 89 participants through initial assessments.
2. Curriculum Development: Design a tailored curriculum that addresses basic literacy, vocational skills, and personal development.
3. Partnerships: Collaborate with local educational institutions, NGOs, and businesses to provide resources and support.
4. Monitoring and Evaluation: Establish a system to track the progress of participants and the effectiveness of the program.



Ecology Festival with renewal entrepreneurship

Activities and Milestones

1. Recruitment and Enrollment:

- Recruited 89 participants from Curundú.
- Conducted orientation sessions to introduce the program.

2. Educational Sessions:

- Organized daily classes focusing on basic literacy, numeracy, and vocational skills.
- Included life skills workshops covering topics such as financial literacy, health, and hygiene.

3. Community Involvement:

- Held monthly community meetings to engage families and gather feedback.
- Organized events to showcase the achievements of participants.

4. Progress Assessments:

- Conducted mid-term evaluations to measure progress.
- Provided additional support to participants who required it.

Outcomes and Impact

1. Literacy Improvement:

- Increased literacy levels among participants by an average of 30%.
- 50 participants successfully completed basic literacy and numeracy courses.

2. Vocational Skills:

- 39 participants acquired vocational skills in areas such as carpentry, sewing, and computer literacy.
- Several participants secured employment or started small businesses.

3. Community Strengthening:

- Enhanced community cohesion and support networks.
- Increased community involvement in educational initiatives.

4. Personal Development:

- Boosted self-confidence and self-esteem among participants.
- Empowered individuals to take active roles in their community.



Landscaping activity in the neighborhood

Challenges and Solutions

1. Resource Limitations:

- Addressed through partnerships with local businesses and NGOs for material and financial support.

2. Participant Retention: - Implemented motivational sessions and provided incentives such as certificates and public recognition.

3. Adapting to Varied Educational Levels:

- Tailored curriculum to meet diverse needs and provided additional tutoring.



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Testimonials

- Doralis: "This program has helped me to be better at learning. I now have better reading and skills, and I'm ready to have technical studies in 2025 "



- Manuel: "Thanks to Academia Juntos Podemos and its teachers I'm able to finish my school education and go to college."



Future Plans

1. Expansion: Aim to double the number of participants in the next phase of the program.
2. Sustainability: Establish long-term partnerships and secure funding for ongoing support.
3. Advanced Training: Introduce advanced vocational training courses and entrepreneurship workshops.

Conclusion

The initiative to educate 89 inner-city youths and adults by Juntos Podemos has made significant strides in improving literacy, vocational skills, and community engagement in Curundú. The positive outcomes and personal stories of transformation highlight the program's impact and the potential for future growth and development.