

ADOPT-A-SCHOOL

Conserving the rainforest, one child at a time

CONAPAC's Adopt-A-School program implements methods to improve education for children living in rural communities that have agreed to conserve the rainforest. Every year since 1993, a pack of school supplies has been delivered to every student, teacher, and classroom. This is accomplished with the help of international volunteers accompanying the deliveries to celebrate the children's educational potential.

We also maintain a strong relationship with the regional Board of Education that allows us to participate in the selection of the best teachers available for the schools located in our partner communities. During the school year we also regularly visit the community schools, accompanied by educational professionals, to provide support for the teachers.

Adopting a school is a fantastic way to support education and conservation.

•One school adoption is US\$425



CONSERVATION EDUCATION

CONAPAC provides annual training workshops to over 200 teachers on exciting, nature-based curriculums. These workshops encourage teachers to regularly bring their students outdoors for classes on birds, animals, trees, and the ecosystem. This makes learning fun for children, leads them to deepen their appreciation for the Amazon rainforest, and encourages them to embrace an ethic of conservation. Workshop leaders come from expert education institutions like Cornell Lab of Ornithology and ANIA Org.

•One workshop may be fully sponsored for US\$14,000



DONATION INFORMATION

To make a **donation by debit or credit card**, please visit
dzoo.org/amazon

Donations **by check** may be sent with this form to:

Detroit Zoological Society

Attn: Adopt-A-School Program, Development Dept.

8450 W. 10 Mile Road

Royal Oak, MI 48067

Full Name:

Group Sponsor Name (if Applicable):

Address:

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I/We would like to adopt _____ school(s) for \$425 each.

I/We would like to make a donation of \$ _____ to the Adopt-A-School program.

I/We would like to make a donation of

\$ _____ to support school kitchens

\$ _____ to support conservation education teacher workshops

\$ _____ to support clean drinking water

\$ _____ to support literacy workshops

\$ _____ to support conservation and sustainability workshops

\$ _____ to support economic development



CONAPAC, the Civil Association for Conservation of the Peruvian Amazon, builds conservation and social development projects with communities who agree to conserve the rainforest.

We currently partner with 55 communities allowing us to serve a total population of over 7,000 people. We provide education programs benefitting 3,300 school children.

We are a small non-profit, comprised of three full time staff, one director and a caring board of directors. Our donors and partners include the Detroit Zoological Society, Explorama Lodges, International Expeditions, Adopt-a-Village International, Amazon Amigos, Fruit Tree Planting Foundation, JBQ Charitable Trust, International Fund for Economic Development, Cornell University Lab of Ornithology, Amazon Rainforest Workshops, EcoTeach, Ekoamazon, and hundreds of private donors. Our priority always lies in the positive impact we can create. What drives us is a love for the rainforest and concern for the inhabitants of CONAPAC's partnering communities.



SCHOOL KITCHENS

The Peruvian government has a supplemental food program that provides all school-aged children a hot breakfast and lunch during the school year. The program focuses on cleanliness through proper food preparation and frequent hand-washing. Most communities do not have a kitchen space or any kind of appropriate setting in which to cook and serve these meals. Building a new kitchen of solid construction including a rainwater catchment system gives the entire community's children the opportunity to eat food prepared in a hygienic space, ensuring a healthy diet every school day.

•One school kitchen may be built for US\$7000.



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

CONAPAC provides community members with full-spectrum support in developing agribusinesses. This includes the donation of native fruit tree saplings, ongoing organic agricultural training, classes in business development and best methods for fruit transportation, and most importantly, connection with large-volume buyers. Most rural families in the Peruvian Amazon rely on a minimal income from fishing, seasonal rice production and crops such as plantains and manioc. Helping people develop new ventures opens opportunities for significant additional income that can be used for higher education and better health care.

•One community may be added to this program for a donation of US\$4,000



CLEAN DRINKING WATER

CONAPAC has built over 35 water filtration towers, each of which provides clean water to an entire community. Without access to clean water, people in communities drink water directly from rivers which contain many parasites and bacteria that cause them to become ill and malnourished. Fortunately, providing clean water is easy with the right tools and proper training. Our water filtration tower uses locally sourced components, is built of concrete to last decades, and is designed to be as simple as possible to ensure easy operation. After each tower is built, we take time to teach selected community members how to use and maintain the filtration system, and we visit periodically to ensure that the system is functioning properly.

•One water filtration tower may be built for US\$13,000

•One year's maintenance may also be supported with a donation of US\$350



LITERACY WORKSHOPS

High literacy levels are seldom found in rural Amazon communities. To improve literacy we would like to build a new series of annual workshops for teachers of kindergarten, 1st grade, and 2nd grade, in which we provide books, hands-on curriculum, and ongoing support. The classes would build the children's love for books and increase reading abilities. As this program develops, new curriculum will be created to match the students' reading levels, along with new books provided annually.

•One literacy workshop may be fully sponsored for US\$9,000



CONSERVATION & SUSTAINABILITY

Meaningful conservation efforts include tasks such as sustainable tree harvesting to ensure there are more trees planted and growing than being cut down, sustainable hunting to ensure wildlife populations remain stable, and community organization to ensure everyone is participating. Such practices require technical training for proper implementation, which CONAPAC provides via workshops for community leaders. In addition to workshops, ongoing community visits by CONAPAC staff encourage the use of the skills learned in the workshops to implement new plans for conservation in their communities.

•One conservation workshop may be fully sponsored for US\$10,000



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