

## Review Visit Report on the Project: Higher Education for Amazonian Youth Peru - July 2024



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Since Wednesday, June 26th, Professors Asier Gila and Julen Negueruela from Fundación Corazonistas of Spain have been in Peru conducting a review visit to the "Hno Policarpo Student Hostel." After a long journey, they arrived in Yurimaguas, where, alongside Brothers Roberto, Lupicinio, and Mariano, the project leaders, they were able to witness firsthand the impactful social work being carried out at both the "School of Higher Pedagogical Education" and the hostel itself.

During their stay, the professors not only observed and understood the cultural and daily dynamics of the Amazonian region but also immersed themselves in the personal stories of the students. These young people shared their challenges and dreams, explaining how the Hno Policarpo Student Hostel has been a fundamental pillar in their lives, providing them with emotional support, educational guidance, and the security of having their basic needs met.

One of the residents, María, expressed her gratitude: *"Thanks to the Hostel, I can focus on my studies without worrying about what I will eat or where I will sleep. Here, I have found not just a home, but a family that supports me in every way."* These testimonials not only reflect the positive impact of your support but also reaffirm the importance of your ongoing commitment.

### **Project Monitoring and Evaluation**

The project is subject to a rigorous system of continuous monitoring and evaluation to ensure its efficiency and transparency in management. The visit by the professors from Fundación Corazonistas has confirmed the positive progress on the ground. Quarterly progress reports have been received, and team meetings have been held to analyze and correct any deviations, none of which have been significant. Brother Mariano Soria, the local coordinator, is responsible for overseeing the project on-site and ensuring that the project's objectives are fully met.

The funds allocated to the project have been disbursed in two parts, with the second disbursement contingent on meeting objectives and correcting any deviations identified in the July progress reports. Additionally, Fundación Corazonistas promotes ongoing reflection throughout the project's development, allowing for adjustments in strategies, timelines, actions, and resources to maximize impact.

## Specific Objectives in Full Implementation

- **Combat school failure and dropout:** Through continuous monitoring of the academic progress of students during the 2024 school year, initial academic deficiencies are being addressed. *Status: 50% completed.*
- **Facilitate access to higher education:** Providing nutritious and quality food that enhances the well-being and performance of both residents and other vulnerable students in Yurimaguas. *Status: In progress.*
- **Promote intercultural integration:** Strengthening the indigenous culture of the students and ensuring that they fulfill their responsibilities in the residence. *Status: Ongoing.*
- **Strengthen comprehensive human education:** Promoting Christian values and principles that students will carry to their communities in the future. *Status: Ongoing.*
- **Ensure trained personnel availability:** To support and guide the students at the Hno Policarpo Residence. *Status: Ongoing.*

## Impact Stories

Currently, 30 students reside at the Hno Policarpo Residence. Among them, 14 are men and 4 are women, who are sisters of the residents. Additionally, there are young students from the Monsignor Elías Olázar Public Pedagogical Higher Education Institute who live in human settlements in the city and face significant needs due to their precarious family situations. Some are unable to access the residence due to the limited availability of spaces, highlighting the importance of continuing to support and expand this project.

***"You, the donor, made this happen."*** The lives transformed and the dreams realized are a direct testimony to your generosity and commitment to this cause. Thanks to your support, these young people are one step closer to breaking the cycle of poverty and reaching a future full of hope. Your impact is real, tangible, and deeply appreciated by each of the beneficiaries.

We will continue to keep you informed about the progress and achievements of this project, as well as share more success stories that are made possible thanks to your invaluable support. Thank you for being part of this transformative mission!