

PROGRESS REPORT

[Defend LGBTI+ Rights for 5000+ People in Paraguay](#)

INTRO

Hello! I am Sergio, Coordinator of the Project [Defend LGBTI+ Rights for 5000+ People in Paraguay](#). This is a brief summary of donations received to support the implementation of this project up to date as well as a few pictures.

CONTEXT

Even though our project is focused on LGBTI+ people, our constituents decided to show support to a local indigenous community relocated in Villeta, Central Department of Paraguay where SOMOSGAY also has a community center.



Picture above: Meeting of volunteers with Takuapú Mirí community in Villeta.



The collaboration between SOMOSGAY, the TEKOHARÁ Community Center and the Takuapu Mirí community began with an initial exchange of community-produced medicinal remedies and the use of SOMOSGAY's community space for communal lunches and access to hygiene and collective health services.

Thanks to the \$400 USD in support we received, we were able to cover medical assistance trips for a Mbyá teenager from the Takuapú Mirí community. This trip covered the entire 120 km journey, with four round trips between the city of Villeta and Asunción, which is 30 km away.

We also covered the cost of food for these trips and provided support for additional locally produced supplies such as machetes, shovels, and household utensils for the community's communal kitchen feeding over 32 families composed of approximately 6-8 people each.



Picture above: Supplies and donations for the food bank with Takuapú Mirí.

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FOLLOW UP

For medical consultations and local activities we rely on individual vehicles to transport members of the community. Nonetheless we will continue supporting them in a more sustainable and autonomous way by purchasing a motorized tricycle (*motocarro*) to transport people, specifically girls and boys who attend school 3-4 km from the community, and to easily transport honey, corn and other goods produced by the community.



Picture above: Donations to the Mbyá community of Takuapú Mirí thanks to the support to this project.



FINAL NOTE

I'm in charge of this project, and if you have any questions or concerns, you can email me at sergio@somosgay.org. We've also started a volunteer group for this project and if anyone would like to join, we can also speak some English :)

Thank you Global Giving and to everyone who helped spread the word; apologies for the delay in submitting this report. We've just been very busy with many activities.

We keep in touch and in global solidarity;

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