

STUDENTS AID PROGRAM ROTARY CLUB OF RETALHULEU

1. JUSTIFICATION

Just by watching the country's current situation, it becomes clear the educational and economic problems in the Retalhuleu sector. With over 26 % of the children in the department not attending any school or educational precinct. In Guatemala in general, there are over half a million underaged boys and girls working just so that families can get by. With almost no support from the education authorities in the country, this alarming statistics doesn't seem to get any better. In a department like Retalhuleu, where extreme poverty accounts for over 55 % of the population, well above the country's average, the education problem becomes a priority.

2. OBJECTIVES

a. MAIN OBJECTIVE

- i. To establish a wholesome student aid program, where we can control and direct all of our efforts and economic support to certain communities, achieving a general improvement of the whole region.

b. SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES

- i. Interview the parents, children and teachers of the selected schools, ensuring that they fulfill all the requirements.
- ii. Implement a monitoring tool that evaluates the student's performance and assistance at least once every two months.
- iii. Complement the monetary aid given by providing the students with dental hygiene, nutritional review and follow up, and medical emergencies when needed.

3. PROGRAM STRUCTURE

a. STUDENT SELECTION

The student selection will be done taking into account several factors like: academic performance, good conduct, great assistance. All of which has to be backed up by documents. We will also retrieve the school, family and student information for statistics purposes, that way we will know exactly who is getting the aid.

b. BI-MONTHLY FOLLOW UP

The teachers and school principal will be responsible for filling and signing each evaluation format, at least once every two months. All of these will be monitored and analyzed, so that we are always aware of the student's performance. With assistance set to at least 90%, and a constant evaluation of academic grades, class participation and homework compliance. As well as a checkup of the school supplies that are given at the beginning of the year.

c. PROGRAM PERKS

- i. Nutritional profile and 3 checkups yearly for each student. (APEVIHS)
- ii. Medical support when needed.
- iii. Yearly dental cleaning and evaluation

4. BUDGET STRUCTURE

The economic aid that's going to be given to students will be structured in the following manner.

BUDGET PER STUDENT		
A	SCHOOL SUPPLIES	
	BEGINNING OF SCHOOL YEAR	\$ 12.50
	MIDDLE REINFORCEMENT	\$ 7.50
	SUBTOTAL A	\$ 20.00
B	ECONOMIC SUPPORT	
	20.00 US\$ PER SCHOOL MONTH	\$ 180.00
	SUBTOTAL B	\$ 180.00
	TOTAL PER STUDENT / YEAR	\$ 200.00

a. **School supplies:** Delivering a basic but complete kit of school supplies that lasts all year long, ensuring that the children have the necessary tools to succeed.

b. **Economic support:** There is going to be a specific amount delivered to each student's parent every school month, intended to serve as a support for the family regarding nutrition and transportation.

Any thoughts or questions

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