

Global Grant 2125303

JERA Foundation Children's Center Outfitting

The Rotary Clubs of Maitland and Cali Norte in Colombia are teaming together to purchase equipment to diagnose children of an early age served by the JERA Foundation. These are children from a low-income neighborhood, Commune 18, coming mostly from families that have been displaced from their farms by drug cartels looking for larger tracks of land to harvest coca and to allow them proximity to coastal shores to export cocaine to the world.

The JERA Foundation works with children of ages 6 months to 5 years, assisting an average of 375 of them and sharing with two nearby, separate Children Development Centers. These children are undergoing nutritional problems, leading to a higher prevalence of neurological and sensory disabilities that hinder their early development and learning ability. The equipment can also assist other development centers in the city.

Seeing these children smiling and holding a positive look of the future is our best reward as Rotarians.

The project will provide a sensory room and training for the professional staff of the Foundation. Equipment to purchase include audiometers, a sensory gym for children, sets for evaluation and stimulation of psychomotor, affective-cognitive, and linguistic-communicative development, acoustic echo-emission equipment, a laptop, printer, and supplementary furnishings.

The government created the Child Development Centers to provide educational, nutritional, and caring services and opportunities for children under 5. The project seeks to complement this effort by helping alleviate the mental and nutritional needs of the children, the backbone of future generations, and seeing them grow as happy, full-fledged healthy citizens.

The budget for this project is estimated at \$30,300. The Cali Norte club and its District 4281 will contribute with \$3,833 in DDF's plus \$800 in cash from local donors, looking for \$12,555 in DDF's from District 6980 and others, and \$13,110 from the World Fund under new rules after July 1, 2021.

Your contribution with some or all your available DDF's in store for the year 2021 2022 will be highly regarded. Will you please help?

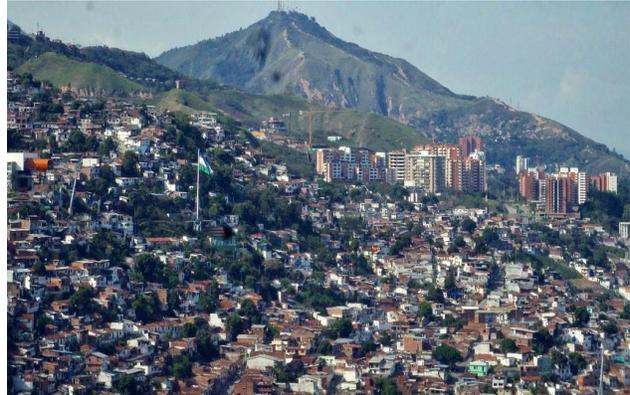
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Location in relation to Colombia and South America



Commune 18 on the hillsides of the city of Cali



Closer look at Commune 18



School children under 5 years of age



Children's Gym



Entertaining at Children's Center