

Vital project in Ecuador



Project: Primary school equipment and furniture

Objective:
To provide primary school equipment and furniture to 69 schools in all Plan programme areas

Target: £87,800



Why Plan works in Ecuador

In the last few years, the Republic of Ecuador has suffered economic recession and soaring inflation. As a result, over 40% of the population is living on less than £1 a day. Academic achievement is low and only 14% of children leave primary school having gained basic language skills, and just 19% acquire basic maths skills. One of the reasons for this is that many classrooms are poorly equipped. There are no blackboards, desks or chairs, which makes it extremely difficult for children to learn.

Plan recognises that education is a crucial way to beat poverty – enabling boys and especially girls to gain the skills and knowledge they need to pull their communities out of poverty and reach their full potential in life.

How you can help

We are looking to raise £87,800 for primary school furniture and equipment for 69 schools in all Plan programme areas. The desks and chairs will mean children no longer have to sit on hard floors, struggling to learn to read and write. And with valuable items such as blackboards, educational games and books they'll find lessons far more stimulating and motivating.

Plan enables poor communities to take action together to achieve children's rights to an education, decent healthcare, clean drinking water and more. We give long-term practical support so poor communities can improve the lives of their children and themselves. We also campaign to change the way a whole range of adults - from parents to politicians - think and act, because we know their decisions can perpetuate poverty.

Children themselves can be powerful advocates for change, so we encourage them to take part in decision making, from village councils to national assemblies. And because children will be the leaders of tomorrow, we believe that strengthening their voices now will create a fairer, better world - now and in the future.

This is just one of many projects within Plan's wider education programme. With your support, this project can make a difference to the lives of many children, families and communities in Ecuador.

Yes, I'd like to help a Plan project in Ecuador

Please complete and return this form to Plan UK, 5-6 Underhill Street, London NW1 7HS

I would like to give £ _____ (*please indicate amount*) to help provide primary school furniture and equipment in Ecuador (ECU0461)

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