

NATIONAL VOLUNTEER NETWORK FOR ECUADOR

The volunteer organizations in Ecuador, as foreseen in the Operation Plan for the International Year of Volunteers 2001, are determined to execute activities to support the establishment and strengthening of the National Volunteer Network in Ecuador. 3 Regional Forums for volunteers were carried out for this purpose through which different focuses were identified of the philosophy of volunteer work, common objectives, and mechanisms complementing with each other. A global focus based on 5 important lines of volunteer action was conveyed: recognition, facilitation, network, promotion and participation.

The conclusions of the Regional Forums were analyzed during the National Volunteer Forum that took place in Quito on 17 and 18 October in order to elaborate the Joint Statement that incorporated the philosophy and commitment for the change in volunteer work, included in the trend of the modern world based on the demands of the country.

STATEMENT

NATIONAL ECUADOR VOLUNTEER FORUM

“IN QUITO, ON THE 18TH DAY OF OCTOBER OF THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND AND ONE, THE ECUADORIAN VOLUNTEERS STATE:

THROUGHOUT THE COURSE OF ECUADORIAN HISTORY, THE COUNTRY HAS UNDERGONE AND IS PRESENTLY SUBMERGED IN A CRITICAL ECONOMIC CRISIS THAT HAS GENERATED INTO A SEVERE SOCIAL PROBLEM AND SETBACK OF VALORS FOR THE POPULATION. THIS HAS CAUSED THE ECUADORIAN PEOPLE A SENSE OF HELPLESSNESS AND DESPAIR TO WHICH NO IMMEDIATE SOLUTION HAS BEEN GIVEN. THEREFORE, THE SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC CRISIS MUST BE FACED JOINTLY, ALL OF US SHOULD WORK VOLUNTARILY WITH TEAM SPIRIT, THUS CONTRIBUTING TO THE NECESSARY CHANGES OF OUR REALITY.

ECUADORIAN VOLUNTEERS ARE AWARE THAT WE CANNOT DO EVERYTHING, NOR CAN WE CHANGE OUR WORLD. BUT, WE ARE SURE THAT TOGETHER WE CAN FORGE A BETTER FUTURE; WITH SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY CONFRONTING ALL THE EXISTENT NEEDS OF OUR NATION.

IN BELIEVING THAT SHARED AIMS CREATE A BETTER FUTURE, WITH A STRONG, RESOLUTE AND STRATEGIC COMMITMENT TO CHANNEL VOLUNTEER ACTIONS TOWARDS THE RESOLUTION OF THE DIFFERENT PROBLEMS FROM A MULTIPERPECTIVE, WE STATE THAT ECUADORIAN VOLUNTEERS, DIVERSE AS ITS COUNTRY, WILL WORK IN FAVOR OF EACH AND EVERYONE OF THE INDIVIDUALS THAT BUILD THIS SOCIETY THROUGH A GENERAL RESTRUCTURING AND THE NETWORKS. THUS, PEOPLE AND INSTITUTIONS ARE INTERWOVEN TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF LIFE AND HUMAN DIGNITY, BASED ON ACTIONS OF EFFICIENCY AND EXCELLENCY; THIS LOCAL NETWORK WILL ALLOW THE BINDING OF THIS GREAT NATIONAL NETWORK.

CHALLENGE IS THE WORK OF THE ECUADORIAN VOLUNTEER TO:

-CONTRIBUTE TO EDUCATION THROUGH KNOWLEDGE AND COMPLIMENTARY PLANNING BY INCLUDING SUBJECTS OF HUMAN INTEGRATION THAT WILL MOTIVATE NEW VOLUNTEERS TO PLAY A PART IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE COUNTRY.

-STRENGTHEN AND INTERRELATE VOLUNTEER GROUPS FROM THE HEALTH SECTOR SO THEY WILL PERFORM COORDINATED ACTIVITIES JOINTLY.

-DEVELOP ACTIVITIES THAT WILL BENEFIT HUMAN GROWTH WITHIN THE COMMUNITIES AND GENERAL POPULATION.

-GENERATE PRODUCTIVE AND SUSTAINABLE PROJECTS IN FAVOR OF THE MOST VULNERABLE POPULATION OF THE COUNTRY THROUGH TRAINING, COOPERATION AND TECHNICAL TRANSPARENCY.

THEREFORE, THE MAIN POINTS FOR VOLUNTEER STRATEGIC WORK ARE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF LEVELS OF COMPETENCY THAT WILL ALLOW SELF DEMAND, INDIVIDUAL AND SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY WITH THE PARTICIPATION OF OTHERS AND EACH OF THE ACTORS THAT ARE INCLUDED IN THIS ACTIVITY.

CONSEQUENTLY, WE COMMIT OURSELVES TO: ESTABLISHING PERMANENT CHANNELS OF COMMUNICATION, TRAINING, TRANSPARENCY, SOCIAL COMPTROL, AUDIT MANAGEMENT, AUTONOMY AND INTERRELATIONSHIP WITH A GENDER VISION, CREATING LOCAL, NATIONAL, AND INTERNATIONAL STRATEGIC ALLIANCES.

WORK PLAN

FROM JANUARY TO JUNE, 2001

Activities	How it will work	Who	Where	Resources	time
Establishment of the network Elaboration of functions for the network. Work plan Monitory Coordination of actions Elaboration of Report Dessimination of Report to members of the Network.	Through the Committee.	A Committee composed of 7 institutions from: Guayas, Pichincha, Manabí, Tungurahua, Sucumbíos, Chimborazo, Loja, Azuay FETV Ms. Magdalena de Rodríguez ACORVOL , Ms. Elízabeth de Macchiavello SEGESVOL , Ms. Lucía de di Doménico. INNFA Dr. José Mosquera Defensa Civil , Lic. Fernando Molina AVT Ms. María Elena de Rosero FTV Loja Ms. Elsie de Moreano SEGESVOL AZUAY Ms. Lucía de di Doménico Chimborazo ATTV Ms. Gladys de Franco.	Quito	Availability of each Institution	Six months
Monitoring Mechanisms	Through the Committee	Committee			