



COMMUNITY
ORGANISATION
FOUNDATION

*"A fair society where everybody
have the opportunities to develop
their abilities and be able to exercise
and enjoy their rights"*



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Very brief review of our history.

The beginning from 1981 to 1991:

The community organisation Foundation (FOC) was born as result of a long experience in community work with a population in a vulnerable social situation at the peripheral neighbourhoods of the Lomas of Zamora district, in Buenos Aires, Argentina. The history of the institution dates back to the year 1981, when the community health educators (ESC) were formed, women leaders in their communities who work in primary health care, organising and joining the community. After eight years of community work, the FOC is institutionalised in 1989. Since its inception, the target population have been children, young people, women and their families. Following this experience, the community kindergartens were built, seven institutions that work together providing initial education to children from 2 to 5 years and school support for those in the age of 6 to 12.

Consolidates the territorial work, from 1991 to 2002:

In 1991 the work with young people started. Underlining the potential of youth protagonism in the community, we are committed to the creation of spaces, that dignify young people from areas of poverty, in the construction of their life projects for the exercise of full citizenship. We have accompanied the creation of the United young network that counts with more than 600 members. They have been responsible for the district youth consultation table, The Youth House, and, in addition, they are part of several networks both in the national and international levels.

New strategies and institutional growth, from 2002 to 2016.

With 25 years of age, the kindergartens became educational references of each neighbourhood and expanded its intervention through: the promotion of micro-enterprises, professional training courses and the continued strengthening of articulating local work with other local institutions (schools, churches, medical units). In this matter, the training of community leaders community is an essential part of the strategy of the Foundation. The work of these leaders gives sustainability to the project. At the same time, this strategy motivates the construction and strengthening of networks and partnerships that are essential for local development. The programs and projects are articulated with an approach of participative, comprehensive development, that promotes the equity in human relations from a perspective of sustainable development. The experience and the knowledge acquired allowed the systematisation and creation of the Intervention Model in Social Politics, a documented method to lead the local development and influence over public politics. The path has made it possible that various public and private institutions require the technical assistance of the FOC, to transfer the achieved knowledge through the practice, to other participants and different contexts, the FOC performs this activity systematically.



Our VISION is a society where children, teenagers, young and their families participate actively in the construction of a more fair world.

Our MISSION is to promote human development, stimulating the creation of regional networks, the design of comprehensive and equitable politics, the coordination with public and private sector, and the construction of replicable knowledge in other experiences and integration into the working world.



1 Our GOALS are:
to develop politics, programs, projects and actions that enable the construction of healthy and equitable life projects for children, teenagers, young people and their families.

2 design, systematise, develop, publish and disseminate various technologies of social work that have arisen from the institutional practices, to facilitate its subsequent replicability in other districts and provinces across the country.

3 facilitate the development of networks and linkages between social organizations and the private-public sector, to strengthen the construction of sustainable politics, in a universal and solidarity way.

Currently we continue promoting the development of children, teenagers, young people and their families. Every day around 4000 people participate of our programs focused on education, culture and work.

Functioning Programs.

Childhood program:

The network of FOC nursery school allows that more than **1500 children** have everyday access to education, feeding, health care and the recreation. The centers are attended by educating mothers; women of each community that are in constant training to provide educational quality, social containment and all the affection that the children need.

**1.500
NIÑOS**

We sustain **7 community** kindergartens where 1500 children attend daily to receive early education and tutoring.

Objective:

The programme aims to promote the development of childhood and to encourage processes that promote family and community relationship with education.

We also provide the necessary conditions for healthy development, complementing and enriching family education. In the last years We incorporate workshops of music and plastic arts, an itinerant library that brings books closer to all the family, activities linked to promote healthy and sustainable eating, video workshops for children, support school for older brothers that attend to schools of the area and a great amount of extra curricular activities that are carried out with the families.

On the other hand We participate in different institutional spaces, together with other non-governmental organizations and governmental in which social and educational strategies related to social politics aimed at children are defined.

Our centres:

- **Jumping Bunny /**
Rodriguez 2240, Villa Albertina.
- **Colours little path /**
El zonda 282, Santa Marta.
- **Loving bears /**
Einstein 4247, Villa Lamadrid.
- **Sweet Home /**
Sarmiento y Eva Duarte, Barrio Juan M. De Rosas.
- **Arrorró /**
Anchoris 4566, Barrio La Lomas.
- **New hope /**
Calle 10 y 62, Sta Catalina.
- **Cotton small cocoon /**
Euskadi 2949, Villa Albertina.

Challenge Program: teenagers and young

The program promotes the socio-educational inclusion and the main role for young people. We act strengthening the fulfillment of their study and the access into the working world. We Also conducted workshops of popular communication, sport, art and leadership. More than 1200 young people participates in the program daily.

We have a center of professional training (CPT) No 405, in which 1200 teenagers, young and adults are trained for work in more than 60 different courses. The CPT is a school of trades that grants official diplomas certified by the province of Buenos Aires. Once the workshops are over we encourage the creation of micro enterprises or rented internships in companies with the objective that the graduate insert themselves in the working world.

1.200
GRADUATES

We have also carried out countless projects to accompany the healthy growth of teenagers and young people:

- Project of prevention of sexual transmission diseases and responsible sexual education.
- Popular chroniclers Project (communication and community participation).
+ Info: <http://www.diariopopular.com.ar/notas/51208-jovenes-cronistas-relatan-que-sucede-los-barrios>
- Tierra Firme Project (workshops of musical composition, recording of the CD which gives name to the initiative).
- Cultural challenge Project (10 artistic disciplines workshop which was attended by more than 800 young people).
- Edition of the books "getting out of the discard" and "education and first job" that recover our strategy and methodology of work with young.
- 1200 graduates per year of our vocational training centre.
- 60 training courses for work per year.
- 1000 organizations across the country are part of the national network of organizations "Study is your right" coordinated by FOC.

Our Center of training professional:

- Guest houses 60 PB, Lomas de Zamora

Family and community program:

The program consolidates and strengthens the task of the entrepreneurs of the social economy through different lines of work that include the access to the credit with rate subsidized.

Also is a comprehensive support to entrepreneurs through training for work, tutoring, acquisition of machinery, tools and supplies. Also, a strategy of marketing their goods and services to new markets is implemented.

In the same way We develop initiatives that promote the prevention of gender violence, the health care, the revaluation of art and recreation and the associative work.

On the other hand We promote innumerable tables of citizen participation and management spaces for community projects together with residents of different towns of Buenos Aires.

- We are a regional entity of the people's Bank of good faith
- Founded the Publicprivate's Consortium of microcredit management.
+ nfo:<http://www.lomasdezamora.gov.ar/areas-de-gestion/trabajo-y-desarrollo-local/noticias/el-consorcio-de-microcredito-de-lomas-sigue-creciendo-3585.html>
- 8 million of pesos invested in the development of the social economy
- 2500 credits granted to entrepreneurs.

Some of our most important findings:

LOCAL DEVELOPMENT

{ More than 700,000 people
are part of our programs and projects since 1983 to the present day.

*The indirect impact of our initiatives
it reaches 3,000,000 people in our country.* }

{ Every day more than 12,000 children, teens, women
and their families participate in our actions.

TRANSFER OF KNOWLEDGE:

{ We train 150 organizations from Argentina, Bolivia, Paraguay, Peru and Chile
that, as a whole, reaches more than 400,000 people.

*we Technically assist more than 20 Governments
Provincial and local of our country.* }

{ We make countless agreements with universities,
International agencies and Governments to transfer our methodology.

We Received 3 international awards granted by the Union of Swiss Banks (UBS), the Japanese cooperation (JICA) and the Avina Foundation.

We received the award "Solidarity Gardel" for the edition of the CD "Tierra Firme" which was attended by the most renowned musicians of our country. (Camera Argentina de Productores de Fonogramas, CAPIF). More information:

<http://www.pagina12.com.ar/diario/suplementos/espectaculos/subnotas/9629-3033-2008-03-28.html>

Some of the organizations, agencies and companies that accompanied and accompany our work:

UNICEF	Help Age (Inglaterra)
Naciones Unidas para el Desarrollo (PNUD)	Solidaridad Internacional (España)
Fundación Kellogg	Fundación Aguas Argentinas
Fundación Avina	MLAL (movimiento laico para América Latina, Italia)
Save The Children	Unilever
Agencia Española de Cooperación Internacional	Danone
Embajada de Suiza	Banco Galicia
Fundación Antorchas	Banco Credicoop
Fundación Arcor	Banco de la Provincia de Buenos Aires
Fundación Navarro Viola	Telefónica de Argentina
Embajada de Holanda	EXO S.A
Embajada de Canadá	TNT International Express
Fondo para Las Americas	Interbanking S.A
I.A.F (Interamerican Foundation).	Metrovias
Proamba (Unión Europea)	Más de 40 gobiernos locales, provinciales y nacionales.

United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)

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UNICEF

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