

## ABBACOL FOUNDATION HUMANITARIAN WORK IN COLOMBIA – SOUTH AMERICA

ABBACOL Foundation was born in 2005 in Colombia, in 2019 ABBACOL Foundation was accredited to the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations (ECOSOC) and in 2025 the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (CNULD) has granted ABBACOL a observer status. ABBACOL works in five focus areas child protection, women empowerment, education, self-sustainable projects and emergencies. ABBACOL is a Colombian national NGO.

In the past few months, ABBACOL team has been working mainly in the municipality of Sutatausa in the department of Cundinamarca in the providence of Ubaté, motivational talks were held for around 100 women heads of household, some of the talks provided were related on the following topics: entrepreneurship, self-esteem and women's empowerment. Talks and workshops were guided on the book 'Successful women' – author: América Arce, who is the project manager of 'women empowerment' in ABBACOL.

Although this work has already begun, we are seeking sponsors to continue this project in other vulnerable departments of Colombia, like Choco and Cauca, where we want to support more than 200 women. Most of them have low-income resources yet they have different businesses ideas and many of them already have different products for sale like (fique, wool, handicrafts, clay handicrafts, rural tourism, among others). We expect to continue with them different workshops and training focus on entrepreneurship and in this way, helping them to promote their work and business.



ABBACOL's work has also expanded into our other areas of focus, especially humanitarian aid to communities in Colombia affected by climate change. We have been able to bring assistance to the most remote villages, delivering food and WASH kits to more than 500 families in the departments of Sucre and Cauca.

We also gave talks on environmental awareness and conservation, and we shared with the community of women, the importance of gender equality and the value of self-esteem.

On the other hand, we currently have a project for children and teenagers that aims to support 300 of them from 6 to 17 years old. We are looking for sponsors for this project called 'SANTA MARTA FOOTBALL SCHOOL', this will be implemented with a practical theoretical methodology in the field work, we aims to help these children and young people develop their sporting talent through football, as well as training them in this sport. We also want to provide them with all the sports equipment they need so that they can practise and play football. The beneficiaries will have football coaches also former football players who have participated in the Colombian football league. The indirect beneficiaries will be the parents and relatives who take care of the children and adolescents as they will see the sporting progress of their children.

As an NGO we continue working transforming lives and make dreams come true. We hope to reach more communities and support them in their endeavours or emergencies, as well as providing the educational support they so desperately need.

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