



ACTION REPORT

Ticuna Community - Santa Sofía, Amazon
OCT 2020



From October 2nd to 6th, 2020, we went to Santa Sofía, at the heart of the Amazon forest, and **achieved our goal of handing out 100 school supply kits** to the local children. We also got to know this unique community and the educational and social issues they face.

These several days of learning and sharing mark the official start of a constructive long-term relationship between the Ticunas and Ináy!

Main goals of the visit

- **Handing out** 100 school supply kits to the children of the Santa Sofía school
- **Meeting** with community leaders, the curaca (highest authority in the community) and teachers to better understand their needs
- **Creating** a bond and trust with the children, their parents, and the 'abuelos' through games and cultural activities
- **Identifying** potential areas of work for the year 2021

The team



Coralie



Tatiana

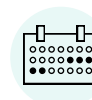


Nicolas

Key figures



1st
Ináy action



5
days



100
school supply kits



5
activities



150
happy kids



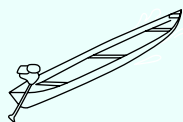
660€ (\$780)
of budget



Schedule of the Visit from October 2nd to 6th, 2020



Friday - Arrival by boat (lancha) - big enough to carry all the kits! - a welcome gathering organized by our hosts, and a surprise birthday party for Tati!



Saturday - Start of children's day with speeches from community leaders, teachers, and parents. We introduced ourselves and received a very warm welcome!



Saturday - handing out the school supply kits to the children! Due to covid, there were more children than expected in the community but we were able to redistribute the supplies so that each child left with their own set.



Saturday- Sancocho, a big meal with the whole community, followed by a giant cake, and a costume contest. All beautiful moments of cultural exchange and friendship!

Saturday- Activities with the children: cultural exchange with Coralie, dancing with Tati and a drawing competition judged by the "abuelos" with Professor Blanca! The children were very curious and enthusiastic!



Sunday - Painting with the children! The children also took part in several games like 'Bridge ball' and a 'Potato sack race' in teams with names like 'Tiger clan.'



Tuesday - Departure. We left Santa Sofía early in the morning, our arms filled with plants offered by the children (Cupuaçu trees), our minds full of memories, feeling empowered by the bond created with this welcoming community, and more motivated than ever!

Monday - Discovery day: we spent more time talking to community leaders. We discussed the community, their needs, the issues they face... A very open and enriching conversation!



After multiple conversations with the community leaders, the themes that emerge and on which Ináy will be able to support the Ticunas in 2021 are as follow:



Human bond

The Ticunas are a very close-knit and welcoming community. They were grateful that volunteers came to meet and listen to them, unlike their past experiences with other organizations that send supplies and / or money without seeking to create a human bond or long-term commitment. Ináy must therefore continue to invest in these moments of meeting and sharing!



Education

The school and teachers need support on a small scale (supplies, books) but also on a larger scale (library, IT tools) etc. In education, they could use support from an anthropologist and education professional to help them teach more complex subjects such as the preservation of their culture and traditions.

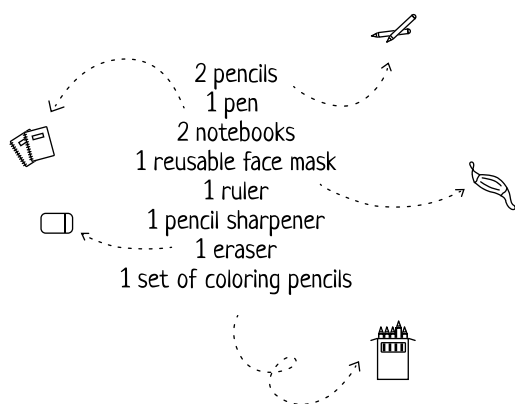


Culture

The community faces many cultural issues: the arrival of the internet and modern tools created rapid cultural and identity changes. These complex issues that impact all aspects of their lives are outside Ináy's scope/mission but very strongly related to education. We therefore have a role to play which remains to be determined.

Contents of the school supply kits

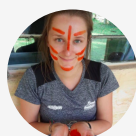
Due to our commitment to sustainability, we have chosen to work with local suppliers and to distribute the kits in recyclable kraft envelopes.



Project CAURE - OCT 2020 *	COP	EUR
Action		
Activities and meals 14%	404,000	92
100 School supply Kits 31%	888,000	202
Logistics		
Transportation 48%	1,395,000	317
** Sanitary measures 7%	210,000	48
TOTAL	2.9 M	660

*Figures rounded to the nearest euro/colombian peso (1EUR=4400COP)

**COVID-19 testing, hand sanitizer, masks etc.



"Our first action with the community of Santa Sofía was an enriching moment. We learned a lot together (#aprendiendo juntos!) and this is only the beginning of a beautiful and long adventure. A huge thank you to the entire community and in particular to the Curaca, and to James and Idelfonso for the warm welcome and these moments together. Another big thank you to all the donors who made this possible! The whole Ináy team left with hearts full of beautiful memories, ideas and new projects we can work on together. Moenchi !! (thank you in ticuna)"

Coralie Lhermelin - President of Ináy

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