

# **GLOBAL GRANTS COMMUNITY ASSESSMENT**

## RESPONDENT INFORMATION: Monica Cid

What is your involvement in the local community at large?

Hello my name is Mónica Cid, I am 49 years old.

I am a psychologist with a specialty in clinical psychology, with a postgraduate degree in education, I work as a psychologist in private practice and in institutions, in addition to teaching at different universities in Ensenada such as CUT, UAD, UABC, AVA, among others. In addition to giving workshops, conferences, training, etc. In foster homes and groups of parents, with respect to discipline, family relations, organization and leadership, etc.

What is your involvement specifically with El Reino?

For several years I collaborated with the home as a basic psychologist, treating minors with behavioral and personality problems.

I currently collaborate with special cases that require psychological attention with minors and with training for staff.

### **COMMUNITY OVERVIEW**

Describe the characteristics (such as geographic information, main sources of income, population size, and access to education and health services) of the specific community where this project will be carried out.

Maneadero is a town located south of Ensenada B. C. Its main source of income comes from agriculture and is also developing in industry with the appearance of different maquiladora companies, also with second-hand trade and with a wide sale of food in restaurants and stalls.

It has minor emergency medical services and private practice, as well as clinical analysis, X-ray and ultrasound laboratories. It has grown into basic necessities stores, and banks monetarios.as

Because of a rural area, only some neighborhoods have water, electricity, drainage, telephone, paving, etc. There are schools from preschool to high school and a UTT technology school.

Most of the population is emigrants, people who are in continuous movement depending on the planting

or harvest seasons. This makes Maneadero a population of low socioeconomic level, although there are meanings to the rule.

#### **NEED**

This project provides help to orphans. What is your perception of the situation of orphans in your community? For example, do you think there are a relatively high number of orphans? Are you aware of the circumstances surrounding their parents?

Unfortunately, the number of minors in a state of subscription is increasing, due to various factors, of which the following stand out: parents with limited resources, violence and omission of care, addictions, etc.

Explain what you think would happen to these children if Kids Kingdom didn't exist.

It would increase overcrowding in the different homes in Ensenada, and the number of street children would increase. Exposing them to the dangers of labor or sexual exploitation, organized crime, addictions, etc. The future of many children who can contribute to society when they reach adulthood by becoming responsible citizens committed to their community would be cut short, as are now the adults who at some point were boarders of the foster home, and who today are good parents, others have become professionals and from their possibilities support the foster home. This has been achieved with the model that the home has developed, where children feel covered by the love and protection of a real home.

### **COMMUNITY STRENGTHS AND NEEDS**

What do you think are the greatest strengths and resources of your community?

Mainly the warmth of the general population, which supports the foster home in different situations either with in-kind donations of food or with its labor.

What do you see as the challenges in your community?

Education and security.

There are several challenges, as well as health, but I consider the above to be of greater relevance, due to the proliferation of minors without access to school and the rise of recruiters from the different organized crime gangs.

Kindgom Orphanage. Are you aware of robberies or other dangerous criminal activity in the surrounding community? Please provide details or examples.

Yes, it is, so they take preventive measures within their possibilities, such as taking the children to and from their respective schools, only with trusted personnel, making rounds at night to prevent looting or theft of the resources of the foster home. Reporting any incident out of the ordinary that occurs in its surroundings, since the home is located at the foot of the road, so also keeping the doors closed to avoid accidents or collisions or relationships with people outside the home home, because due to its location, there is street commerce attracting all kinds of people.

The proposed grant provides funding to repair/rebuild the perimeter wall surrounding the orphanage. Are you aware of robberies or other dangerous criminal activity in the surrounding community? Please provide details or examples.

Of course, I am aware of the violence that exists, because local news and social networks expose daily the events of violence, such as the recent shootout that took place approximately two months near the Conoco gas station, the continuous coming and going of the police commandos, national guard and soldiers, the continuous car crashes in front of its doors and the homeless who seek to steal anything to maintain their vices.