



FSD Bolivia - Tukuy Pacha Association

Cochabamba, Bolivia

Research Intern: Conceptualization and creation of educational materials for training processes for CBR promoters.

Organization Overview

Foundation for Sustainable Development is an international development organization that seeks to support communities in achieving their goals through asset-based development and international exchange in Bolivia (Cochabamba) and Argentina (Salta). FSD provides opportunities for students and professionals to engage in real community development work instead of a typical study abroad or drop-in service project program. The internships are thoughtfully designed to help you build your career while having a lasting impact on the people in the community in which you serve. Our internships have a strong emphasis on community ownership and follow the principles of Asset-Based Community Development. Interns receive extensive training in sustainable development principles and gain professional skills in project planning and budgeting, program evaluation, community assessment, and proposal writing. Interns apply their new and existing skill sets as they collaborate with their local colleagues on identifying, designing, and implementing a project to benefit the community.

Social Issue Focus & Impact

Tukuy Pacha Association, works on issues related to people with disabilities. The disability issue in Bolivia is an area with very little support from local authorities and organizations. People with disabilities and their families should seek for medical, physiotherapy and basic information services through different means.

Our mission is to help influence the State to better the quality of life for vulnerable groups. Through our work, we want to establish ourselves as leaders in influencing public policy to better ensure positive development within the communities we serve.

We are currently part of the project known as “Inclusion Strategies in Social Services - Sanitary and Educational Services. Operational Models to Accompany Children with Disabilities in Bolivia.” This project is funded by the Italian Agency for the Cooperation of Development, which runs from June 2018 to December 2021 and will run in the municipalities of Tiquipaya, Colcapirhua, San Benito, Punata, and District 9 of the municipality of the Cercado department of Cochabamba.

We have three physiotherapists, one psychologist, and fifteen promoters who support our beneficiaries. Today we have a total of 150 beneficiaries across five different municipalities of Cochabamba and its surroundings. Through 2021, we will serve more than three hundred beneficiaries with the support of the Don Carlo Gnocchi Foundation and the Italian Agency for development Cooperation.



Position Description

Community-Based Rehabilitation - CBR, is a socioeconomic development and social inclusion strategy that allows satisfying basic needs, creating opportunities, developing capacities, supporting and working with Organizations of People with Disabilities and Support Groups, involving participation.

The participant will attend home visits in the communities to accompany the promoters and gather relevant information on the services that are needed for the people. With the results of the investigation and systematization of information, materials for medical services and physio therapy will be prepared.

Student Profile

- Knowledge in the application of qualitative and quantitative methodologies to gather information.
- Good writing skills, both for the writing of reports and for the creation of social projects.
- Deep level of analysis of contemporary reality.
- Intermediate Spanish
- Students from different areas, such as: Sociology, anthropology, law, political science and psychology public health , communication, physiotherapy, pedagogy.
- High social commitment.
- Critical look at contemporary reality.
- Good relationship for teamwork.

Time Frame

The program it is flexible for the start between May 17 and June 14 2021