

## Interim Report – June 15<sup>th</sup> 2023

### Financial summary:

Project agreed: December 13<sup>th</sup> 2022: Grant of US\$ 16,300 from the Fondation Eagle to the Condor Trust for Education for the continuation of eye tests/glasses in and around Quito, Ecuador

Amount spent on new campaigns in period from January 2023 to April 2023: US\$5,815

Amount remaining: US\$10,485 (end April 2023)

### Background to the Project

The Condor Trust provides funding for secondary and further education for young people from low-income families in Ecuador. Several years ago, we became aware that many children are not making the most of their education because of sight problems. Encouraged by the Fondation Eagle, we looked into how we could help improve this situation, and linked up with a local Ecuadorian charity, Vista para Todos (Sight for All), which provides eye-tests and glasses.

Since mid-2012 the Eagle Foundation has been supporting this project. We have now received ten rounds of funding, and up to April 2023 in total we have:

- Performed 7,270 eye tests;
- Provided 3,076 pairs of glasses.

### The Current Project

Between January and April 2023, we organised a total of three campaigns, as well as helping one Condor Trust student:

- At the beginning of February 2023, we visited the Oratorio San Juan Bosco in the Simiatug parish of Guaranda, south of Quito. This is a rural and largely indigenous area, where poverty levels are high. The Salesians of San Juan Bosco run a number of schools and colleges in Ecuador, of which this is one.
  - In March 2023, we undertook a campaign at the request of the municipality of Quito, which has a network of 14 special education schools in different parts of the city for young people who are assessed as vulnerable. 70 young people came together to a central location for the eye tests.
  - In April 2023, we visited the Fundación Nuestros Jovenes in San Antonio de Pichincha parish. This is just to the north of Quito and more or less on the equator. The foundation focuses on supporting children, young people and adults who have recently migrated to the Quito area. Nearly all those who attended needed glasses. The proportion was particularly high because most attendees had had no access to visual care during the time they were migrating to Ecuador.
  - One of the young people supported by the Condor Trust also needed stronger glasses than he had previously had, and these were provided in April 2023.
- We have so far spent US\$5,815 of the total donated by Fondation Eagle in December 2023.
  - In total, we have performed 183 eye tests and provided 111 pairs of glasses, with an average cost of US\$48 per pair.

**Expenditure Details and Notes**

**Summary of Expenditure by Campaign, February to April 2023**

<b>Name of School/Organisation</b>	<b>Date of campaign</b>	<b>No. of Eye Tests</b>	<b>Cost of Eye Tests (\$)</b>	<b>No. of Glasses</b>	<b>Cost of Glasses (\$)</b>	<b>Total Costs (\$)</b>
Oratorio San Juan Bosco	February 8 <sup>th</sup>	70	175.00	22	1,256.00	1,431.00
Municipio de Quito	March 26 <sup>th</sup>	70	175.00	47	2,180.00	2,355.00
Fundación Nuestros Jovenes	April 13 <sup>th</sup>	42	105.00	41	1,799.00	1,904.00
Condor Student	April 1 <sup>st</sup>	1	2.50	1	122.22	124.72
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>183</b>	<b>457.50</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>5,357.22</b>	<b>5,814.72</b>

- Since the start of the project in 2012, Vista para Todos has provided eye tests at reduced rates. This means we pay US\$2.50 for most eye tests. Vista para Todos also provide all the glasses frames free of charge.
- The proportion of children needing glasses after having their eyes tested also varies from school to school. In some cases, teachers have done a preliminary screening and only put forward for eye tests those children who are identified as having a visual problem. In other cases, Vista para Todos considered it better for all children within an age group to be tested, as they are able to pick up problems which are not always obvious to non-trained personnel.
- During and after each campaign, the team from Vista para Todos makes a number of recommendations, directly to the young people and their parents/carers and also, in person and in writing, to the school or organisation attended by the young people. Typically, these recommendations include:
  - Parents and carers should ensure that young people do not exceed the recommended daily time limits for looking at screens (laptops, telephones, tablets etc);
  - Parents and carers should encourage the young people to wear their glasses when studying, and should stress the importance of doing this, not only in order to prevent eye-sight deterioration but also to promote better health and, in many cases, better results at school;
  - Parents and carers should ensure that the young people take care of their glasses when they are not in use (regular cleaning, storing in the glasses cases provided etc.);
  - Young people should have a visual check-up every year.

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Campaign at Oratorio San Juan Bosco, Simiatug, February 2023





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Campaign for students at special education schools run by the municipality of Quito, March 2023





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