## Report on Use of The Emergency Feeding Fund, October 2021



Project Ref: FF 0580

Donation of **US\$5,400** from the **Fondation Eagle** received by the **Condor Trust for Education** on April 20<sup>th</sup> 2021

Summary of expenditure:

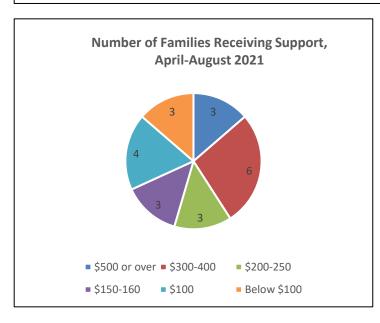
Amount received (April 2021): 5,400
Amount spent (April – August 2021): 5,400

Amount remaining (September 1<sup>st</sup> 2021):

Number of people supported: Around 120

## How the money has been spent - April to August 2021

As outlined in our application to Eagle Foundation in March 2021, the total of US\$5,400 was distributed among families supported by the Condor Trust for Education in Quito, Ecuador, who because of the pandemic and its effects currently have no, or almost, no income. It was given in amounts of between US\$50 and US\$100 per family per month, depending on circumstances, spread between a total of 22 families, between April and August 2021.



As shown on the chart to the left a total of 22 families were helped:

- Three families received most help (\$500-\$650) over the five month period. These were the families most in need throughout the period, including one family who had lost their father to Covid-19 in 2020.
- The majority of families received between \$100 and \$300. This reflects the changing employment conditions of the families.
   Typically, a mother managed to find a job (often cleaning or looking after other families' children) for a month or so, but the position was not secure or long-term.

As the average number of people per family is between five and six (typically one parent and four or five children), the total number of people helped was around 120 (22 families of 5-6 people per family).



As described in our 2021 proposal, the money was deposited monthly in the bank account of each mother, so that she could make the most efficient use of it by buying food locally in shops or markets. Our administrator in Quito made clear to each family that the money was for food, but in practice this was not necessary: all of the families were in desperate need of food and had no intention of spending the money in any other way.

In February 2021, we asked the recipients how far the money stretched in providing food. The average was 12-15 days for a family of five or six people, ie around half the money each family needed for a modest supply of food in a month. This would cover basic food, for example rice, potatoes, noodles, milk, eggs, one chicken or similar, some seasonal vegetables and sugar. The situation was similar in the period April to August 2021, as retail prices did not vary significantly compared with 2020. Some families who have relatives living in the country were sometimes able to obtain food from them, which helped to alleviate the situation.

Overall, the situation in Ecuador has improved in recent months, as the percentage of vaccinated people has risen quickly since May, reaching 65% of the population (at least one dose) by the end of September. The economy is gradually reviving, although the type of jobs which the families we support tend to have are picking up only slowly.

All the families who received help continued to be extremely grateful and said it made a huge difference to the lives of the children and themselves, enabling them to at least get by from month to month. The knowledge that some outside support was available to them at such a difficult time was also a big psychological boost for the struggling mothers.

## **Amount Spent per Family by Month**

			Amount Spent (\$)			
	Apr-21	May-21	Jun-21	Jul-21	Aug-21	TOTAL
Family 1	130	130	130	130	130	650
Family 2	100	100	100	100	100	500
Family 3	100	100	100	100	100	500
Family 4	100	100	100	100		400
Family 5	50	50	50	100	100	350
Family 6	100	50		100	100	350
Family 7	100	100	100			300
Family 8	100	100	100			300
Family 9		100		100	100	300
Family 10	100	50			100	250
Family 11		50		100	100	250
Family 12		100		100		200
Family 13			60		100	160
Family 14	100	50				150
Family 15		50			100	150
Family 16				100		100
Family 17				100		100
Family 18	100					100
Family 19		50		50		100
Family 20		50		45		95
Family 21		50				50
Family 22		50				50
	1,080	1,330	740	1,225	1,030	5,405