



KNOW-HOW 3000

Experience AT A GLANCE

PLACE: Bilingual and Participatory Intercultural Education

What is it about?

Strengthen the high quality, intercultural and bilingual education in the Autonomous Region of the South Caribbean Coast (RAAS) in Nicaragua. Encourage and ensure community social participation in the model school "Laguna de Perlas Academy of Excellence" – PLACE.

Why an intervention?

Children and young people in Laguna de Perlas grow up in difficult conditions. High rates of poverty, limited access to quality health care and education services, illicit activities and violence are particularities of the RAAS.

What does it change?

Children and young people in indigenous and afro descendant communities have access to a comprehensive, intercultural and bilingual school model of academic excellence in their region.

How does it work?

- Collaboration with the Ministries of Education (MINED) and Health (MINSA), Regional Secretary of Education (SRE), the Universities URACCAN and BICU, the communal government and municipal authorities;
- Development of a school model of high academic quality, respecting the intercultural and bilingual characteristics of the region and integrating them into school curricula.
- Continuous training of teachers
- Participation and empowerment of families
 - Parent Councils in each school;
 - Training of Mothers and Fathers for pedagogical support to their children.
 - Participatory planning and evaluation;
 - Peer learning and discussion groups;
 - Exchange of experiences.

Who are the beneficiaries?

- 3300 children and Young people from nine communities
- 150 teachers;
- 400 mothers, fathers and other relatives/role models.

Who could use that approach?

- Regional Secretary of Education
- Ministry of the Family
- Schools and teacher training centres

Who is already using it?

- FADCANIC (Foundation for the Autonomy and Development of the Atlantic Coast of Nicaragua)
- Similar experiences:
 - Christian Medical Action: "Strong Families"
 - Regional Secretary of Education: "School for parents"
 - Ministry of the Family: "MiFamilia";

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AUSTRIAN ORGANISATION FOR DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION

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Additional Material: Testimonies and videos, External evaluation and reports in www.fadcanic.org.ni

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