



Young Sponsored Friends Commitment, communication, and objectives.

Project: Cochabamba, Bolivia

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Program background:

In 2018, the 10 subprojects of Cochabamba Project served 3,158 sponsored friends, of which 1,396 were youth. Since 2017, the Project began to form youth groups to sponsored youth in activities such as talks, workshops, and building group dynamics. The objective of these activities was to create identity in Unbound, developing the potential of participants, strengthening communication within families and reduce cases of early departure from the Unbound program.

Purpose of the evaluation:

To know the level of commitment, communication and objectives of the young Sponsored Friends.

Methods: This evaluation used qualitative and quantitative methods. The sample was 30% of each subprojects members. Surveys were conducted with sponsored youth and focus groups were conducted with their mothers.

Key Findings and Conclusions:

- 78% of surveys participants stated that they attend to Unbound activities because they are interested in the activities.
- Most of the survey participants to attend the activities because of a desire to improve their knowledge.
- 50% of surveys participants answered that the person they trust the most in regards to personal self-expression is their mother.
- Most of the survey participants answered they usually persist to get what they want.
- 45% of survey participants occasionally show their skills at meetings or activities.

Learnings and Report recommendations:

- Cochabamba project will continue innovating and creating new activities to keep the youth interested and develop their potential.
- Target factors leading to a lack of motivation in sponsored youth.
- Create activities to encourage family relationship building.
- More deeply understand how and when sponsored youth reach their goals.