



The Small Compassion Groups path to successful

Project: Hermano Pedro

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Program background:

Hermano Pedro Project from Guatemala started to work with small groups in 2008 with the aim of improving personal outreach with sponsored friends. Each group chooses a mother as a representative, whom they call “Guide Mother and a mother/father to lead in the areas of education and health. The specific objective of the groups is to promote the active participation of mothers in their communities and achieve the sense of belonging. The groups allow Hermano Pedro project to create holistic programs, for families achieve their full potential.

Purpose of the evaluation: To learn the achievements and challenges of the Small Compassion Groups, as well as the empowerment and assumption of responsibilities.

Methods: Success Case method was conducted in 18 small groups in 3 communities.

Key Findings and Conclusions:

- 12 of the 18 groups stated they have good organization in mothers groups, as well as great participation in Unbound activities. They report a sense of identity, belonging, and responsibility toward achievement.
- Most groups had sufficient training to start personal bank accounts.
- Some groups do not make decisions on their own; but wait for directions from the subproject office.
- Some participants do not understand Spanish well, but Mayan languages.
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Learnings and Report recommendations:

- It is necessary to develop a guide document for small groups
- It will be important stablish clear responsibilities for parent leaders in the areas of health and education.
- Check the annual plan in each group to set clear goals ant to move focused in results.