



Turimiquire Foundation

Annual Report 2021

Our U.S.-based non-profit 501(c)3 Foundation has served the low-income populations of northeastern Venezuela since 1997. Based on more than 40 years of personally living and working in these impoverished regions, we present our **Recipe for a Thriving Community** as a tested blueprint for action in *four steps* that both guides our own work and offers a replicable model for developing rural communities the world over:

(1) FAMILY PLANNING: *Empowering women and families with the means to control their own fertility.*

- ⇒ In 2021, we offered our services to more than **8700** additional reproductive-age women and men and their families, delivering **33,775 Couple Years of Protection (CYPs)**, the metric by which USAID measures family planning achievement, to the low-income populations that we serve.
- ⇒ Calculating an average family of five+, an *additional 40,000 family members* benefited in 2021.
- ⇒ Cumulatively, from May 1997 through December 2021, we have served over **64,000** low-income women with birth control methods for a grand total of over **203,350 Couple Years of Protection**.
- ⇒ Starting in 2003, we have offered a total of **3500+ Workshops in Sexual and Reproductive Health** to almost **69,000 participants** as well, primarily students and teenagers. Our goal is to combat Venezuela's teenage pregnancy rate, one of the highest in Latin America.
- ⇒ We are reaching more and younger women with reversible family planning. In the past, women survived significant infant and maternal mortality and morbidity, as well as economic adversity related to supporting large families. The average woman we now serve with reversible contraception is in her mid 20s with two children, taking control of her reproductive health and fertility much earlier in life. These women become outspoken examples for their extended families and neighbors, showcasing the **improved quality of life accessible through controlling the size of their families**.
- ⇒ As the *primary* civil organization consistently offering these services in the eastern half of Venezuela, the Foundation has become ground zero for family planning and reproductive health services. In Venezuela's current economic and pandemic crisis, contraceptives are frequently not available, or very expensive. Our popular and accessible resources are often stretched to an extreme. And low-income families in social isolation due to poverty and COVID-19 need family planning more than ever!

(2) HUMANITARIAN AID: *The current Venezuelan crisis has generated great human need.*

- ⇒ In 2021, we performed **1758** surgical procedures for low-income individuals who could not count on Venezuela's public health system. Cumulatively, since we initiated this program through 2021, we have realized a total of **11,685 surgeries**, and now counting in 2022!
- ⇒ We have also offered over 16,000 medical consultations in various specialties, including laparoscopic diagnoses and biopsies for patients in need.
- ⇒ We provide emergency assistance to dozens of rural families, helping to alleviate a myriad of problems, including food security for children, in this time of acute crisis in Venezuela.

(3) EDUCATION: *Once families gain control of their fertility, they concentrate on giving their children the best possible future through schooling.*

- ⇒ Our **Scholarship Program** for the *Vía Cumanacoa* community helps **50+** rural high school students to continue their studies each year. More than 500 students from semi-literate families have now attended high school and more than 100 have graduated—the first in their families to do so. Previously, most students in this community abandoned their education at or before the sixth grade.
- ⇒ Selected high school graduates continue their studies at the *college level* with ongoing Foundation support, a real precedent.
- ⇒ Our *Rio Brito Education Program* offers staffed library and computer facilities upriver, two hours walking distance from the nearest road, to support students at the remote rural high school.
- ⇒ Both rural and urban students study at our *Computer Center* in the city of Cumaná, which offers free Internet, tutoring, snacks and study and social areas during schooldays.

(4) COMMUNITY: Investing in people first!

Over the years, we have developed and maintained community infrastructure in the remote roadless valley where we have a farm, focusing on agriculture. We cultivate and disseminate unusual tropical fruits like Durian, Mangosteen, Jackfruit, Rollinia and Canistel. We also help to solve a myriad of individual and practical problems that permit the rural community to flourish.

Small Foundation, BIG Results
We simply do more with less:

- ⇒ Please visit our website to learn about all of our different activities.
- ⇒ In 2021, 94.5 cents of every Turimiquire dollar went directly into the field. Over the past 20 years, an average of almost **94%** of our budget has gone directly into the field.
- ⇒ Donations, in-country *social marketing*, and sliding scale fees, all help to cover our operating costs, including administrative expenses.
- ⇒ Our services are offered at highly subsidized prices. *No one is turned away* for not being able to pay. Most everyone can help with *something*, and there are a few who will need and receive extra help from us.
- ⇒ We invest *minimally in public outreach*. Women and their families, as well as public and private health facilities, all regularly refer clients to us.
- ⇒ **Fundación ServYr**, our non-profit organization in Venezuela, received in local currency and in USD the equivalent of **\$80,027** in patient co-pays and in-country donations in 2021. These funds first covered local administration and infrastructure, and were then dedicated to our other programs, focusing on reproductive health, rural education and development, and agriculture.
- ⇒ Our actual budget for rural education was nearly \$20,000 with in-country support.
- ⇒ Our actual budget for rural development and agriculture was also close to \$20,000 with in-country support.

We work with public services that are unable to meet the critical unmet needs of the growing populations whom we serve. COVID-19 and the humanitarian crisis in Venezuela only aggravate this situation.

There are no short cuts, but a little bit can go a long ways. We truly appreciate your help and hope that you continue to support this urgent work!

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Our Finances in 2021				
Calendar Year Expenses		%	Calendar Year Income	
Non-program overhead:		5.5%	Multiple Donors over \$5,000	\$ 155,002
Adminis- tration and Infrastruc- ture	\$23,417	5%	Foundation Support	\$283,500
Fund Raising	\$ 2354	0.5%	Donations \$1000- \$5,000	\$ 23,667
Programs:		94.5%	Individual donations up \$1000	\$ 40,810
Family Planning Services and Reprod Health Education			Interest Income	\$96
\$ 378,893		81%	Total	\$503,075
Humanitarian Assistance: Surgical, Medical, Nutritional and Family Emergencies			We spend very little on infrastructure and staffing. Instead, we ride "piggy-back" on public and private health infrastructure, adding only specifically what is needed to deliver their/our services effectively. In 2021, we would like to express our special thanks to the Erik and Edith Bergstrom Foundation for their generous support of our work in family planning.	
\$59,077		12%		
Rural Education Center and Student Scholarships				
\$ 4767		1%		
Rural Development and Agriculture				
\$2351		0.5%		
TOTAL				
\$470,859		100%		

We entered 2022 with more than \$30,000 in expenses payable, increasing our real yearly costs. Many years our income does not cover all of our program expenses, but some years we do build a margin to expand our work going forward! We plan to expand our programs on all fronts, with a focus on reproductive health and humanitarian aid in a country recovering from a deep crisis.

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