



Canadian Friends of Oaxaca Inc. (CANFRO)  
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## Annual Project Report & Budget Request

<b>Previous Fiscal Year</b>	2019/20
<b>Name of Project</b>	Food Project
<b>Project Manager</b>	Penny Hopkins
<b>Approved Budget</b>	\$150,000.00 MXN
<b>Actual Expenditures</b>	\$136,320.10 MXN
<b>Comments</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CANFRO provides for the preparation and service of a balanced nutritious meal five days a week, year-round (except on extended school vacations) and also undertakes related activities to ensure that ongoing nutritional needs are met.</li> <li>• In Oaxaca students either go to school in the morning or in the afternoon. Therefore, meals are served in the dining room at CEI in 2 shifts: the first meal before students go to school in the afternoon, and a later meal for students who come to eat after they have finished morning school. Student numbers vary, but there are usually between 30 and 50 meals served.</li> <li>• CANFRO pays the cook's salary and benefits, purchases drinking water and buys food. The cook is assisted in meal preparation and clean-up by students' parents who are required to give CEI 2 volunteer days year.</li> <li>• When Covid-19 struck in March, all services at CEI were suspended. However, CEI instituted an emergency food (dispensa) program that provided essential supplies to families except for two periods when Oaxaca was in 'red' and completely shut down. Representatives from about 600 CEI families come to CEI on a rotating basis (every 3 weeks) to pick up dispensas and cash.</li> <li>• CANFRO has made a commitment to fund the dispensas. Oaxaca Street Children Grassroots has provided cash for gas bills and transportation. CEI has handled the buying, assembly and distribution of the dispensas.</li> <li>• CANFRO has used Facebook, direct contact with current donors and word of mouth to ask for donations. 28 generous donors, both Canadian and American, have added \$6000 CAD to the Food Project dispensa fund – some have donated more than once.</li> </ul>	



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<b>Current Fiscal Year</b>	2020/21
<b>Requested Budget</b>	\$250,000 MXN
<b>Comments</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The requested budget is larger than usual. There is no way to know how or when Oaxaca will emerge from this crisis. Even as the city moves to 'Green' status, tourists and long-term winter residents may be slow to return, leaving vendors without their usual sources of income.</li><li>• The dispensa program will continue for as long as CEI sees the need. This means that CANFRO will continue to seek support donors.</li><li>• Regular meals at CEI will again be provided when it is safe to do so.</li><li>• In this exceptional times, CANFRO donors have helped provide hope. We all know how much difference each dollar makes in the lives of CEI families. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you</li></ul>	