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## 2019-20 Annual Project Report & Budget Request for 2020-21

Previous Fiscal Year	2019-20
Name of Project	HIGH SCHOOL PROJECT FOR GIRLS
Project Manager	Sandra Thomson
Approved Budget	120,000 pesos (approx. \$7,200 Can)
Actual Expenditures	120,000 pesos (approx. \$7,200 Can)
<b>Comments</b>	
<p>In this project CANFRO provides a guaranteed monthly stipend of \$2,000 pesos for 12 months to Indigenous girls in Grade 10, 11 and 12 to pay for their room and board costs. This monthly funding ensures that the girls' families allow them to stay in school instead of being married or forced to work. During fiscal year 2019-20 CANFRO supported 5 young women who met the rigorous demands of the program operated by our partner agency Fondo Guadalupe Musalem. The girls must maintain a grade point average of 9 out of 10 and must attend monthly tutoring/workshop sessions in the City of Oaxaca. Fondo Guadalupe Musalem continued to be fiscally responsible and runs the program from a nice house in a safe neighbourhood that is owned by the charity.</p>	



Current Fiscal Year	2020-21
Requested Budget	240,000 pesos (approx. \$14,400 Can.)
<b>Comments</b>	
<p>The Covid-19 Pandemic struck Oaxaca in Mid-March, forcing the small villages where the girls live to close their roads. The girls are not allowed to go to the city for the once a month training so the program is now being delivered via email, Facebook and WhatsApp. Fundraising efforts by our partner agency in Oaxaca have also been restricted and they are facing a much reduced financial projection for their operations. Fortunately, donations from Canadian donors to this project are at an all time high. Donations and pledges have been accumulated over the past year and there are sufficient funds on hand to support 10 girls at \$2,000 pesos per month x 12 months = \$240,000 pesos. This could not come at a better time and will not likely be repeated in future years. Normally we ask donors to make a three year pledge to support one girl through her high school years. We currently have four donors who have made this three year commitment. The success rate for this project is VERY high. 95% of the girls that CANFRO has supported have graduated from high school. Approx. 40% of them have gone on to University. The positive impact of their achievement will be felt by their families and their communities for years to come.</p>	