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Annual Project Report & Budget Request

Previous Fiscal Year	2019/20
Name of Project	THE TUTOR PROJECT
Project Manager	Jeff Richardson (Lynda Wilde to June 2019)
Approved Budget	\$250,000 MXN
Actual Expenditures	\$106,618 MXN
Comments	
<p>Again this year, the staff of our Oaxacan partner agency, the Oaxaca Learning Centre (TOLC) www.tolc.org.mx, did an absolutely stellar job at delivering The Tutor Project on our behalf. This was evident throughout the year, but even more so after the Covid-19 pandemic hit Oaxaca.</p> <p>In this project, CANFRO pays for Oaxacan university students to tutor and mentor high school students from low-income families in Oaxaca City and surrounding areas. In many cases, the tutors have themselves received tutoring at TOLC, and can therefore serve as role models for the high school students. In the 2019 calendar year, tutors provided some 7,200 hours of teaching to 241 students. TOLC statistics show that students who complete their Integral Training Program improve their grades, on average, by more than 30%.</p> <p>When the pandemic hit in March and schools were closed, Jaasiel Quero and his team at TOLC swung into action to set up online tutoring. They went to great lengths to locate students, many of whom had returned to their remote villages, and, when necessary, to provide them with the mobile phones, data cards (and sometimes Internet service) needed for tutoring, if their families could not afford them. TOLC sees the lessons provided by this new remote teaching as an opportunity to expand services in the future to more rural students.</p> <p>Another innovative service this year has been collaboration with the Hotel con Corazon in Zaachila. TOLC staff remotely tutor youth apprenticing at the hotel.</p> <p>Further, 22 students participated in the Admission Exam Preparation course, and this summer there was a third graduating class from the English Certified</p>	



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Program. And TOLC delivered its special four-week summer course, with 38 students attending online. Three days a week they studied math, physics and chemistry, and two days per week English, French, computing, creative writing, painting and chess!

In 2019/20, CANFRO received almost \$17,200 CDN in donations for The Tutor Project, which at Sept 2020 is approximately \$284,000 MXN. This is well above our target of \$250,000 MXN. However, for internal budgeting reasons, The Oaxaca Learning Centre chose to use just under \$107,000 MXN of this money; they said they would prefer to use the CANFRO money in the latter half of the 2020 calendar year. (At fiscal year-end July 31/20, there was \$68,700 MXN in the Tutor Project account in Oaxaca).

Current Fiscal Year	2020/21
Requested Budget	\$340,000 MXN
Comments	
<p>Our goal for 2020/21 is to pay the salaries and bonuses of all ten tutors for all 12 months of the year. Tutors are currently paid \$2,650 MXN per month, plus an annual bonus of \$2,000 MXN. Therefore, payments will total $\\$2,650 \times 10 \times 12 = \\$318,000$ MXN, plus bonuses of $\\$2,000 \times 10 = \\$20,000$ MXN, for a total cost of \$338,000 MXN.</p> <p>Given that CANFRO received about \$284,000 MXN in donations in 2019/20, we will need to raise an additional \$54,000 MXN (or \$3,300 CDN) in 2020/21.</p>	