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# Annual Project Report & Budget Request

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| Previous Fiscal Year | 2025-65 |
| Name of Project | Food Project |
| Project Manager | Laurie Thompson |
| Approved Budget | $115,500 MXN |
| Actual Expenditures | $111,377 MXN |

**Comments**

CANFRO's Food Project gives vital support to the hot meal program provided by our partner agency, Centro de Esperanza Infantil. CEI has two locations: Oaxaca centro (Casa Jodi) and Xoxocotlan (Casa Emilie). Casa Emilie offers both breakfast and 'comida' while Casa Jodie offers comida only. The kitchen at both Casa Emilie and Casa Jodi are sometimes utilized for enrichment classes offered to mothers of beneficiaries, such as baking workshops.

The low-income and marginalized families who qualify for CEI's programs are offered a balanced nutritious meal five days a week, year-round (except on extended school vacations). CANFRO's Food Project pays the cook's salary at Casa Jodi where **8713 meals** were cooked and served in the 2025-26 school year. Between the two centers, in the 2025-26 school year **12,716 meals** were served by CEI.

Thanks to ongoing support of Fundación del Dr Simi, each location of CEI continues to receive staples of rice, beans, milk and cereals and cooking oil for their kitchens, and to give to beneficiaries' families in the form of "*dispensas.*" Also, since students' parents are required to give CEI two volunteer days per year, the cook has assistance with the labor of meal preparation and clean-up.

Thanks to our dedicated donors to the Food Project (including a Soup Day fundraiser by a CANFRO donor) and ongoing support from the Schwartz Legacy Fund, CANFRO is able to keep its commitment of continuous support of the cook's salary.

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| Current Fiscal Year | 2026-27 |
| Requested Budget | $120,000 MXN |