



The Need for Local Partners (Latin America)

Why are local partners are needed?

Working in partnership with local non-governmental organizations, Pueblito provides capacity building and financial assistance to develop culturally appropriate, innovative programs that benefit children and youth directly. Pueblito's work in Latin American is achieved through effective partnerships with selected local organizations. These partner NGOs are well respected in their communities and they bring with them knowledge of the local context (social, political...) as well as in expertise working with other local organizations and government agencies. They understand better what local needs are and give invaluable advice on how to best implement initiatives. They provide the human resources, contacts and infrastructure needed to complete projects.

How are partners recruited?

Partners are recruited through a careful process that includes recommendations from trusted local contacts, reference checking, site visits to evaluate capacity and, when projects are approved, to monitor progress. Partners must also be able/willing to engage in on-going communications with Pueblito staff.

In order to be selected, partners must known and respected in their communities. They should have a long standing track record of successful projects and they must indicate an interest in working collaboratively. They must demonstrate that they have the capacity (human resources, contacts, expertise, etc.) to effectively plan an deliver a specific project.

What is meant by a symbiotic relationship?

A symbiotic relationship is one where both partners agree to work together in achievement of a common goal. Each partner brings important contributions to the endeavor and also stands to gain in important ways. The partnership model that forms the basis for Pueblito projects is one that allows all participants to share their knowledge and expertise and to learn and benefit from each other. A project that is successful is one where all



participants (teachers, students, youth) benefit. All partners stand to gain new knowledge and skills and thereby build capacity

By working with partner organizations, Pueblito ensures that its programs will be planned and implemented more successfully. The partners offer us invaluable knowledge and expertise.

What does Pueblito offer to its partners? We offer expertise and knowledge in the areas of international development, global education, teacher education, community engagement and project management. Most of all we offer access to much needed resources and support. We can also help organizations and program participants from both LA and Canada to make connections with their counterparts. Our partnerships allow us to ensure the long term impact of our work by building capacity and thereby improving the opportunity for long term sustainability.

What Pueblito Canada products would be delivered?

The partnership would deliver programs and services in line with Pueblito's mission.

What impact do we hope to achieve with this model?

This model is one that allows both partners to learn and grow. It is a model that offers a climate of mutual respect. Goals are created in collaboration and responsibilities shared. The strengths and needs of each partner are articulated and understood. The relationships are based on mutual respect and deep commitment to long term, shared goals. (See also Pueblito's global education vision statement)

Check List for Partner Selection

- recommended by other trusted partners
- proven (verifiable) record of successful community projects
- shared goals and values
- financial stability
- capacity for communications for project reporting
- willingness & capacity to host site visits by Pueblito staff
- stable structure



- adequate infrastructure & human resource capacity to meet project reporting and delivery demands
- links to relevant community organizations
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