







#### ANNUAL REPORT 2020

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# President Letter



To all,

In the most effusive way I am writing to you, to send you our warmest greetings, from me and especially on behalf of Escuela del Vidrio of El Progreso, Yoro.

Thank you to all of those who make possible the operation of our school, especially the Veron Foundation, the Nacar Foundation and collaborators.

It has been a very difficult year, with a lot of uncertainty, especially because of the measures taken with the arrival of the pandemic and the terrible situation caused by two consecutive hurricanes, which left our area in complete misery and destruction, as never seen before.

But despite all these obstacles, we kept together. Our students, even with the distance, could continue with their classes given by the teachers, whom I want to thank for the support provided in each of the necessary activities, for all the effort and dedication with which they carry out their work, worthy of admiration.

I would also like to say that I am proud to receive the support of the entire AEV board of directors; it is an honor to work with a well-intentioned group who is so committed to the education of young people.

I am sure that the next year will be better, with the experience learned and adapted to the obligatory changes that will govern this changing world.

Once more, thanks to all those who have made possible the delivery of food supplies to the families of the students during the pandemic and natural disasters, to those who make possible the solidarity scholarships that give opportunities to our young students and those who make possible the microcredits for the entrepreneurship of our students, thank you very much.

Dear students, thank you to you too.



# About AAEV

La Asociación Amigos de la Escuela del Vidrio (AAEV) is a non-profit NGDO, promoted by professional and committed people, whose mission is to fight for the access to education for young people, as a means to improve the quality of life and development at a community level.

### WHAT WE DO

Our motivation is driven by the young Hondurans, who we consider to be the future of our country. We act as an engine for any kind of initiatives promoted by different organizations that want to help in the fight for social development in Honduras through education, labor integration, entrepreneurship and community support. Escuela del Vidrio was the first project to be born and the most ambitious, but as you will see, we also work to grant university access, entrepreneurship, professional development and community and family assistance.

AAEV ensures the proper functioning of Escuela del Vidrio and supports both the educational program as well as the personal development of students, creating activities and events to raise funds for the education of young Hondurans. In addition to promoting community development projects.

#### GOALS

- **1.** Ensure the objectives of Escuela del Vidrio and any other program or project that may arise from it.
- 2. Support the implementation of activities at Escuela del Vidrio educational program.
- 3. Support the students' personal and professional development
- **4.** Contribute to the long-term and sustainable financing of projects.
- **5.** Support activities aimed at the integral development of the community in which Escuela del Vidrio is located



# Alignment with SDG



The activities performed by the AAEV NGO and its impact on society are aligned with the 2030 Agenda on Sustainable Development Goals, being these the effective means to achieve peace, security, life quality improvement and social development.





# Our Projects in 2020

#### **EDUCATION**

Escuela del Vidrio University Scholarships Escuela de Madres y Padres (School for Parents)

### **JOB INTEGRATION**

Microcredits to foster development Territorial Employment Board Entrepreneurs Community · Powered by Tetuan Valley

### **COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE**

Family Gardens Psychosocial care: Family Lockdown Psychosocial care: Support Groups COVID-19 Crisis: Handling of Supplies Emergency situation due to the Eta and Iota Hurricanes: hygiene kits and aids to the affected Computer equipment shipment to Honduras

#### PAUSED

Educational Volunteering in Escuela del Vidrio Technological Club Lahat, Vidrio de Honduras EDUCATODOS



# EDUCATIONAL PROJECTS



## ESCUELA DEL VIDRIO



**AREA** · Education

LOCATION · Aldea El Porvenir del Norte (Camalote). El Progreso, Yoro, Honduras

**DESCRIPTION** · The Escuela del Vidrio in Honduras, born in 2009, is an educational project meant to foster international cooperation and which continues every day with our ongoing support. Since 2015, the school has been located in the village of El Porvenir del Norte (Camalote), north of the city of El Progreso, Yoro, Honduras. Its main goal is to train young people so they can have access to a job opportunity and develop a decent life.

The Escuela del Vidrio provides for low-income youngsters from rural areas, who otherwise would not have access to an education. In fact, it offers them a three-year professional training in glass crafts or cooking and tourism, under the certification of CONEANFO (National Commission for the Development of Non-Formal Alternative Education). At the same time, they take the Basic Cycle exam (formal education) thanks to an agreement with IHER (Honduran Institute of Education by Radio) and can also access a Bachelor's degree.

Even if 2020 was a complicated year, as we were forced to close the school, we were able to continue with the academic year. We faced the digital gap squarely, even though the teachers had to make a huge effort to continue with the theoretical classes. We took desktop computers from the school to create network points in the most remote communities. The students were connected according to their possibilities, since they only had one device at home, usually belonging to a relative, and they could not afford the cost of the Internet.

COLLABORATORS · 20 field staff RECIPIENTS · 100 direct · 600 indirect

HOURS OF COLLABORATION · +1,600 hours EXPENSES · GLOBAL · \$247,420 · L 5,726,824 FUNDACIÓN VERÓN · \$118,639 · L 2,746,033 • NACAR FOUNDATION · \$128,781 · L 2,980,791

ANNUAL EXPENSES BY STUDENT · Nº de estudiantes 100 · GLOBAL · \$2,474 · L 57,268







**Nelson Herrera** 

David Herrera

Gresysi Valix

Juana Chavez

**AREA** · Education

#### LOCATION

El Progreso, Yoro, Honduras

**DESCRIPTION**  $\cdot$  In 2020 we have continued to support both young men, David and Nelson, in their university studies, which started in 2016 and 2019 respectively. Both have shown great efforts, since despite having to undertake online classes for the first time, with limited resources, they have had results above 75/100.

This year, we have worked from the field with our local partner, AAEV NGDO, to find more university agreements for our students at Escuela del Vidrio. Specifically, for those who desire to continue their studies after high school and vocational training.

As a result, we provided funding for two more students in this project. One of them is Greysi, who is studying a Law degree, with a 50% scholarship provided by UCENM plus the help of Veron Foundation. Greisy is a person who has enormously surprised us with her attitude and high grades, so we have also supported her by giving her a job position with the administrative team at Escuela del Vidrio, as a secretary. The other person who, in 2020 started her university studies, is Juana, who is studying Business Administration and Development with a 100% scholarship from UCENM. This was due to the fact that she was the student with the highest results who graduated in 2019 from Cooking and Tourism at Escuela del Vidrio. We truly believe that Juanita, as we usually call her, has a promising future.

#### **COLLABORATORS**

1 field staff · 3 volunteers in Spain **RECIPIENTS** · 4 direct · 24 indirect **GLOBAL EXPENSES** Expenses 2020: **\$2,470 · L 59,505 HOURS OF COLLABORATION** · 120 hours

#### **BECAS UNIVERSITARIAS 2020**

L 30,455	\$1,264
L 13,258	\$550
L 13,863	\$575
L 1,930	\$80
	L 13,258 L 13,863



### ESCUELA DE MADRES Y PADRES (SCHOOL FOR PARENTS)

AREA · Education and Community Assistance

**LOCATION** · Aldea El Porvenir del Norte (Camalote). El Progreso, Yoro, Honduras

**DESCRIPTION** · Escuela de Madres y Padres emerged from Escuela del Vidrio, with the goal of raising awareness among the students' families of the importance of their children's education, as well as their own, to achieve a brighter future. Besides, we provide parents with lectures and other kinds of training to help them improve their quality of life.

Escuela de Madres y Padres holds one or two sessions a month, in which orientation lectures are provided: equality and coexistence at home, the importance of their children's education, how to face family conflicts, etc. Craft activities are also carried out so that parents can sell them and have another source of income to provide for their families.

Because of COVID-19, we had to cancel the face-to-face sessions. The difficulties to access network connections or devices, adding the lack of knowledge about digital tools, made it very difficult for us to work on this project. Unfortunately, sessions were reduced to only two in 2020.

On the other hand, as you will see later on, we supported the families with food supplies and hygiene products instead.

COLLABORATORS · 5 field staff · Several local volunteers RECIPIENTS · 100 direct · 600 indirect HOURS OF COLLABORATION · 20 hours



# JOB INTEGRATION PROJECTS

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## MICROCREDITS TO FOSTER DEVELOPMENT

#### **AREA** · Labor Integration, Entrepreneurship and Community Assistance

LOCATION · El Progreso, Yoro. Honduras

**DESCRIPTION** · Veron Foundation's Social Support Fund, formerly known as the Young Entrepreneurs Fund, now offers grants in three different areas:

- 1. Youth Entrepreneurship
- 2. Employment Training
- 3. Community Assistance

How does it work? It is a specific fund created by the partner entities, targeted to young people with limited resources, who wish to start a business, undertake employment training or who are in need of any kind of social support. We have built this fund in Honduras with the AAEV NGO, which specially works for the maintenance and proper functioning of the educational project at Escuela del Vidrio, as well as in initiatives that favor community development and the care disadvantaged groups in the city of El Progreso and other communities around it.

The fund operates through microcredits, so it is nourished by repayments. This fund was started in 2016 and, for the time being, it works at zero interest. For each type of agreement, there is a program detailing the conditions, access requirements, commitments and responsibilities acknowledged. There is also a commitment agreement between the parties detailing the economic returns.

As with the rest of the companies and entrepreneurs around the world, the COVID crisis has affected young entrepreneurs. In 2020 we have directed our efforts to find out what they were going through to help them reinvent themselves.

#### COLLABORATORS · 4 RECIPIENTS · 3 direct · 18 indirect HOURS OF COLLABORATION · 177 hours

#### **FUND'S CAPACITY**

Total: \$19,289 · L 446,474 · In use (75%): \$14,467 · L 334,856 · Returned to the fund (25%): \$4,822 · L 111,619



# TERRITORIAL EMPLOYMENT BOARD

AREA · Inserción Laboral

LOCATION · El Progreso, Yoro, Honduras

**DESCRIPTION** • The Territorial Employment Board is developed at a national level, more specifically, at a municipal level. Those involved are the Labor and Social Security Secretariat of Honduras with the European Union through Euro+Labor, the Municipality of El Progreso, Non-Profit Foundations and Companies.

EURO+LABOR aims to strengthen decent employment and job opportunities for young people in Honduras.

This project is specifically aimed at young people with professional technical training between the ages of 17 and 40.

We, the Veron Foundation and the AAEV, are integrated into this program with the Escuela del Vidrio project, directly with the people affected. The reason is that our aim is to provide young people with decent jobs or at least with the opportunity of starting their own businesses. Therefore, the ultimate goal is to achieve the complete training: Education + Employment opportunity = Social development.

In 2020, some meetings were cancelled, but the activity was resumed through online meetings.

#### **COLLABORATORS** · 1

**RECIPIENTS** 1,500 direct 9,000 indirect

HOURS OF COLLABORATION · 60 hours



## ENTREPRENEURS COMMUNITY POWERED BY VA TETUANVALLEY

**DESCRIPTION** · The Entrepreneurs Community was born from the need that arises in young people, to understand the business world and receive specific training in order to launch their own projects. The goal is to provide young Hondurans with this knowledge from Tetuan Valley's hand. To this end, we have replicated their Startup School, adapting it to the Honduran reality, which will be formed by the generations that participate year after year. Thus, we will be building an ever-growing community of ongoing support and learning.

In 2020, we have been able to work on this program, apart from giving computer training sessions to young people who wanted to participate in it; since being young prevented them from having access to devices or network connection. We have been able to do it at the end of the year at Escuela del Vidrio. In parallel, we initiated contact with Honduran entrepreneurs, encouraging them to participate as mentors.

**COLLABORATORS** · 5 **RECIPIENTS** · 17 direct · 102 indirect

HOURS OF COLLABORATION · 20 hours



# COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE PROJECTS

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## FAMILY GARDENS

**AREA** · Community Assistance

**LOCATION** · El Progreso, Yoro, Honduras

**DESCRIPTION** · The Family Gardens project was born with three objectives: respect for the environment, access to food and environmental education.

Thanks to this project, families can have their own garden, from which they can feed themselves in an ecological and natural way, obtaining healthy food at affordable prices. This is the short-term return that families see in this project and which is very satisfactory for them.

But in the meantime, families are educated on the importance of caring for the environment, the use of organic waste to create their own compost, the generation of natural fertilizers, planting seasons, the care of soil nutrients and how to naturally protect their garden from pests or bugs.

Thanks to local volunteers who know these techniques perfectly, training is given to families so that they can make the most out of the seeds and soil that we provide thanks to your donations.

In 2020, the Municipality of El Progreso opened an aid program for the creation of family gardens. Through the NGO AAEV, our local partner, we requested support for 14 families and we helped 14 other families in parallel.

COLLABORATORS · 3 RECIPIENTS · 28 families · 112-196 indirect HOURS OF COLLABORATION · 80 hours EXPENSES · \$87 · L 2,010 EXPENSES BY RECIPIENT · \$3 · L 72

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## PSYCHOSOCIAL CARE

**AREA** · Asistencia Comunitaria

**LOCATION** · Spain - Honduras

**DESCRIPTION** · During and after the lockdown, which was specially long in Honduras, our partner, the AAEV NGO, and the local team identified many depression cases and worrying behaviors among our beneficiaries.

We contacted a psychology and family-therapy professional with the objective of initiating a collaboration agreement to support all the young people in need of psychological support.

#### **Family Lockdown**

We created an activity based on online lectures about Family Lockdown, which were organized by groups, including the beneficiaries. Its main content was the understanding of family relationships, cohabitation improvement, self-esteem development, assertiveness and the creation of a space to simulate the school environment that brings back so much to our students.

**COLLABORATORS** · 5 **RECIPIENTS** · 100 direct · 600 indirect **HOURS OF COLLABORATION** · 30 hours

#### **Meeting Groups**

An online space was created for every 15 days, called Support Group. This group was created to offer a safe place to share emotions, normalize them and find the support needed for those youngsters who wanted to participate.

**COLLABORATORS** · 2 **RECIPIENTS** · 6 direct · 36 indirect **HOURS OF COLLABORATION** · 8 hours

## **COVID19 CRISIS:** HANDLING OF SUPPLIES AND HYGIENE KITS

**AREA** · Humanitarian Aid

LOCATION · El Progreso, Yoro, Honduras

**DESCRIPTION** · In March 2020, and seeing that the COVID19 crisis had "paralyzed" our activity in Honduras, we organized a system to provide for food supplies and hygiene products to the families affected. Many of them depended on the scholarship that we offer at Escuela del Vidrio and now even more, since they were unable to generate any income.

Thanks to our working system and the local team, which was perfectly aware of the situation of each of the families we help to, we were able to react quickly and speed up the arrival of the aids provided.

To carry out this project, we had to negotiate a partnership with some supermarkets or stores in the city in order to create specific kits to each family. During 2020, we made 13 recurring deliveries to 90 families. COLLABORATORS · 20 RECIPIENTS 1,170 direct · 7,020 indirect

HOURS OF COLLABORATION · 2,080 hours

#### EXPENSES

\$50,272 · L 1,163,600

EXPENSES BY RECIPIENT \$43 · L 995









### EMERGENCY SITUATION DUE TO ETA AND IOTA HURRICANES HYGIENE KITS AND AIDS TO THE AFFECTED

**AREA** · Humanitarian Aid

#### LOCATION · El Progreso, Yoro, Honduras

**DESCRIPTION** · Last November 2020, the Eta and lota hurricanes devastated everything in their path and left the lower areas of the Sula Valley, the most affected area in Honduras, flooded. The Sula Valley includes San Pedro Sula, El Progreso, La Lima and Los Campos Bananeros; three of the four areas where, not only we have ongoing projects, but where the families we help, actually live.

In November and December 2020, we started this aiding program by providing food to the affected and setting up the schools as shelters. The families were living there with very little and without being able to respect the recommended social distancing against COVID-19 spread. We also used the Food Truck Solidarity project to reach all the remote areas where aid was lacking.

After a few weeks, when the water levels decreased, many families were able to clean their houses and we managed to address some of the damages caused and urgent needs of those affected. We opened a donation for the purchase of basic household goods such as mattresses, cooking stoves, gas for cooking, plates, pans, tables, chairs and other appliances, so that they could recover from such a devastating situation.

#### COLLABORATORS · 25 RECIPIENTS · 1,516 direct · 9,096 indirect

#### HOURS OF COLLABORATION · 300 horas

EXPENSES • \$15,049 · L 348,335 Basic goods · 10,625 · \$13,569 · L 314,073 Hygiene kits (200) · \$1,480 · L 34,262

EXPENSES PER RECIPIENT · \$10 · L 230



## COMPUTER SHIPMENT TO HONDURAS

**AREA** · Humanitarian Aid

LOCATION · El Progreso, Yoro, Honduras

**DESCRIPTION** · Thanks to ACOES Madrid and ACOES Honduras, we were able to send computer equipment, donated by Thales Spain and other participants, for our projects in Honduras. The shipment was made by sea at the end of November 2020, arriving in February 2021.

COLLABORATORS · 8 RECIPIENTS · 100 direct · 600 indirect

HOURS OF COLLABORATION · 90 hours

# PAUSED PROJECTS

2020 changed the plans for all of us. Some projects could be modified - as mentioned above in this report - others have emerged from scratch, but unfortunately, others had to be paused. Below, you can find the projects that will continue to be executed once the circumstances allow us to do so.

## EDUCATIONAL VOLUNTEERING AT ESCUELA DEL VIDRIO

Each year, Escuela del Vidrio identifies needs that can not be met if it was not for volunteers coming from other countries. The Veron Foundation organizes field trips for professional volunteers to support this project with our local partner, the AAEV NGO. Two programs were planned for 2020. Regarding the training for professional glass-making, we were looking for a volunteer who could provide training in flat glass sculpture. On the other hand, we wanted to bring a recurring volunteer for summer, the chef Sergio Fernandez, for the area of Cooking and Tourism. Given the circumstances, these programs could not be carried out.

## TECHNOLOGY CLUB

This project was born in 2019, thanks to the partnership between Tetuan Valley and Veron Foundation, and due to the low level that young Hondurans have in terms of using the Internet and other digital tools. The goal was to create a Technology Club for our young students at Escuela del Vidrio, to enhance their digital skills and provide them with the ability to work remotely in the future, develop their own projects or other initiatives that might arise from their proactivity.

Unfortunately, this project needed presentiality. Since our beneficiaries do not have devices at home nor network connection, we could not start it until they had resumed their regular activity at the school. Besides, it also required a field trip from two people at Tetuan Valley community, which could not be carried out either due to the global crisis situation.

## LAHAT, VIDRIO DE HONDURAS

It is a specialization project offered to graduates from Technical Studies at Escuela del Vidrio. The main goal here is to provide a path prior to their integration in the labor market, thanks to a dual, and very comprehensive, vocational training, where young people learn to run a business through real practices.

Due to the pandemic situation, the workshops remained closed, so this project had no activity either.

## EDUCATODOS

Education for all EDUCATODOS, is a program provided by the Ministry of Education, under the agreement No. 522-0436, signed between the United States of America and the Republic of Honduras.

It is a program designed by Honduran professionals, directed to the absent and excluded population from the schooling system, based on the National Curriculum for Basic Education, which ensures learning through the use of an interactive methodology.

Given the restrictions and the inadvisability of mobility, especially in such vulnerable communities, we were unable to participate in this program.

# Alliances













# Collaborators



# 2020 in numbers

INCOME	International Donations National Donations	<b>Lempiras</b> 7,336,877 12,106	<b>Dollar</b> 302,776 500
	Own Activity	53,064	2,190
	Total	7,402,047	305,466
	Balance 2019	989,158	11,068



### DETAILED EXPENSES

Projects 2020	Expenses lempiras	%	Recipients	Lempiras x recipient	Hours of Collaboration	Collaborators
Education						
Escuela del Vidrio in Honduras	5,726,824	78.4%	100	57,268	1,600	20
University Scholarship	59,505	0.8%	4	11,901	120	4
Escuela de Madres y Padres	-	-	100	-	20	5
Job integration						
Microcredits for development	-	-	3	-	177	4
Territorial Employment Board	-	-	1,500	-	60	1
Entrepreneurs Community	-	-	17	-	20	5
Community assistance						
Family Gardens	2,010	0.03%	28	72	80	3
Family Lockdown	-	-	100	-	30	5
Support Groups	-	-	6	-	8	2
Covid19 crisis: handling of supplies	1,163,600	15.9%	1,170	995	2,080	20
ETA e lota Hurricanes crisis	348,335	4.8%	1,516	230	300	25
Computer shipment to Honduras	-	-	100	-	90	8
Total expenses 2020	7,300,272	100%				

# Get Involved!

#### If you are a time to time donor, you inspire us to keep moving forward with the work we do

## HOW CAN YOU DONATE?

### **ECONOMIC DONATION**

Easy! You can donate via cash by contacting us or by making a bank transfer to ONGD-AEV Asociación Amigos de la Escuela del Vidrio BANPAIS - 010550006955

### **MATERIAL DONATION**

School supplies, backpacks... are always needed at the beginning of the academic year!

### **PRACTICES WITH PURPOSE**

If you like what our young students make in their glass craft or cooking classes you can make a donation that covers the costs of the materials used. In exchange, you will receive a solidarity product, being an ornament, food or service.

### **IMPORTANT**

Once you have made your donation, do not forget to contact us to **info@escueladelvidrio.ong** to provide us with your fiscal information. This way we will be able to send you a donation certificate, **which will be deducted from your income tax return.** 

## COME TO OUR EVENTS!

By coming to our events, not only you help, but you also get to share the experience with us and deepen into the work we do with our students. Stay tuned to our social media!

### **BECOME A VOLUNTEER**

There are many ways to cooperate as a volunteer and we would love you to be a part of it as well! Contact us via email info@escueladelvidrio.org

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