

Project Snapshot:

FOUNDATION FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

Location: Pedernales, Ecuador

Partner: Friends of Ecuador

Partner Website: www.friendsofecuador.org

Summary of project:

The Foundation for People with Disabilities exists to help the large disabled population of Pedernales, Ecuador, 90% of which come from impoverished families. There are no health care services for disabled people in the rural Pedernales region. The majority of the families who care for a person with disabilities cannot afford the 7-hour trip to closest city with medical services.

The goal of the organization is to provide disabled children with the professional care their disabilities need, as well as the opportunity for the mothers to share their experiences and to lessen the emotional burden of having a disabled child in an un-accepting environment. Currently, the Foundation offers physical and occupational therapy, some medical care, and language therapy provided by trained therapists.

Funds for this project:

100% of funds will support the Foundation in caring for the disabled and their families in the community.

"Do your little bit of good where you are; its those little bits of good put together that overwhelm the world."

Desmond Tutu



Ecuador Info:

Population: 14,790,608
(compared to USA's 310 M)

35% of the population live below the poverty line
(CIA World Factbook)

50% of the disabled population lives in poverty
(Inter-American Development Bank)

20% of the disabled population has no level of education
(Inter-American Development Bank)



