



Education Relief Fund:
Restoring Oaxaca from the Foundations



Overall Objective: to reduce the impact of the present political, economic and social crisis in Oaxaca, Mexico, on the well-being and development of the most vulnerable children and their families.

Method: to support the work of DIJO in Oaxaca, Mexico, so that it can respond to the complex set of needs that has emerged in this period of crisis with a central emphasis on the educational path of the city's children, in a way that is flexible in its response to the situation and does not threaten the integrity of the organization to continue offering its valuable services to this community in the long run.

Specific Objectives:

- **Education:** to continue offering and to expand concrete opportunities for quality education: supplemental academic programs for each level with qualified teachers.
- **Integral Well-Being:** to support the personal, physical and social development of children in a safe environment: programs in sports, creative arts and general recreation with the supervision and instruction of adults
- **Health and Nutrition:** to bolster the health and ensure nutrition of the children and their families: to ensure continuity of the meal services (*comedor*) and to expand the outreach of these services, as well as to coordinate in-kind donations to meet other specific needs such as those of infants and pregnant women.
- **Family Health:** to support mothers and families: continue activities that involve mothers in support networks, counseling and income generating activities.

Implementation: DIJO has developed an Action Plan—Emergency 2006 to coordinate the organization's response to the various dimensions of the current crisis; the plan includes enhancing the current set of programmatic activities and expanding the outreach to include more children at this time of acute vulnerability. The Education Relief Fund will be used to support the implementation of this plan over a period of one year (October 2006 – October 2007), with donated funds channeled directly to those activities benefiting the children within the communities served by DIJO. AVSI-USA, a non-profit organization with 501 (c)3 status, will manage the fund, ensure responsible accounting and oversee the implementation of the program. All donations to the fund will receive a corresponding receipt that is tax-deductible in the United States. Regular reports about the situation and the experiences of the beneficiaries will be prepared and circulated among donors to allow for personal involvement of all supporters in the reality being lived today in Oaxaca.

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