

Digital Communities - The Future is Mobile

Connecting Children in Nicaragua with the tools to learn.



The powerful presence of modern technology is undeniable around the world. Children across the globe are growing up in a time where modern technology and is fundamental to the way they communicate learn and develop. In Nicaragua, this is not the reality. Currently, Nicaragua accounts for the Central American country with the least access to the Internet, with only twenty percent of the six million population being connected. Access to the Internet and information technology are vital empowerment tools that will allow underprivileged members of society of this nation to overcome the constraints of traditional elitist spaces and gain unhindered access to learning. As young people are natural adopters of new technologies, SOS Children’s Villages in partnership with Miss Universe Canada, is embarking on integrating access to information technologies that will connect Nicaraguan youth to the broader world, revolutionizing the way education is imparted. Due to the now technological nature of society, job markets are increasingly demanding a computer literate workforce. In the not too distant future, knowledge and skills of computer use will become a basic requirement for securing a job. Through this project you can help strengthen the learning experiences of SOS Children’s Villages youth in Nicaragua, and equip them with the competitive edge to exponentially expand their opportunities.

Nicaragua Digital Community Project Budget

Quantity	Description	Cost Per Unit	Overall Cost
8	Laptop	\$600	\$4,800
8	Multifunctional Printers	\$230	\$1,840
8	Internet Protection	\$100	\$800
2	Internet Links	\$1,200	\$4,800
4	Wireless Access	\$200	\$800
4	Cleaning Kit	\$50	\$200
2	Firewall	\$1,500	\$3,000
2	Firewall License	\$500	\$1,000
2	Structured Cabling	\$750	\$1,500

Grand Total \$18,740

Representative of An information communication Technology system in one SOS Village in Nicaragua



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Miss Universe Canada supports SOS Children’s Villages improve the lives of vulnerable Nicaraguan children through ensuring access to Information communication technologies that promote self-sufficiency.

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SOS Children's Villages Impact in Nicaragua

Nicaragua is the largest country in Central America. Torn apart by political instability, civil war, poverty, and natural disasters, Nicaragua's tumultuous history, has had adverse effects that can still be seen today. Today, Nicaragua is the poorest country in Latin America, with 30 percent of its population living on less than \$2 a day. In a country with such high poverty levels, it is not surprising that children find themselves out of school and in the workplace in hopes of assisting their families financially. It is estimated that 500,000 Nicaraguan children aged 3-17 are not in the educational system. SOS Children's Villages work began in 1972 after a devastating earthquake left much of the country ravaged. Since, then SOS has been offering support in a multitude of capacities:

Strengthened families: SOS Social Centers provide vulnerable families with access to services such as day-care, enabling parents to support their children, keeping more families together, while reducing child labour within communities.

Care in SOS families: Children who have lost parental care can find a safe home with a loving SOS Mother to care for them and ensure their needs are met.

Education: 1,700 students from the area are taught at both primary and secondary levels.

Support for young people: Through mentoring, coaching and vocational training programs, SOS youth develop skills that foster healthy relationships, academic success and future employability.

SOS Children's Villages, holistic approach in the welfare and protection of children, works to ensure that they are safe from violence, persecution, and exploitation. SOS successfully restores the balance in life for abandoned and orphaned children, by uplifting them when crisis brings them down, guiding, sheltering and equipping them with the capacity to thrive while on the road from childhood to adulthood.



SOS Children's Villages Changes Lives

- SOS Children's Villages is an independent, non-governmental, non-denominational organization working to meet the needs of the most at-risk children and families in the world.
- Annually, SOS programs support 2.2 million children, youth and families in 134 countries.
- By enabling access to education and training, SOS opens a world of life-changing opportunities for the world's most marginalized populations.

Worldwide SOS Children's Villages operates 656 educational programs where 297,000 children and youth receive education and job training.



"My parents were absolutely central in my happiness and success as an adult. They gave me love and encouragement, advice and values, a wonderful education...all the tools I needed to succeed in life.

This is exactly what SOS Children's Villages provides to their children! SOS is there to give them the tools they need to have futures filled with hope and opportunity."

Natalie Glebova

Miss Universe Canada & Miss Universe