

Grandes Pasos

Patronato de Nutrición



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Patronato del Servicio Nacional de Nutrición (Nutrition Patronage)

MISSION

To contribute to reduce poverty and extreme poverty ratios in our country's rural areas and thus, children's undernourishment, through the development and implementation of the Self-Sustainable Development and Production Farms.

VISION

Organize and train the subsistence farmers in Associations, Producer Cooperatives, capable of producing efficiently, in a sustainable manner, the food that will guarantee them an adequate daily consumption for their families and items in the production destined to the commercialization, guaranteeing income that will allow them to improve their quality of life.



Macanito, Province of Veraguas

Our main objectives are:

- Contribute to improve food safety in the homes through access to food, through production.
- Develop productive activities with income-generating items. (Commercialization potential).
- Develop family groups organized producers-marketers with technical-management capacity.
- Develop a diversified and complete production, using natural resources rationally and protecting the environment, with a clear community participation.

The "Patronato de Nutrición" (Nutrition Patronage) is a non-profit special organization, created through law N° 17 of November 19, 1990, whereby Law 57 of December 19, 1951 is modified.

Formed by civic, trade union, religious, parents and Government Institutions groups. These organizations are:

- B'Nai B'Rith Association
- National Medical Association
- National Nurses Association
- Club Kiwanis of Panamá
- Club Activo 20-30
- Parents' Federation
- Catholic Church
- Ministry of Education
- Ministry of Health
- Ministry of Social Development
- Ministry of Agricultural Development
- Municipality of Panama



Caracol Abajo, Ngôbe Buglé Region

GREATEST ACHIEVEMENTS

- The production of food has increased in poverty areas, benefitting 2,298 families; guaranteeing the daily consumption and significantly improving the nutritional status of these families' children.
- Rural and indigenous folk cataloged as subsistence producers have been educated and trained, achieving the utilization of agricultural and cattle related techniques in harmony with the environment as well as the knowledge in management, administration, and commercialization of their products.

Goals

When installing a Self-Sustainable Development and Production Farm in a community, our goal is to:



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- Consolidate a family group into a producers' association with enough agro-business technique, owning the production media, legal status and with capacity to venture into the development of the country with less disadvantages within a period of 5 years.

Where do we have presence?

PROVINCE/ COMARCA	TOTAL FARM IMPLEMENTED TO DATE	Total Direct Beneficiaries	Total Indirect Beneficiaries
BOCAS DEL TORO	1	29	174
COCLÉ	64	1,401	8,406
COLÓN	29	544	3,264
COMARCA NGÖBE BUGLÉ	54	2,793	22,344
CHIRIQUÍ	9	314	1,884
DARIÉN	1	41	246
HERRERA	18	538	3,228
LOS SANTOS	5	101	606
PANAMÁ	54	1,288	7,728
VERAGUAS	75	1,988	11,928
TOTAL DE COMUNIDADES:	310	9,037	59,808

GREATEST ACHIEVEMENTS

- Four large Associations that agglutinate a significant number of farms by area and by province have been established, with the Self-Sustainable Production Farms' Association from the Province of Veraguas, Colón, Western Panamá and Eastern Panamá, with active participation of 411 producers, obtaining their Legal Status.
- The income obtained by the participant families based on their work and effort exceed the level of annual income of extreme poverty set by the World Bank (Annual Income US\$534.00). In the most recent study conducted the income per family showed an annual amount of US\$766.26

Our Farms

**La Chumicosa Farm, District of Soná, Province of Veraguas.
View of the Cultivation of Swamp Rice.
As of 2011, it has been 10 since its establishment.**



**La Chumicosa Farm, District of Soná, Province of Veraguas.
Panoramic View and Rice Cultivation.
As of 2011, it has been 10 since its establishment.**



Our mottos

"Do not give them the fish,
teach them to fish."

"Today's urban social
outcast, is the son of
yesterday's
underprivileged rural
folk."

"Contributing to build and
Panamá with less
shortages and more
productive and self-
sufficient people"

"Fighting hunger to
reduce poverty"

"Two Decades, Thousands
of Lives, Help Us to
continue transforming
poverty into self-
sufficiency and good
nourishment."

Our Farms

El Guabo Farm, District of Chagres, Province of Colón.
View of the Pineapple Parcel.
As of 2011, it has been 11 since its establishment.



La Zanca Farm, District of Olá, Province of Coclé.
Panoramic View of the Farm.
As of 2011, it has been 8 since its establishment.



Philosophies we
follow

"I think the best way of doing good to the poor, is not making them easy in poverty, but leading or driving them out of it".

Benjamin Franklin.

"We will not solve the problem of a hungry country by giving them flour and oil; we would only be extending the death. We would have to seek the cause that originates hunger. In the majority of communities low production of food, lack of water, deficient quality of public services: Education and Health problems stand out. If we start step-by-step with short, medium and long-term goals, we will have greater success probabilities and we will achieve more confidence in the capacity of the rural folk themselves to solve their problems".

FAO Technical Director
2009

Our Farms

**Las Gaitas Farm, District of Capira, Province of Panamá.
View of fish pond.**

As of 2011, it has been 11 since its establishment.



**Las Gaitas Farm, District of Capira, Province of Panamá.
Panoramic View and fish pond.**

As of 2011, it has been 11 since its establishment.



Our Farms

El Macano Farm, District of Antón, Province of Coclé. Panorámica View
With eight years of existence.



Palmilla Farm, District of Penonomé, Province of Coclé. Panoramic View
With nine years of existence.



Philosophies we follow

"I am proud of being a rural folk that plows our mother earth day after day, year after year; with the satisfaction of having created a family that depends on my production. I know that working in an organized manner and joining forces with other rural folk, together we are a great force. Alone, we will remain isolated without ears that listen to us; because THERE IS STRENGTH IN NUMBERS."

Producers, Los Zatrales Farm, Los Santos.
Training Seminar at Río Grande, Coclé

"We live in an unfair and paradoxical world; we loan money to the one who already has and deny it to the one who does not. This situation must be improved if we want to truly fight poverty"

Muhammad Yumus
Nobel Laureate, 2006

Our Farms

Macanito Farm, Las Palmas, Province of Veraguas

With seven years of existence



"Hunger is something beyond a technical problem; it is a social and moral problem which cannot be solved without having all the sectors of society contributing with ideas, knowledge and energy".

B.R. Sen
Former – General Director
FAO

"Within a few years, the world will be divided into two antagonistic groups; those who cannot sleep because they have not eaten and those who cannot sleep thinking about how to defend themselves from those who have not eaten".

Josue De Castro
Geography of Hunger

Covered cultivation, Caracol Abajo, Mironó, Ngöbe Buglé Region.
With eight years of existence.



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