



Organization of American States Interamerican Program of Judicial Facilitators Paraguay

Activity Report: September 2008

1. Introduction

During the month of September activities were based on the implementation of the baseline by the CIDSEP / UCA in the Department of Guairá. It is also of vital importance to promote the implementation of the system in the District of Concepcion and the Department of Guairá.

For the period saw, the recruitment of new field staff in order to strengthen the work in the Department of Design and the promotion / election of new facilitators in the Department of Guairá.

2. Activities Undertaken

2.1 Visits to Communities

During the month of September there were a total of 63 visits to communities conducted in the Districts of: Loreto, Bethlehem, Horqueta, Yby Yau and Concepcion in the Department of Concepcion; and Districts of Iturbe and Borja in the Department of Guairá.

Such visits were made to summon: meetings training, to perform community assemblies, to inform and choose facilitators, to provide follow-up work by the facilitators and meetings with community leaders to promote the service, etc.

2.2 Appointment of Facilitators

On September 30th, the elected facilitators reached a total of 65; during this period six court facilitators were appointed, as shown in the table below:

Facilitators Appointment in the month of September

#	District	Company	Facilitator	I.D. #
1	Loreto	Ycuá Porá	Miguel Esquivel Dávalos	2,908,220
2	Concepción	Romero Potrero	Rafael Nery Quintana Cáceres	2,807,250
3		Jhugua Santa Catalina	Eusebio Ramírez Pérez	2,885,302
4		Curuzú Ñu	Ramón Domínguez Merlo	1,807,926
5	Iturbe	Santa Lucía	Roberto Delgado Páez	2,155,119
6		Candea Guazú	Víctor Ayala Espínola	2,503,839

In the company of San Jose Obrero and Pacurí, judicial facilitators were chosen by the community, but they declined the post due to personal reasons. Also, a total of 23 companies were visited for the election of Facilitators, visits to members of Communal boards, community leaders, etc.

Community Assemblies made - No appointments

#	District	Company
1	Concepción	Romero Potrero
2		Roberto L. Petit
3		Caacupemí
4		Laguna Plató
5		Curuzú Nú
6		San Ramón
7	Loreto	Jhugua Bonete
8		Jhugua Guazú
9		Jhugua Rivas La Asunción
10		Zanja Cué San Miguel
11		Zanja Cué Fátima
12		Zanja Cué Rosario
13		San José Obrero
14		San Isidro
15		San Pablo
16		Pacurí
17		Naranjaty
18		San Luis Norte
19		Santa Lucía
20		Caacupemí
21	San Vicente	
22	Borja	Agustín Molas
23		La Costeada

In Paraguay, 20% of the facilitators' network is made up by women (thirteen facilitators). The following table shows the number of such facilitators in the different Departments and Districts:

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Department	District	Total Facilitators	Female Facilitators	%
Concepción	Belén	10	3	30
	Horqueta	13	5	38
	Loreto	14	0	0
	Ybu Yaú	10	3	30
	Concepción	10	1	1
Alto Paraguay	Bahía Negra	3	0	0
Guairá	Iturbe	4	1	25
	Borja	1	0	0
TOTAL:		65	13	20

2.3 Baseline

Between Tuesday the 9th and the Wed. the 10th of September, a field visit was made to the Department of Guairá with CIDSEP / UCA officials, in order to implement the Department's baseline.

The first day (Sept. 9th), the team's CIDSEP / UCA and PFJ / OAS departed from the city of Asuncion in the morning. Later, they moved the equipment to the District of Iturbe in which Companies of Concepcion were visited - Me and Candea Guazú.

We then proceeded to interview people related to these companies: teachers and principals, presidents of neighborhood committees, members of neighborhood associations and others.

On Wednesday, September 10th, we visited the districts of San Salvador, Borja and Iturbe headquarters. Along the way, we also visited the Companies of Yobay, Candea Me and St. Lucia.

We proceeded to interview and collect data relating to persons of such companies, such as principals and school teachers, members of neighborhood committees (commissions for - health, pro - orchard and sanitation, among others).

In this journey we visited the court of peace and police stations in the District of Iturbe, and we confirmed the absence of prosecutors in the area.

2.4 Training in the District of Concepcion

There was a round of training scheduled for Tuesday September 30th in the District of Concepcion (auditorium of the Ministry of Interior), which was suspended due to the state of emergency product of the storm on Monday September 29th in hours of the afternoon.

As a result of the storm, according to preliminary data, the roof of over fifty households were affected, fifty people were killed and four with injured. The storm affected mainly the city of Concepcion and neighboring companies. Seven facilitators attended the call, but the magistrate, Anibal Delgadillo, before the situation described above, preferred to re-schedule the first cycle of training in the District.

2. Diffusion

The officials responsible for the area continued to promote the program and proceeded to call facilitators thru community radio stations: Radio AM Concepcion (Concepcion), Loreto, Yby Yau among others. The Department of Guairá will provide community radios for the promotion of the facilitator's services starting in the month of October.

Two judicial facilitators of the Department of Concepcion, participated at the booth sponsored by the OAF in the North Expo in Concepcion (three days); delivering pamphlets about the facilitator's activities. The stand was visited by the Republic's President, Fernando Lugo, whom the facilitators informed about the program and activities being undertaken by the network in the country.

5. Recruitment of New Staff

During the month of July, a classified ad was paid to be posted in the newspaper "*Ultima Hora*," seeking CV's for promoters of various localities of the country;

as well as ads in radio stations were broadcasted in the respective departments. In addition, many interviews were conducted and a total of six people were selected for the Departments of Concepcion and Guairá. This continued the search for a female to be employed in the Department of Concepcion.

During the month of September, a contact was made with the candidates which led to the hiring of five of them, which then participated in the meeting for the evaluation and planning of the technical team for the program taking effect the last week of September in Asuncion. Two promoters were hired, more for the Department of Design (beginning to work on the month of October), the team is composed of:

Concepcion Staff Members

Position	Quantity	Women	%
Coordinator of Operations	1	1	100
Promoters	4	2	50
TOTAL	5	3	60

The team that promotes the program is strengthened, integrating a Female Coordinator of Operations for the Department of Concepcion. For the Department of Guairá three promoters were recruited (woman). The technical team for the program is as follows:

Position	Quantity	Women	%
Technical Coordinator	1	0	0
Coordinator of operations	1	1	100
Promoters	7	3	43
TOTAL	9	4	45

During the month of October, staff will be implemented in the program (1 driver and a promoter for the Department of Caazapá).

6. Other

In the Department of Concepcion, bonds of communication are maintained with the mayors of the five districts where the program is being implemented, the justices of peace continue to strengthen their relationship with the facilitators and their constituency.

The promoters of the program in Concepcion have made the respective approachements with the new governor and other authorities, and have also inform and sensitize them about the services provided by the facilitators and the role of the program.