



# OPS FUNDING REPORT 2008

## SEEDS OF HOPE 2008

More so than last year, 2008 has meant extreme and rapid growth for Seeds of Hope, in which the One Percent Scheme (OPS) donations have again played an important part.

The number of volunteers has risen considerably compared to last year (from 21 in 2007 to 40 in 2008). Our network is forever expanding, and as Seeds has gone on facebook as well, we feel we can maintain a relationship with every person volunteering, donating, or contributing in some way to Seeds of Hope.

The number of children has stayed fairly stable this year. In Huaraz we had the opportunity to do more in-depth analysis of the children by means of home and school visits conducted by our social worker and volunteers, and regular sessions with a collaborating private psychologist, and also one-on-one sessions with psychology students from a local university. All these initiatives are further consolidating our bond with the children and their families.

In Cusco, the number of children has grown slightly and the relationship with the children is stabilizing. Huge efforts are being made to build up good relationships with their families as well, also through home visits by our social worker and regular parents' meetings.

Volunteers from all trades chipped in this year to help us build a new home for one of the children's families, and also an extension to the school. Furthermore a team of volunteers helped design the outline for the Seeds café. And the foundations for the Seeds agencies are laid, so next year, in tourist season, we'll hit the ground running.

Particularly in Huaraz, Seeds of Hope is clearly establishing its place in the community. We now benefit from the support of the Clinica Internacional for medical and psychological advice. We're also building relationships with other local organizations such as Arco Iris (orphanage-eatery-workshops-bakery), Care (development in rural areas), Señor de los Milagros' school for children with learning disabilities in order to offer our children the most support possible in their education and development.

The OPS contribution for 2008 was used partly to maintain the Seeds of Hope schools and to support the children, and partly to invest in income generation projects. Below is a short overview of what exactly the money was spent on.

**OPS Contribution 2008**

**April-June 2008:**

Contribution to the decoration of the Seeds of Hope café: such as tables, chairs, a bookshelf, curtains and the paint/varnish that was needed for the furniture, the outside and inside area of the café.

Contribution to the purchase of school material for the kids including notebooks, pens, pencils, erasers, sharpeners, tape, ...

**July-September 2008:**

Contribution to the distribution of the Christmas cards from the UK to our volunteer network all over the world.

**October-December 2008:**

Contribution to the financing of our Christmas parties, both in Huaraz and in Cusco.

**January-March 2009:**

This contribution will be used for the purchase of a number of the children's school uniforms.



## SEEDS OF HOPE FUNDING PROPOSAL 2009

This proposal is based on the assumption that, if chosen for re-election, Seeds of Hope would receive approximately US\$2000 funding from the One Percent Scheme (OPS) for 2009.

The intention this year would be to focus fully on some of the children's specific needs. Still, Seeds of Hope relies primarily on volunteer payments to fund our organisation and as the income received from this source varies greatly throughout the year, it is very difficult to plan for the future. The projects in which we would like to invest the OPS funding would provide us with a secure income stream which would be used to sustain our schools and also to expand and develop the organisation.

### PROPOSED ACTIVITIES FOR APRIL - JUNE 2009

#### **US\$500 will be used to contribute to a balanced diet for the children:**

In Peru malnutrition is a fact of life for 25% of the population. As the majority of children from Seeds of Hope have suffered (and are still suffering) from malnutrition in the first years of their lives, their physical and mental growth has been compromised.

At Seeds of Hope we daily provide a hot drink with milk and other nutritious components (such as oats, quinoa, ...) and fruit. Some days of the week we provide an extra, namely bread with filling. But it's only a fragment of what their balanced diet should look like. We'd like to complement their weekly food supply with nutritious elements such as eggs, milk, meat, cereals, vegetables, ...

**So this installment will be used to complement our weekly supply of food with elements which will contribute to a better balanced diet for the children.**



## **PROPOSED ACTIVITIES FOR JULY - SEPTEMBER 2009**

**US\$500 will be used to offer the children (Huaraz) easier access to information and at the same time a modern communication tool:**

The school in Huaraz holds a small library with reference books but the children's schools give out very specific homework and expect their students to use the internet. Therefore, we would like to buy a laptop for the school. Every child would get some laptop time each week to search for material to help with their homework. Additionally we would be able to initiate the children in the use of internet and basic word processing programs.

Furthermore, we've set up a cultural exchange and communication program between Peruvian children and children from our (volunteer) network, allowing the children from all cultures to communicate, share and learn. Having a laptop in the school would stimulate the children's communication as they also all would get a limited amount of emailing time per week.

Any OPS member with children, nephews/nieces, ... of the same age group as the Seeds of Hope children can participate in the cultural exchange and communication program by setting up a communication (pen-pal type arrangement).

**So this installment will be used to buy a laptop which the children can use for their homework and to communicate.**

## **PROPOSED ACTIVITIES FOR OCTOBER - DECEMBER 2009**

**US\$500 will be partly used to create an unforgettable experience for the children and partly to give the children other options for the future:**

\* Our monthly 'paseos' are typically days out into an open field where the kids can play and run freely. We would love to be able to offer our children a more unforgettable experience such as take them out to the beach (Casma) as none of the kids have ever been to the beach before..., or provide a guided tour of the oldest Peruvian culture, Chavin. As both places are situated 4 hours away from Huaraz, the logistics are more complicated.

\* We try to organize as many workshops with professionals as possible for the kids. Last year the kids enjoyed classes on jewelry-making, recorder-playing, art-painting, decorating cookies, macramé, ... To be able to provide good future opportunities for the oldest children of Seeds of Hope, we want to establish workshops on how to set up micro-businesses.

**So the last installment of 2009 will be used to organize a 'farther-away' excursion (transportation+food+entry costs) for the kids and organize some workshops with professionals on how to create microbusinesses.**



## **PROPOSED ACTIVITIES FOR JANUARY - MARCH 2010**

**US\$500 will be used to expand our spiritual guidance of the children:**

In the past year, through our work with local psychology students, we have taken the first steps towards helping the children emotionally and psychologically. However, given the social and economic backgrounds of our children and their families, we still feel that there is a lot more work that needs to be done with the children. Our problem is that we lack the skills to do so. We therefore feel it is essential for us to bring in professional help in order to develop a psychological programme for the children including (1) individual evaluations and (2) evaluation of their behaviour within group situations (particularly in relation to their peers, family and teachers). We feel that this would enable us to flag up any issues as early as possible and that early intervention by professional psychologists could prevent the children being affected emotionally, psychologically and in terms of their learning.

**So the next installment will be used to gain the support of a NGO based in Huaraz, supplying their expertise in psychology whilst organizing the individual evaluations of the children as well as group dynamics.**

