



*HONDURAN ASSOCIATION TO AID THE AUTISTIC
(APO-AUTIS)*

First of all, I had the opportunity to receive the course of "Intellectual Disabilities" from August to October of the year 2003.

Since that happened, in 2 years many things were done such as:

1. Elaboration of the Project "Dream of APO-AUTIS".

(VISUAL PRESENTATION OF THE
PROJECT "DREAM OF APO-AUTIS")



Architect Loida Oyuela with her father the day they handed in the project.



2. We prepared the proposal for the Project “Free Butterflies”.

Our project was proposing to set up vocational workshops in bakery and pottery after we observed this sample in Japan and this information was a strong point in the approval of “Free Butterflies” because we based in other foreign experiences that were successful. The duration was 1 year (from july/2004-july/2005) and the budget was Lps.770,029.00 that is like \$40,528.00. The budget was supposed to cover the following needs:

- *To hire 4 persons as the staff.*
- *To invest in all the equipment and infrastructure.*
- *To buy materials and others.*



On the other hand, every organization had the responsibility to achieve a good grade in the project so, that all the equipment bought with the fund can be donated to the institution and can become a tool with 3 objectives:

- Vocational training for autistics.
- Sustainability of APO-AUTIS.
- Parents or families that have low incomes can have a manner to generate funds for themselves by selling the products





APPROVAL AND TRAINING WORKSHOP TO DEVELOP THE PROJECT "FREE BUTTERFLIES"



IMPORTANT DATA FROM THE PROJECT "FREE BUTTERFLIES"

<i>BENEFICIARIES</i>	QUANTITY	0-2	2.1-6	7-12	13-18	18-60	60 ...
<i>AUTISTIC CASES</i>	37		10	16	9	2	
<i>PARENTS AND RELATIVES</i>	66					65	1
<i>TOTAL</i>	103						

- Among the autistic cases 28 were male and 9 were female.

- The results of the project were excellent because all the objectives were fulfilled, for example:

The proposal was that 23 autistic cases had access to vocational training and we reached 37 that makes 161%
 Then, we proposed 23 parents and/or relatives involved in vocational training but, we reached 66 that makes 287%





BAKERY AND POTTERY WORKSHOPS





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3. Furthermore, another project was approved at the same time

Our project proposal was called “Sweet Metamorphosis” and only 7 organizations were selected under certain criteria like:

- Capacity of having counterparts to support the project.
- Impact of the results.
- Innovation.
- Focus in the topic, quality of the proposal and other aspects.



This project had a budget of \$5,000.00 but, at the end with all the support received it had a total cost of \$

For instance, "Sweet Metamorphosis" was a 1 year duration project (May/04-May/05) and had 4 main objectives:

- *To educate about autism and the labor APO-AUTIS does. This was done with short seminars given in schools and universities.*
- *To obtain inclusiveness or educational integration of autistic cases in regular schools.*
- *To reach cooperation from students before they graduate from college with the Social Education Work (T.E.S.) and to receive help from university students of related careers when they make their professional practice. .*
- *To achieve full acceptance from the parents regarding the disability of autism by speaking about their personal experience.*





APPROVAL AND AWARD OF RECOGNITION OF THE
PROJECT "SWEET METAMORPHOSIS"



We provided seminars in 60 places between schools and universities and we reached 1,647 persons but, a very important point is that in every seminar we had participation of the staff, volunteers, parents and members of the Directive Board.



4. We have planted consciousness in government and now they know that they have to help because 10% of the Hondurans suffer of a disability. As a result, we work and form part of a net of institutions and organizations that rehabilitate the disabled and all of them were created as an answer to the need of these population. In here we are 50 members that have achieved the major result of all this time and is the authorization of 12 million lempiras to all the institutions that conform the CIARH.



MEETINGS WITH MEMBERS OF CIARH.



Then, we have received direct collaboration from the First Lady Bureau and it's relevant because that opens foreign cooperation and like I mentioned is the first time we accomplish government support. From Mrs. Aguas Ocaña de Maduro we have received the following things:

- A monthly fund.
- To organize an activity to raise funds in our benefit which was a Dinner Concert Gala.
- Opportunity to apply or reinforce the space of application with projects at International Organizations.
- To participate in different activities from her Bureau such as seminars and meetings.





SUPPORT FROM THE FIRST LADY, MRS. AGUAS OCAÑA DE MADURO.



Also, we received help from the Sisters Maduro Bureau that it's an office formed by the daughters of the President and they have done the following benefits:

- 2 financial donations.
- Donation of didactic material (that will be given soon).
- Letters to reinforce certain petitions.





SUPPORT FROM THE PRESIDENT, MR. RICARDO MADURO AND THE SISTERS MADURO BUREAU



5. As soon as we came back from Japan, we had an expected meeting with the Director of JICA with whom we were trying to plan other actions in benefit of APO-AUTIS and we fulfilled 2:
- To participate in the Conference of “Daily Life Therapy” in Sao Paulo, Brazil with the purpose to extend the knowledge in different methodologies to treat autism.



•To apply to the possibility to get senior volunteers from Japan through JICA. This was achieved successfully and at the end of April of this year we got 2 experts that have almost 40 years of experience (1 special educator and 1 psychologist).



6. To participate in training events like the "IV International Symposium on Autism"



Then, a volunteer from Belgium invited us to a Residence of Autistic Adults in France called "HOUSE GUELPA-LONGO".



7. Finally, we continue programming activities to raise funds as the main form to provide sustainability of APO-AUTIS, organizing recreational activities that unify all the members, searching donations and contacts, preparing project proposals and all we consider necessary to accomplish our goals.















MARCOS DIOGENES

REMEMBER:

“HELPING AND LOVING OTHERS WE
FIND AND COMPREHEND BETTER
OURSELVES”.

**THANK YOU
VERY MUCH!**

