



Annual Report 2019-2020

Levántate Mujer site Sucre, Bolivia



Since 2012, Chalice has been partnering with the Levántate Mujer Foundation, run by the Good Shepherd Sisters of Bolivia, to carry out the sponsorship program in two of the capital city's most impoverished and at-risk districts: District Two and District Five. The site works mainly with large families who have migrated to Sucre from rural areas in search of opportunities, only to become marginalized by economic and linguistic differences. The site focuses on women, children and adolescents who are victims of drug and human trafficking. They also focus on families affected by HIV/AIDS and domestic violence.



Child



- The site supports 742 sponsored children, of which 94% are school-aged.
- 100% of sponsored children enrolled in school passed their grades and will move on to the next level, despite the challenges posed by COVID-19 school closures.
- The dropout rate was zero in the 2020 school year.
- 80% of sponsored students at the college level were able to progress to the next level of their studies. The remaining 20% faced challenges posed by the pandemic.



Family

- The site works with 442 families.
- 85% of the families are migrants from rural areas.
- Site staff have worked with 60% of mothers of sponsored children, holding discussions and workshops on topics including: human rights, leadership, financial literacy and personal development. The mothers are responding positively to what they are learning and have been inspired to start income-generating activities.
- The site staff encourage families to prioritize their children's educations and the importance of equal opportunities for boys and girls.
- The site staff have observed that members of family circles are developing healthier relationships, becoming more confident problem-solvers, and are more adept at communicating assertively.
- Through the gift catalogue, the site has helped families buy food, beds, eyeglasses, and the materials they need to set up their own small businesses.




Community

- Despite the limitations caused by the pandemic, family circles maintained a strong sense of solidarity. Families supported each other in difficult times and shared resources when they could.
- Parents involved in virtual family circle meetings found creative ways to make sure every parent could attend, despite varying access to the technology needed.

