



A YEAR IN REVIEW

Mano a Mano 2017 Annual Report

Mano a Mano's biggest strength is our community-based partnership model – bringing many people together to accomplish things that none of us could do on our own. Every activity, every project new or old, every event, depends on the dedication & effort many people. Before we look back at what we were able to do in 2016, we want to thank you:

- The people, schools, churches, community organizations, and foundations in the US;
- The communities & municipal governments in Bolivia;
- The people from many other countries that support Mano a Mano;
- And, of course, the core Mano a Mano staff & volunteers at all 5 of our counterpart organizations in Bolivia and the US.

Without your support – every person coming together and doing their part – none of this would be possible. Thank you!

Shipped 205,675 Pounds of Donated Supplies from Minnesota to Bolivia

Mano a Mano was started in 1994 with the goal of saving medical supplies that our co-founders saw being wasted in Minnesota and putting them to use in Bolivia, where they knew that there was a need. The surplus distribution program continues to be a critical part of our programs as we have expanded into other areas.

Supplies are distributed in Bolivia, free of charge, to Mano a Mano's projects, other nonprofit/civic organizations that help people in need, and individuals throughout the country. Below is a small sample of where the supplies ended up in 2017:

- Exchanging Supplies with HERO Fargo in North Dakota
- Distributing 90,000 Pounds of Medical Supplies to 60+ Organizations; nursing homes, hospitals, clinics, health posts in the amazon basin and many individuals, on July 1, 2017

Constructed 40 Surface Wells and 45 Farm Ponds in rural areas in Bolivia

Provided 50 Weekend Health Clinics in remote areas in the amazon basin in 2017

The number of weekend clinics is a 56% increase from 32 weekend health clinics in 2010.

Constructed 4 New Health Clinics (162 Health Clinic built to this date) in the rural regions of:

- Litoral
- Kewinal
- Villa Pampa
- Morado K'asa

Provided Emergency Flights for 306 People

Trained 720 Farmers and 1903 Students at the Center for Ecological Agriculture

Constructed 41 Greenhouses

Volunteers gave 18,979 Hours in the United States

Volunteers gave 34,197 Hours in Bolivia

Water Projects - Started work on a new water project in February 2017 in the Municipality of Maldonado. As with many of our projects, the working conditions are difficult: it is about 14,000 feet above sea level, and it is cold, wet, and windy.

Constructed 2 New Schools (61 School built to this date) in the communities of:

- Guitarrani
- Icla

Constructed New Roads, Landing Strips, and Provided Road Improvements to the municipalities of:



- Sumala
- Mara Pampa
- San Lorenzo

Sustainability of Projects

Mano a Mano has completed more than 300 projects, with a number of new projects underway at any given time. Every new project is a direct request from each community, and they are an active participant throughout the process. There are hundreds of communities on our waiting list for projects, and we are trying to meet the high demand as our resources allow us to.

But the most important aspect of these projects for Mano a Mano is the sustainability of projects that have been built; we want to ensure that anything that we build is used efficiently, is used for its intended purpose, and is in use for a long time.

One of Mano a Mano's basic philosophies in our community-based development model is to provide the most basic needs for communities – clinics, schools, roads, water projects, aviation runways, agricultural tools and training – that can serve as a springboard for other projects.

Mano a Mano's first major water reservoir built in 2006 is now part of the San Isidro Ecotourism Park

How You Can Help

If you are interested in learning more about us, and how you can help, please feel free to contact us.

- Stop by to volunteer
- Buy a book (all proceeds benefit Mano a Mano)
- Share this report with friends & family
- Make a monetary donation

THANK YOU for your support in 2017!

Looking forward to see you on September 16th for our annual fundraising picnic

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