



1.3 Million Students 32,000 Teachers 2,600 Schools/Centers 16 Countries



## Documenting 50 Years of Fe y Alegría Best Practices



### About Fe y Alegría:

The International Federation of Fe y Alegría (IFFyA) is the largest and most successful education provider in Latin America and the Caribbean outside of public education systems.

IFFyA is a Jesuit-sponsored network of schools, vocational training centers, and community services that reaches over 1.3 million of the poorest and most isolated members of society. It works in close partnership with the Education Ministries of 16 countries.

The first Fe y Alegría organization was founded by much-loved Jesuit José María Vélaz of Venezuela in 1955. It has inspired similar programs all over the world, including the Cristo Rey Catholic schools in the U.S.

### Background Information

Fe y Alegría believes that in order to excel and deliver high-quality education within this large continental network, they need to sustainably systematize experiences as part of the working cycle of the organization, in order to count with updated and pertinent information of innovative practices on each country. This would encourage the exchange of a collaborative learning process, as well as renovate new practices and knowledge in 16 countries.

Systematization is essential to FyA's 50 years of experience, as a methodology to document educational practices, determine conceptual and theories being applied, and learn lessons that will allow FyA to improve their services.



### Project Description:

The project plans to deliver a public "bank of experiences" with the result of systematizing at least 140 practices of education, social promotion and management, in 14 countries. Furthermore, the project plans to release a two-format media in order to share and disclose the information between the different public-private actors in the countries.

This practice will greatly contribute to the construction of theoretical-practical pedagogical knowledge, advance the skills and know-how of teachers and technicians, strengthen FyA as an institution, and set the groundwork for a transformative education process in Latin America and the Caribbean.

### Cost of the Project:

**\$336,000** Total cost of project for three years

### Impact:

- Strengthen international and national instances of coordination, promotion, communication, support, pursuit and systematization of the experiences.
- Contribute in a systemic manner to the elaboration of a public educative curriculum and alternative strategies.
- Document, disclose, replicate and scale experiences.
- Reflect and analyze critically the practices in order to improve or transform the programs or projects.
- Implement manuals for the training of teacher and staff.