



Best Practices: Documenting Fe y Alegría Venezuela’s Best Practices to Share with Others



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 Venezuela is the oldest and largest national network of Fe y Alegría programs, reaching over 300,000 children and adults annually. The organization has extensive experience in teacher training, vocational training, distance learning programs, and formal school education.

Fe y Alegría is aware, however, that it reaches different populations than the public education system in Venezuela, and would like to be able to share experience and best practices more fluidly across the two sectors. Because Fe y Alegría schools tend to be more effective than public schools, it has a wealth of knowledge to share.



Project Description:

Fe y Alegría Venezuela has proposed a project to identify and catalogue its best practices, in order to share them with other school systems, both public and private, in Venezuela and abroad. An independent team will be hired to analyze Fe y Alegría’s various teaching methods and educational offerings, including education in indigenous contexts, pre-school education, education in values, working with high-risk populations, and more. This team will determine those areas in which Fe y Alegría excels in particular.

Once this has been determined, Fe y Alegría will proceed to document the methodology and philosophy behind these best practices. They will publish this report and make it available to Fe y Alegría networks in the other 15 countries of Latin America and the Caribbean. The report will also be presented to national education officials in Venezuela in an attempt to create an initial public-private transfer of knowledge.

Cost of the Project:

\$90,000 TOTAL

Impact:

- Best practices made available to other educators and preserved for future use
- Improved collaboration between the public education system and Fe y Alegría’s network