



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



Social Pacts for Improving the Quality of Education in Venezuela



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

The IFFyA has decided to launch an international campaign throughout Latin America to promote social pacts for education. The goal of the campaign is to bring together governments, NGOs, universities, corporations and civil society in general, in order to sign social pacts that enhance quality of education as a way to eliminate poverty and inequality.

The “Public Action Program” (PAP) has been designed to create awareness in the public opinion and influence public policy to transform education in order to eliminate poverty and face successfully the new social realities of globalization and technological change.

The program seeks to mobilize public opinion in favor of education and to promote academic research about public policies related to the field. It also seeks to enhance the capabilities of Fe y Alegría in the negotiations with governments and other organizations of the civil society.



Project Description:

The main goal of this project is to promote and generate social platforms and dialogues between civil society and the Venezuelan government that lead to inclusive and participative public educational policies. FyA Venezuela needs to build a forum where government and organizations engage in a formal exchange of views about education.

The Social Pact for Education is a public opinion campaign, a lobby process, a forum for discussion and an educational process. The final goal is to seal an agreement, by means of a signed document, among key stakeholders in the educational arena, government and civil society that lead to a collective action to transform education.

Cost of the Project:

\$25,000	Research and publishing
\$45,000	Regional forums between community members and government
\$30,000	Administrative costs
\$100,000	TOTAL

Impact:

- Formalized channels for civil society to build relationships with the Government through sustainable participative mechanisms.
- Stronger relationships between FyA and the community, built on local development initiatives and civil networks.
- An informed and empowered community in issues of public educational interest.