

## **Vamos Adelante project request for Verein Guatemala Zentralamerika :**

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**Funds or Aid Requested (in \$ US):** 3000

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### **PROJECT INFORMATION**

#### **Special Extension of a successful food program**

**Purpose/Goal:** To finance 100 food bags each consisting of:

5 lbs beans, 1 liter cooking oil, 2 lbs sugar, 5 lbs of rice, 7 bags of pasta, 1 lbs oats and 2 lbs of Incaparina= a nutritious vitamin/mineral drink.

#### **Who will benefit:**

Very low- income families living in the village of Ceylan who are struggling to get enough food each day. Most participate in the food program you are financing but due to the COVID-19 situation we can not prepare any food directly like we did previously.

**Resources Needed:** US \$ 3000

#### **Vamos Adelante's programs for this and the coming year:**

It is very difficult right now to make any long- term plans and we really need to simplify our activities with the general recommendations by the government of social distance, not to meet in groups; really all important factors of our community worker's daily schedule and our programs. We normally visit the families, we organize meetings with the mothers, the children, the elderly, talk about their difficulties and try to find solutions. All that will not be possible. Now we can only see the people one by one ( most villages do not approve if people from other villages come) and never more than 10 per hour and the elderly should not even leave their house. Of course, we also run the daily food kitchen, but participants cannot eat in our little base any longer under our supervision but need to take the food home ; probably it will be better to continue to send them a substantial food bag .

COVID 19 has caused much unemployment and we still have no public transport, the assaults are increasing daily and the presently highly active volcano is truly a big concern as well.

Vamos Adelante will continue to support education of course, mostly handing out school material several times a year to students and pay their tuitions.

The food program will probably have to be expanded, we already see much more malnutrition in the area and it will probably not get better within the next year.

We will also continue to help patients with medicine, especially the elderly.

Things have become really tough and if the volcano continues to act up, Zapote, the village where we have our base, is first on the list to be re-located.

Our afternoon school program will not be able to continue for the time being due to the restrictions.

**Follow-Up/Assessment:** Vamos Adelante will supervise the families receiving the food as best as we can via telephone during this difficult time of COVID 19 .