

1. **Información general de la campaña:**
 - **Monto total a recaudar (teniendo en cuenta las comisiones/plataformas).**

\$50,000

- **Problemática que se busca atender**

Project Overview

Minga House Foundation seeks to raise **\$50,000** to provide **20 merit-based scholarships** for low-income children currently attending crowded, underfunded public schools in the rural coffee-growing region of Chinchiná, Caldas, Colombia. These scholarships will give low-income students access to a high-quality, bilingual education at **Colegio Menfis**, the first and only bilingual school in the area.

In a region where overcrowded classrooms, limited English instruction, and scarce resources hinder opportunities, this initiative will break the cycle of poverty and empower marginalized youth with the language, skills, and confidence to thrive in an interconnected world.

- **Cifras o datos relevantes que respalden esa problemática.**

The Problem

- Only 3% of Colombians are bilingual, ranking the country 8th in South America.
- Just 39% of high school graduates enroll in university, with rural rates even lower.
- Public schools in rural areas typically have an average of 40–45 students per class, with only 1–2 hours of English instruction per week.
- Students in rural Colombia consistently score lower in language and math compared to their urban peers.

For motivated students in Chinchiná, the opportunity to become bilingual and pursue higher education is almost nonexistent without outside support.

2. **Acciones a realizar:**

- ¿Qué actividades se llevarán a cabo para resolver dicha situación y cómo cumplen con la meta del programa?

The Solution: Merit-Based Scholarships

Scholarships will cover 100% of school baseline costs, ensuring students can fully participate in all aspects of school life. Each scholarship (\$2,500 per year) includes:

- Tuition, books, and uniforms
- Healthy lunch & snacks
- Extracurriculars: soccer, swimming, chess, judo
- English immersion camps during school breaks
- Leadership & career workshops
- Bi-annual school excursions and research projects

Participating students will carry on-going responsibilities in maintaining a minimum of 80% (3.0 or B) grade point average, demonstrate leadership, perform 2-hrs of community service, and demonstrate progression on acquiring English speaking fluency, ensuring shared responsibility and commitment. Failure to pass two quarterly evaluations by the Academic Council will result in discontinuation of the program.

Beyond Scholarships: Building a Bilingual Culture

The program extends outside the classroom to create a community-wide movement for bilingualism through:

- English Songs Festival

- Debate & Conversation Clubs
- Spelling Bee & Chess Club
- International Exchange & Young Ambassador Programs
- Career Planning Workshops
- Bilingual Tour Guide Challenge
- Worldschooling Ambassador Program

These activities motivate students, celebrate progress, and bring English into everyday life.

3. **Beneficiarios:**

- **¿Quiénes forman parte del proyecto?**

Beneficiaries

- 20 students (grades 6–11) from Chinchiná and surrounding rural villages (ages 12–17). Students are selected based on merit, leadership, community service, and English fluency progression.
- A community of 3,500 students (grades 6-11) will compete for the 20 scholarships, motivating all students to strive for their goals.
- Chinchina will see not only the 20 students reach their higher potential through quality bilingual education, but will also see the overall student population strive and improve, given a realistic tangible reward for their efforts. This campaign will foster a culture of attainment and rewards based on persistence and perseverance.

Community & Partnerships

Key partners include:

- **Colegio Menfis** – implementing school
- **Minga House Foundation** – project lead
- **Parents' Association, Local Government (Alcaldía de Chinchina), Chamber of Commerce, and Community Neighborhood Committees** – supporting partners

Minga House has already invested in excess of **\$300,000** since October 2022 in sponsoring Colegio Menfis, paying previous debt as a private institution, converting it into a nonprofit bilingual school, increasing teachers' salaries, upgrading infrastructure, providing student scholarships, and purchasing furniture and equipment. The first graduating class is scheduled for **2027**.

- **Número y perfil de beneficiarios (edades, ubicación geográfica, estrato, nivel socioeconómico, etc.)**

Impact

- **Short-Term (12 months - 2026):** 20 students enrolled with full support, improved English skills, and measurable academic growth.
- **Long-Term (2–5 years):** 100% of participants complete at least 1 CEFR level annually; graduates access higher education and employment opportunities that would otherwise be out of reach.
- **Community Impact:** A local culture of academic excellence and bilingualism, positioning Chinchiná as a model for rural education transformation in Colombia.

Why Fund This Project?

- **Proven commitment:** \$300,000 invested by Minga House to date.
- **Clear ROI:** \$2,500 = 1 student transformed, family uplifted, community inspired.
- **Sustainable:** Families co-invest, community institutions are engaged, and annual fundraising ensures long-term continuity.
- **Engaging for donors:** Sponsors are invited to visit, volunteer, mentor, and witness impact firsthand.

Call to Action

With your support, we can turn the resilience of Colombia's rural youth into a pathway of hope and opportunity. Together, we can fund 20 scholarships, create a model for rural bilingual education, and empower students to lead Colombia's future.

Investment needed: \$50,000

Impact: 20 lives transformed, 1 community uplifted, a nation inspired.

How can you help?

You may make a Charitable Contribution for any amount to cover any of the following annual expenses for each student, OR you may participate as a PADRINO (sponsor) for one child for \$2500 covering all the following expenses for one year.

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| Annual Registration Fee | \$ 179.49 |
| Monthly Tuition (10 mo) | \$ 897.44 |
| Books | \$ 102.56 |
| School Supplies | \$ 33.33 |
| Uniforms | \$ 179.49 |
| Healthy Lunch Plan | \$ 461.54 |
| Healthy Snack Plan | \$ 307.69 |
| Research Project Materials | \$ 153.85 |
| Afterschool Team Sport | \$ 128.21 |
| Two Annual Fieldtrip | \$ 76.92 |

Adicionalmente, necesitamos:

- **Un link abierto de Google Drive** con el material visual.

Emailed

- Entre **4 y 10 imágenes** PNG o JEP (puedes incluir más si lo consideras necesario).

Emailed

- **Video** (opcional, pero recomendable. Que sea un hyperlink): idealmente de menos de un minuto de duración.

In progress