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## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The "ETHNO-PROGRAM TO PROTECT BIODIVERSITY THROUGH FOOTBALL IN THE COLOMBIAN AMAZON BASIN" is a comprehensive strategy designed by the Women for Biodiversity Corporation to address the serious problem of illegal wildlife trafficking in the Colombian Amazon basin. This program focuses on the participation of Ticuna indigenous boys and girls, between the ages of 8 and 18, who are used by criminal structures to carry out activities related to the capture, transportation, purchase-sale, cage and logistics of endemic fauna and flora species.

The program consists of four interconnected and complementary components: educational, football, sustainability and communication. The educational component is essential to generate awareness and knowledge among Ticuna children about the importance of conserving Amazonian biodiversity and the dangers associated with the illegal trafficking of species. Through the implementation of educational programs and workshops, it seeks to integrate the traditional knowledge of indigenous communities with scientific knowledge to promote sustainable practices and the protection of endemic fauna and flora.

The soccer component of the program uses soccer as a powerful tool to engage Ticuna children in recreational and sporting activities. Through the practice of soccer, values such as teamwork, respect and sportsmanship are promoted, at the same time that they are offered a healthy and positive alternative to move them away from the criminal environment of species trafficking.

The sustainability component aims to strengthen the capacity of indigenous communities to protect and sustainably manage natural resources in the Amazon basin. Conservation, reforestation and responsible use of natural resources projects will be implemented, actively involving the indigenous families benefiting from the program. In addition, the creation of sustainable enterprises based on the valorization of Amazonian biodiversity will be encouraged, thus generating economic opportunities for indigenous communities.

The communication component seeks to disseminate the achievements and advances of the program, as well as to raise awareness in society in general about the importance of protecting biodiversity and combating the illegal trafficking of species in the Amazon basin. Effective communication strategies, such as awareness campaigns, community events and the media, will be used to promote the active participation of society in the protection of the region's natural heritage.

It is estimated that the program will benefit 300 Ticuna indigenous families, which represents approximately 5,000 boys and girls involved in the activities. The gender approach is a priority in the program, ensuring the equal participation of girls and boys in all stages and components of the project.

With this comprehensive approach and the active participation of indigenous communities, the "Football for Life Project: Protecting Amazon Biodiversity" program seeks to generate a significant impact in the fight against illegal trafficking of species in the Colombian Amazon basin, promoting conservation of biodiversity, the empowerment of Ticuna children and the sustainable development of indigenous communities.

## INTRODUCTION

The Ethno-Program to Protect Biodiversity through Soccer in the Colombian Amazon Basin is an innovative initiative developed by the Women for Biodiversity Corporation, with the aim of combating the illegal trafficking of species in the Colombian Amazon basin, specifically in the context of Ticuna indigenous communities. This multidimensional program seeks to address the problem of species trafficking from a comprehensive perspective, focusing on the empowerment of indigenous Ticuna boys and girls between the ages of 8 and 18.

The Colombian Amazon basin is recognized worldwide for its immense value in terms of biodiversity. However, it faces serious threats due to the illegal trafficking of species, a criminal activity that involves criminal networks and that has a devastating impact on the endemic fauna and flora of the region. What makes this situation even more alarming is the fact that criminal structures use indigenous Ticuna boys and girls as part of their modus operandi, taking advantage of their vulnerability and their knowledge of the territory.



In order to address this problem, the Ethno-Program is based on four key components: educational, football, sustainability and communication. The educational component seeks to generate awareness and knowledge among Ticuna children about the importance of conserving Amazonian biodiversity and the dangers associated with the illegal trafficking of species. Through educational programs adapted to the cultural and social reality of indigenous communities, respect for the natural environment will be promoted and sustainable conservation practices will be encouraged.

The soccer component of the program harnesses the power of sport, in this case soccer, to engage Ticuna boys and

girls in recreational and sporting activities. Soccer tournaments and training sessions will be organized to promote values such as teamwork, respect and solidarity. In addition, soccer will serve as a tool for social inclusion and will keep children away from criminal networks, providing them with a positive and healthy alternative.

Sustainability is another critical component of the program. Projects that strengthen the capacity of indigenous communities to protect and sustainably manage the natural resources of the region will be implemented. This will include reforestation activities, promotion of sustainable agricultural practices and valorization of biodiversity through local enterprises. In this way, a positive impact will be generated on the economy of the communities and long-term conservation will be encouraged.

The communication component will focus on disseminating the achievements and advances of the program, as well as raising awareness in society in general about the importance of protecting biodiversity and combating the illegal trafficking of species. Awareness campaigns, community events will be carried out and strategic alliances will be established with the media to maximize the reach of the message.

It is estimated that the Ethno-Program will benefit 300 Ticuna indigenous families, encompassing around 5,000 boys and girls. The gender approach is a fundamental aspect of the program, ensuring the equal participation of girls and boys in all stages and components of the project.

In summary, the Ethno-Program to Protect Biodiversity through Soccer in the Colombian Amazon Basin is a comprehensive and holistic initiative that seeks to effectively address the illegal trafficking of species, actively involving the indigenous Ticuna communities and providing them with tools to protect its natural heritage. Through a combination of education, sports, sustainability and communication, it seeks to generate a positive impact on the conservation of biodiversity and the well-being of indigenous communities in the Colombian Amazon basin.

## JUSTIFICATION

The Ethno-Program to Protect Biodiversity through Soccer in the Colombian Amazon Basin is developed as a response to an urgent and alarming problem: the illegal trafficking of species in the Amazon region. The Colombian Amazon Basin is home to rich biodiversity, but faces a growing threat from illicit species trade activities. This problem is

further aggravated by the participation of Ticuna indigenous boys and girls in these criminal activities.

The justification for this program lies in the need to address the illegal trafficking of species from a comprehensive perspective and focused on the active participation of the affected indigenous communities. The inclusion of Ticuna boys and girls in the program is based on the understanding that they are key agents of change to protect biodiversity and preserve their ancestral culture.

Figures and statistics support the urgency of addressing this problem. According to reported data, the illegal trafficking of species in the Colombian Amazon basin has increased significantly in recent years. It is estimated that the value of the illegal trade in fauna and flora reaches alarming figures, exceeding millions of dollars annually. In addition, it has been identified that the criminal groups involved in these activities use indigenous Ticuna boys and girls to carry out tasks related to the capture, transport and sale of species, exploiting their vulnerability and local knowledge.

The participation of Ticuna boys and girls in the Ethno-Program has a direct impact on their well-being and the preservation of their cultural identity. The involvement in illegal activities can expose them to physical and psychological dangers, as well as interrupt their education and integral development. By providing them with positive alternatives and opportunities to participate in the program, they are provided with a safe and constructive environment to develop their skills, strengthen their self-esteem and promote ethical values.

The educational component of the program is based on evidence that education is a powerful tool for behavior change and awareness. By imparting knowledge about the importance of conserving biodiversity and the negative impacts of illegal wildlife trafficking, it seeks to promote sustainable attitudes and practices among Ticuna children. The integration of traditional and scientific knowledge in educational programs guarantees the transmission of ancestral wisdom and the development of relevant skills for the protection of endemic fauna and flora.

Football and sports strategies are based on evidence that sport is a powerful tool for social inclusion and promotes values such as teamwork, respect and solidarity. Soccer is an activity widely practiced and valued in indigenous communities, and its integration into the program provides an opportunity to actively involve Ticuna boys and girls, keeping them away from criminal networks and providing them with a positive and enriching experience.

The sustainability of the Ethno-Program is justified by the need to generate lasting changes in the Ticuna indigenous communities and in the Amazon region. The implementation of sustainable projects, such as reforestation, the responsible use of natural resources and the promotion of ventures based on the valorization of biodiversity, seeks to generate economic income for the communities and establish a solid foundation for long-term conservation.



In summary, the Ethno-Program to Protect Biodiversity through Soccer in the Colombian Amazon Basin is justified based on the alarming figures of illegal species trafficking, the participation of Ticuna indigenous boys and girls in these activities and the need to address this problem from an integral perspective, including education, sport, sustainability and communication. This program seeks to generate a significant impact in the protection of biodiversity and the well-being of indigenous communities, empowering Ticuna children as agents of change for a sustainable future.

## **DIAGNOSIS OF THE PROBLEM**

The Ethno-Program to Protect Biodiversity through Soccer in the Colombian Amazon Basin arises as a response to a critical and complex problem: the illegal trafficking of species in the Amazon region and its impact on the Ticuna indigenous communities. To fully understand the magnitude and underlying causes of this problem, a detailed diagnosis is necessary.

The diagnosis reveals that the Colombian Amazon basin is one of the regions with the greatest biodiversity on the planet, hosting a large number of endemic and endangered species. However, this natural wealth also attracts criminal networks dedicated to the illegal trafficking of species, who see Amazonian fauna and flora as a lucrative source of income. According to data collected, the value of the

illegal trade in fauna and flora reaches staggering figures, exceeding millions of dollars annually.

An additional concern is the participation of Ticuna indigenous boys and girls in these criminal activities. Criminal structures exploit the vulnerability and local knowledge of Ticuna children to carry out tasks such as capturing, transporting, buying and selling, caging and logistics of endemic species. This exploitation not only exposes them to physical and psychological dangers, but also interrupts their education and comprehensive development, perpetuating a cycle of poverty and inequality.



The underlying causes of the problem are diverse and complex. First, the lack of awareness and environmental education in the Ticuna indigenous communities about the importance of biodiversity conservation and the negative impacts of illegal trafficking of species is identified. The lack of access to adequate educational programs and the gap between traditional and scientific knowledge contribute to this problem.

In addition, the precarious socioeconomic conditions in the Ticuna indigenous communities generate incentives to participate in illegal activities. The lack of economic opportunities and the lack of viable alternatives to improve their living conditions lead some members of the communities to get involved in species trafficking as a source of income.

Limited access to basic services, such as health, education, and transportation, makes it difficult to monitor and control the illegal trafficking of species in the Amazon region. This allows criminal networks to operate with relative impunity and hinders efforts by authorities to combat this illegal activity.

To address this diagnosis, it is essential to implement comprehensive and coordinated strategies. The Ethno-

Program proposes a multidimensional approach that combines education, sport, sustainability and communication. Through education, it seeks to raise awareness about the importance of conserving biodiversity and the risks associated with the illegal trafficking of species. The soccer component of the program provides a positive and healthy alternative for Ticuna children, keeping them away from criminal networks and promoting values such as teamwork and respect.

The sustainability of the program focuses on strengthening the capacities of the Ticuna indigenous communities to protect and sustainably manage the natural resources of the region. This includes reforestation projects, promotion of sustainable agricultural practices and valorization of biodiversity through local ventures.

In conclusion, the detailed diagnosis of the problem of illegal trafficking of species in the Colombian Amazon basin and the participation of Ticuna children reveals a complex problem that requires comprehensive action. The Ethno-Program is presented as a solution that addresses the underlying causes of the problem, promoting education, sports, sustainability and public awareness to protect biodiversity and safeguard the well-being of the Ticuna indigenous communities in the Amazon region.

## **PROGRAM OBJECTIVES**

The Ethno-Program's main objective is to combat the illegal trafficking of species in the Colombian Amazon basin, actively involving Ticuna indigenous children. Through its four key components: educational, football, sustainability and communication, it seeks to achieve the following specific objectives:



### **Educational Component:**

- Increase the awareness and knowledge of Ticuna children about the importance of conserving

Amazonian biodiversity and the risks associated with the illegal trafficking of species.

- Promote the appreciation of traditional and scientific knowledge about the endemic fauna and flora of the region, integrating them into educational programs adapted to the cultural and social reality of indigenous communities.
- Promote sustainable skills and attitudes in Ticuna children, so that they become active agents of conservation and protection of biodiversity.



### **Football Component:**

- Use soccer as a powerful tool to involve Ticuna boys and girls in sports and recreational activities, promoting values such as teamwork, respect, and solidarity.
- Provide a safe and constructive environment where Ticuna children can distance themselves from criminal activities related to species trafficking and develop physical, emotional and social skills.
- Foster the inclusion of girls and promote gender equity in participation and leadership in soccer activities.

### **Sustainability Component:**

- Strengthen the capacities of the Ticuna indigenous communities to protect and sustainably manage the natural resources of the Amazon region.
- Implement reforestation projects and promote sustainable agricultural practices, thus improving the quality of ecosystems and guaranteeing the availability of resources for future generations.
- Promote the creation of sustainable enterprises based on the valorization of biodiversity,

generating economic opportunities for indigenous communities and contributing to their integral development.

### **Communication Component:**

- Raise awareness in society in general about the importance of protecting biodiversity and combating the illegal trafficking of species in the Colombian Amazon basin.
- Disseminate the achievements and advances of the Ethno-Program, highlighting the success stories and the positive impacts on the Ticuna indigenous communities.
- Establish strategic alliances with the media to maximize the visibility of the program and promote the active participation of society in the protection of Amazonian biodiversity.

These objectives are translated into impacts and measurable results. It is estimated that the program will benefit 300 Ticuna indigenous families, representing approximately 5,000 boys and girls involved in the activities. Indicators of success include improving the knowledge and awareness of Ticuna children about biodiversity, reducing their participation in criminal activities related to species trafficking, increasing the equal participation of girls in soccer activities, and establishing of sustainable enterprises in indigenous communities.

In addition, it will seek to measure the impact on the region's ecosystems, such as the decrease in the illegal trafficking of species and the restoration of degraded areas through reforestation projects. Likewise, the influence of the program on public opinion and citizen participation in the protection of biodiversity will be evaluated, through indicators such as increased media coverage and participation in awareness campaigns.

In conclusion, the objectives of the Ethno-Program are focused on generating a significant change in the fight against the illegal trafficking of species, empowering indigenous Ticuna boys and girls through education, soccer, sustainability and communication. These components complement each other to promote the conservation of biodiversity and the well-being of indigenous communities in the Colombian Amazon basin.



- Implement reforestation projects in degraded areas of the Amazon basin, planting at least 5,000 native trees and evaluating their survival and growth over the course of a year.



## PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

- Carry out monthly workshops on the importance of conserving biodiversity and the risks of illegal trafficking in species, reaching at least 200 Ticuna children.
- Evaluate the knowledge acquired by the Ticuna children before and after the workshops, using questionnaires and comprehension tests.
- Organize educational visits to nature reserves and conservation centers, with the participation of 100 Ticuna children, to strengthen their connection with the natural environment and the value of biodiversity.
- Hold an annual biodiversity fair, where Ticuna children present research and dissemination projects related to the endemic fauna and flora of the region, with the participation of at least 50 projects.
- Establish a weekly soccer training program for Ticuna boys and girls, with a minimum attendance of 80% of the participants.
- Organize inter-community soccer tournaments that promote the inclusion of girls, with at least 10 participating teams and an attendance of 500 people.
- Monitor program participants, evaluating their physical, emotional, and social development through indicators such as improved technical skills, increased self-esteem, and decreased risk behaviors.
- Establish a mentoring program, where successful Ticuna youth in soccer provide support and guidance to the boys and girls, with at least 20 established mentor-mentee pairs.
- Train 50 Ticuna families in sustainable agricultural practices, such as agroecological cultivation and crop rotation, monitoring the adoption of these practices and their impact on food security and soil conservation.
- Support the establishment of at least 10 sustainable enterprises based on the valorization of biodiversity, providing technical training and access to local and regional markets.
- Evaluate the generation of income and the socioeconomic impact of the established enterprises, through indicators such as the increase in family income and the improvement of the living conditions of the communities.
- Design and disseminate awareness campaigns on the protection of biodiversity and the fight against the illegal trafficking of species, reaching at least 10,000 people through social networks and the media.
- Organize community awareness events, such as talks and documentary screenings, with an attendance of at least 200 people per event.
- Monitor the media coverage of the program, recording the number of news and reports related to the protection of biodiversity and the role of Ticuna children in the fight against illegal trafficking of species.
- Carry out public opinion surveys to assess the level of knowledge and support of society towards the protection of biodiversity and the participation of Ticuna children in the program, obtaining a representative sample of at least 500 people.

## MATERIALS AND METHODOLOGY

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<p><b>A1.1.</b> Carry out monthly workshops on the importance of conserving biodiversity and the risks of illegal trafficking in species, reaching at least 200 Ticuna children.</p>	<p>The monthly workshops on the importance of conserving biodiversity and the risks of illegal trafficking of species will be carried out using a participatory methodology and adapted to the culture and context of the Ticuna children. Various teaching materials and resources will be used to enrich the learning experience. The methodology will be based on the participatory education approach, encouraging the active participation of Ticuna children through interactive activities, role plays and group discussions. Dialogue and the exchange of knowledge will be promoted, integrating both the traditional knowledge of indigenous communities and scientific knowledge on biodiversity and species trafficking.</p> <p>The materials will include audiovisual presentations that will show the diversity of species in the Amazon basin and the negative impacts of the illegal trafficking of species. In addition, printed materials such as brochures and guides will be used, which the Ticuna children will be able to use both during the workshops and in their homes for consultation. Traditional resources, such as indigenous stories and legends, will also be used to strengthen the connection of children with their natural environment and promote the appreciation of biodiversity.</p> <p>It is expected to reach at least 200 Ticuna children through these monthly workshops. An attendance record will be kept to assess participation and the impact of the workshops on children's knowledge and attitude towards biodiversity conservation. This activity seeks to provide Ticuna children with the necessary knowledge and tools to understand the importance of protecting biodiversity and the negative effects of illegal trafficking of species, promoting their active role in the conservation of the Colombian Amazon basin.</p>
<p><b>A1.2.</b> Evaluate the knowledge acquired by the Ticuna children before and after the workshops, using questionnaires and comprehension tests.</p>	<p>The activity consists of evaluating the knowledge acquired by the Ticuna children before and after the workshops on the importance of biodiversity conservation and the risks of illegal trafficking of species. Questionnaires and comprehension tests will be used to measure the level of knowledge of the children before and after participation in the workshops.</p> <p>The methodology will be based on the application of structured questionnaires that will cover the topics covered in the workshops, such as the diversity of Amazonian species, threats to biodiversity and the consequences of illegal trafficking of species. The questionnaires will be adapted to the cultural and linguistic reality of Ticuna children, using clear and understandable language.</p> <p>In addition to the quizzes, comprehension tests will be applied to assess the children's ability to apply the knowledge acquired in practical situations. These tests could include the identification of endemic species, the understanding of situations related to the conservation of biodiversity and the evaluation of strategies to prevent the illegal trafficking of species.</p> <p>It is expected to obtain quantitative data that reflect the level of knowledge of the Ticuna children before and after the workshops, which will allow evaluating the impact of educational activities on their understanding of biodiversity and the illegal trafficking of species. These data will be analyzed and compared to determine the degree of improvement in the knowledge of the participants.</p> <p>This evaluation activity is crucial to measure the results of the program and make adjustments in educational strategies. The results obtained will allow evaluating the impact of the workshops and guarantee a continuous improvement in the transmission of knowledge on the conservation of biodiversity among Ticuna children.</p>
<p><b>A1.3.</b> Organize educational visits to nature reserves and conservation centers, with the participation of 100 Ticuna children, to strengthen their connection with the natural environment</p>	<p>The activity consists of organizing educational visits to natural reserves and conservation centers with the participation of 100 Ticuna children. The objective of these visits is to strengthen the connection of children with their natural environment and promote the appreciation of biodiversity. The methodology will be based on direct experience and contact with nature. Outings to nature reserves and conservation centers will be organized where Ticuna children will be able to observe and learn about the endemic fauna and flora of the Amazon region. During these visits, interactive activities will take place, such as guided tours, informative talks and participation in conservation projects.</p> <p>Various materials and resources will be used to enrich the learning experience of the Ticuna children. These materials may include printed guides, information brochures and audiovisual material showing the importance of biodiversity conservation and protection efforts carried out in the reserves and conservation centers visited.</p>



<p>and the value of biodiversity.</p>	<p>At least 100 Ticuna children are expected to participate in these educational visits. The selection of the participants will be carried out in coordination with the community authorities and indigenous leaders. A record of attendance will be kept and qualitative data will be collected about the experience and the impact perceived by the children.</p> <p>These educational visits will allow Ticuna children to strengthen their connection with the natural environment, get to know the biodiversity of the Amazon region up close, and understand the importance of its conservation. In addition, they will contribute to the development of a sense of belonging and responsibility towards the care of the environment in future generations.</p>
<p><b>A1.4.</b> Hold an annual biodiversity fair, where Ticuna children present research and dissemination projects related to the endemic fauna and flora of the region, with the participation of at least 50 projects.</p>	<p>The activity consists of holding an annual biodiversity fair, where Ticuna children will present research and dissemination projects related to the endemic fauna and flora of the Amazon region. The objective of this fair is to promote the exchange of knowledge and raise awareness about the importance of biodiversity.</p> <p>The methodology will be based on the active participation of Ticuna children, who will conduct research and prepare projects related to biodiversity. Guidance and support will be provided to carry out the projects, encouraging research, data collection and the presentation of results in a creative and didactic way.</p> <p>The fair will have the participation of at least 50 projects presented by Ticuna children. Each project will be exhibited in a booth or assigned space, where the children will be able to show their findings, share information about endemic species and highlight the challenges and solutions for their conservation.</p> <p>Various materials and resources will be used for the presentation of the projects, such as posters, models, photographs, samples of species, multimedia presentations, among others. These materials will enable Ticuna children to effectively communicate their research and spark public interest.</p> <p>The fair will be an event open to the community, where family, friends and other members of the community can attend and learn about Amazonian biodiversity. The participation and quality of the projects presented will be evaluated, promoting collaboration and recognition of the efforts of Ticuna children in the conservation of biodiversity.</p> <p>This activity will allow Ticuna children to strengthen their research and outreach skills, promoting a sense of empowerment and pride in their knowledge of local biodiversity. In addition, it will contribute to the awareness of the community about the importance of protecting and valuing the endemic fauna and flora of the Amazon region.</p>
<p><b>A2.1.</b> Establish a weekly soccer training program for Ticuna boys and girls, with a minimum attendance of 80% of the participants.</p>	<p>The activity consists of establishing a weekly soccer training program for Ticuna boys and girls. The objective of this program is to promote active participation in sports and recreational activities, fostering values such as teamwork, respect and solidarity.</p> <p>The methodology will be based on the organization of regular training sessions, with an approximate duration of 1 to 2 hours per session. Teaching techniques adapted to the age and level of the participants will be used, focusing on the development of technical, tactical and physical skills necessary for soccer.</p> <p>The necessary materials for the soccer training program will include balls, cones, goal nets, identification vests and other elements of the sport practice. In addition, audiovisual materials, such as training videos, may be used to improve understanding of game techniques and strategies.</p> <p>An attendance record will be established to evaluate the participation of Ticuna boys and girls in the program. A minimum attendance of 80% of the participants will be sought to guarantee the continuity and use of the program.</p> <p>The soccer training program will not only promote sports practice among Ticuna boys and girls, but will also provide them with a healthy and constructive activity that will keep them away from criminal activities related to species trafficking. In addition, it will contribute to the physical, emotional and social development of the participants, strengthening their self-esteem, confidence and interpersonal skills.</p>
<p><b>A2.2.</b> Organize inter-community soccer tournaments that promote the inclusion of girls, with at least 10 participating teams and an attendance of 500 people.</p>	<p>The activity consists of organizing inter-community soccer tournaments that promote the inclusion of girls. The objective of these tournaments is to encourage the equal participation of girls and promote gender equality in sports.</p> <p>The methodology will be based on the organization of competitive tournaments between teams from different Ticuna communities. Inclusion criteria will be established to guarantee the participation of at least 10 teams, with an equal representation of girls and boys in each team. The formation of mixed teams will be promoted to encourage interaction and teamwork between genders.</p> <p>Materials needed for inter-community tournaments will include balls, goal nets, cones, identification vests, and other sports items. In addition, markers and stopwatches may be used to record the results of the matches and maintain proper monitoring of the development of the tournament.</p> <p>An attendance of at least 500 people is expected, including players, family members and members of the community. This will create an environment of healthy competition and raise awareness about the inclusion of girls in football.</p>

	<p>These tournaments will not only promote the equal participation of girls in sports, but will also provide a space for the development of sports skills, the promotion of values, and social interaction among Ticuna communities. In addition, they will contribute to raising awareness about gender equality and the importance of girls' participation in all areas of society.</p>
<p><b>A2.3.</b> Monitor program participants, evaluating their physical, emotional, and social development through indicators such as improved technical skills, increased self-esteem, and decreased risk behaviors.</p>	<p>The activity consists of monitoring program participants, evaluating their physical, emotional and social development through specific indicators. The objective is to measure the impact of the program on Ticuna children, identifying improvements in technical skills, self-esteem and reduction of risk behaviors.</p> <p>The methodology will be based on data collection through direct observations, questionnaires and interviews. Records will be kept of participation in sports activities, progress in technical soccer skills, and regular attendance at the program. In addition, questionnaires and evaluation scales will be used to measure the self-esteem, emotional well-being and behavior of the participants.</p> <p>Materials needed for the follow-up activity will include registration forms, structured questionnaires, and validated rating scales. Technological tools, such as applications or digital platforms, may also be used to facilitate the process of data collection and analysis.</p> <p>The indicators used to evaluate the physical, emotional and social development of the participants will include the improvement in technical soccer skills, the increase in self-esteem measured through rating scales, and the decrease in risk behaviors, such as substance use. or participation in criminal activities.</p> <p>Continuous monitoring will make it possible to identify the strengths and areas for improvement of the participants, as well as to adjust the strategies of the program based on the results obtained. This quantitative and qualitative data will be essential to assess the impact of the program and make continuous improvements for the benefit of Ticuna children.</p>
<p><b>A2.4.</b> Establish a mentoring program, where successful Ticuna youth in soccer provide support and guidance to the boys and girls, with at least 20 established mentor-mentee pairs.</p>	<p>The activity consists of establishing a mentoring program in which successful Ticuna youth in soccer provide support and guidance to the participating boys and girls. The objective is to foster the learning and personal development of children through the example and guidance of their mentors.</p> <p>The methodology will be based on the identification of Ticuna youth with outstanding soccer skills, who will become mentors for the participating children. A mentor-mentee relationship will be established, where the mentors will provide support, advice and guidance to the children in technical, tactical, emotional and motivational aspects related to soccer.</p> <p>Materials needed for this activity will include soccer educational resources such as books, videos, and digital tools that the mentors can use to share knowledge and practical exercises with the children. In addition, direct interaction and the accompaniment of mentors in training and competition activities will be promoted. A minimum of 20 mentor-mentee pairs will be established, ensuring an adequate balance between the number of mentors available and the number of participating children. This will allow personalized and quality attention for each mentee.</p> <p>The mentoring program will provide the Ticuna children with a role model and ongoing support in their sporting and personal development. This mentor-mentee relationship is expected to foster the confidence, motivation and growth of the participants, strengthening their self-esteem and providing them with unique learning opportunities.</p> <p>This quantitative and qualitative data will be essential to assess the impact of the program and make continuous improvements for the benefit of Ticuna children.</p>
<p><b>A3.1.</b> Implement reforestation projects in degraded areas of the Amazon basin, planting at least 5,000 native trees and evaluating their survival and growth over the course of a year.</p>	<p>The activity consists of implementing reforestation projects in degraded areas of the Amazon basin, with the aim of restoring ecosystems and promoting the conservation of biodiversity. At least 5,000 native trees will be planted and evaluated for their survival and growth over a year.</p> <p>The methodology will be based on the identification of degraded areas in the Amazon basin that require reforestation actions. Appropriate native tree species will be selected for each zone and planting logistics will be planned. Appropriate planting methods will be established, such as the use of holes and the incorporation of organic matter to ensure adequate seedling development.</p> <p>Materials needed for the activity will include native tree seedlings, garden tools, and soil preparation supplies. Adequate irrigation systems may be used to guarantee the proper growth of the seedlings during their establishment.</p> <p>Periodic monitoring of the reforested areas will be carried out to assess the survival and growth of the planted trees. Data will be recorded on the survival rate, height and diameter of trees, as well as their contribution to ecosystem restoration and biodiversity conservation.</p> <p>It is expected that at least 5,000 native trees will be planted in degraded areas of the Amazon basin as a result of this activity. The data collected on tree survival and growth will provide a basis for evaluating the success of reforestation projects and making improvements in future interventions.</p>

	<p>This activity will contribute to the restoration of the ecosystems of the Amazon basin, improving the quality of the habitat for endemic fauna and flora, and strengthening the resilience of ecosystems in the face of climate change.</p>
<p><b>A3.2.</b> Train 50 Ticuna families in sustainable agricultural practices, such as agroecological cultivation and crop rotation, monitoring the adoption of these practices and their impact on food security and soil conservation.</p>	<p>The activity consists of training 50 Ticuna families in sustainable agricultural practices, such as agroecological cultivation and crop rotation. The objective is to promote more sustainable production systems that contribute to food security and soil conservation.</p> <p>The methodology will be based on the theoretical and practical training of Ticuna families in sustainable agricultural practices. Workshops and training sessions will be provided where topics such as agroecology, the importance of crop diversity and crop rotation techniques will be addressed. The active participation of families will be promoted to encourage hands-on learning.</p> <p>The materials needed for the activity will include educational materials, such as guides and brochures, that provide information on sustainable agricultural practices. In addition, agricultural tools, seeds and organic fertilizers may be used to support the implementation of the practices learned.</p> <p>Families trained will be monitored to assess the adoption of sustainable agricultural practices and their impact on food security and soil conservation. Data will be collected on the diversity of crops planted, the use of pesticides and fertilizers, the productivity of the plots and the quality of the soil.</p> <p>It is expected that at least 50 Ticuna families will be trained in these sustainable agricultural practices. Monitoring the adoption of these practices and their impact will allow evaluating the success of the training and making adjustments based on the results obtained.</p> <p>This activity will contribute to improving the sustainability of agricultural practices in the Ticuna communities, promoting food security, crop diversification and soil conservation, in addition to reducing dependence on chemical inputs that are harmful to the environment.</p>
<p><b>A3.3.</b> Support the establishment of at least 10 sustainable enterprises based on the valorization of biodiversity, providing technical training and access to local and regional markets.</p>	<p>The activity consists of supporting the establishment of at least 10 sustainable enterprises based on the valorization of biodiversity in the Colombian Amazon basin. The objective is to promote the conservation of biodiversity while generating economic opportunities for the Ticuna communities.</p> <p>The methodology will be based on providing technical training to local entrepreneurs, providing knowledge on the sustainable management of natural resources, the production of products derived from biodiversity and marketing practices. Workshops, training and personalized advice will be offered to support the development of business skills.</p> <p>In addition to training, links will be established with local and regional markets to facilitate the commercialization of the products of sustainable enterprises. Alliances will be made with distributors, stores and local fairs to expand sales opportunities and promote product visibility.</p> <p>Materials needed for this activity will include educational resources on sustainable natural resource management, product development, and marketing. In addition, promotional and branding materials may be provided to strengthen the image of the enterprises and attract consumers.</p> <p>It is expected that at least 10 sustainable ventures will be established and strengthened through this support. The success of the ventures will be evaluated based on their economic sustainability, their impact on the conservation of biodiversity and their contribution to the socioeconomic development of the Ticuna communities.</p> <p>This activity seeks to promote the sustainable economic development of the Ticuna communities, encouraging the appreciation of biodiversity and generating local employment. In turn, you will contribute to the conservation of biodiversity by encouraging responsible and sustainable business practices.</p>
<p><b>A3.4.</b> Evaluate the generation of income and the socioeconomic impact of the established enterprises, through indicators such as the increase in family income and the improvement of the</p>	<p>The activity consists of evaluating the generation of income and the socioeconomic impact of the established enterprises, using indicators such as the increase in family income and the improvement of the living conditions of the Ticuna communities.</p> <p>The methodology will be based on the collection of data on the income generated by sustainable enterprises and their impact on families and communities. Surveys and interviews will be carried out with entrepreneurs and members of the communities to collect information on the increase in family income, the level of employment generated, the improvement in the quality of life and other relevant socioeconomic indicators.</p> <p>The materials needed for this evaluation will include structured questionnaires, data recording tools, and software for statistical analysis. In addition, participatory methods, such as focus groups and community discussions, can be used to obtain a more complete vision of the impact of the ventures in the community.</p> <p>The increase in family income will be evaluated through indicators such as the increase in monthly income, the diversification of sources of income and the reduction of dependence on informal economic activities. In addition, other socioeconomic aspects will be considered, such as access to basic services, investment in education and health, and participation in community decisions.</p>

<p>living conditions of the communities.</p>	<p>The analysis of the data collected will allow the evaluation of the socioeconomic impact of the established enterprises and determine their contribution to the sustainable development of the Ticuna communities. These data will be essential to identify areas for improvement and make adjustments to the support strategies for the ventures, with the aim of maximizing their positive impact on the living conditions of the communities.</p>
<p><b>A4.1.</b> Design and disseminate awareness campaigns on the protection of biodiversity and the fight against the illegal trafficking of species, reaching at least 10,000 people through social networks and the media.</p>	<p>The activity consists of designing and disseminating awareness campaigns on the protection of biodiversity and the fight against the illegal trafficking of species, with the aim of reaching at least 10,000 people through social networks and the media.</p> <p>The methodology will be based on the creation of informative and persuasive content that highlights the importance of biodiversity and the dangers of illegal species trafficking. Clear and attractive messages will be designed to promote awareness and individual and collective responsibility towards the protection of the endemic fauna and flora of the Amazon basin.</p> <p>The materials necessary for this activity will include the creation of images, videos, infographics and other visual resources that are shareable through social networks and the media. In addition, brochures, posters, and other printed materials may be developed for distribution in communities, schools, and public places. The dissemination will be carried out through social networks, such as Facebook, Instagram and Twitter, as well as in local and regional media, such as radio, television and newspapers. Digital marketing and public relations strategies will be used to maximize the reach of the campaigns and ensure their impact.</p> <p>It is expected to reach at least 10,000 people through these awareness campaigns. The impact of the campaigns will be evaluated through indicators such as the reach and interaction in social networks, the number of visualizations of audiovisual materials and the feedback received from the audience.</p> <p>These awareness campaigns will be essential to promote a change in attitude and behavior towards the protection of biodiversity and the fight against the illegal trafficking of species. Through the massive dissemination of powerful and educational messages, it is expected to generate awareness and motivate the community to take concrete actions for the conservation of biodiversity in the Amazon basin.</p>
<p><b>A4.2.</b> Organize community awareness events, such as talks and documentary screenings, with an attendance of at least 200 people per event.</p>	<p>The activity consists of organizing community awareness events, such as talks and documentary screenings, with the aim of reaching a minimum attendance of 200 people per event and promoting awareness about the protection of biodiversity and the fight against illegal trafficking of species.</p> <p>The methodology will be based on the planning and organization of community events in places that are accessible and highly attended by the Ticuna community. Experts and qualified speakers will be selected to provide informative talks on the importance of biodiversity and the risks of illegal trafficking of species. In addition, powerful and educational documentaries related to the subject will be screened.</p> <p>The materials needed for this activity will include audiovisual equipment (projectors, screens, speakers), promotional materials (posters, brochures) and educational resources related to biodiversity and illegal trafficking of species. Collaboration with local organizations and experts will be sought to ensure the quality of the content presented.</p> <p>It is expected to reach a minimum attendance of 200 people per event. The dissemination and commitment of the Ticuna community will be promoted through marketing strategies, such as the distribution of flyers, promotion in social networks and the participation of community leaders in the dissemination of the event. Attendance will be tracked through check-ins and feedback surveys to assess the effectiveness of events and measure the level of awareness and knowledge gained by attendees.</p> <p>These community awareness events will provide a platform to educate and actively involve the Ticuna community in the protection of biodiversity and the fight against illegal trafficking of species. Through informative talks and documentary screenings, it is hoped to awaken collective awareness and encourage the adoption of sustainable practices for the conservation of biodiversity in the Amazon basin.</p>
<p><b>A4.3.</b> Monitor the media coverage of the program, recording the number of news and reports related to the protection of biodiversity and the</p>	<p>The activity consists of monitoring the media coverage of the program, recording the number of news and reports related to the protection of biodiversity and the role of Ticuna children in the fight against the illegal trafficking of species.</p> <p>The methodology will be based on the collection of information from different media, such as newspapers, magazines, television channels and websites. There will be a systematic monitoring of the news and reports that address issues related to the protection of biodiversity and the participation of Ticuna children in the fight against the illegal trafficking of species.</p> <p>To carry out this monitoring, specialized media monitoring tools will be used and clear criteria will be established for the inclusion of relevant news. Data such as the name of the medium, the date of publication, the content of the article or report and the thematic focus will be recorded.</p>

<p>role of Ticuna children in the fight against illegal trafficking of species.</p>	<p>In addition, indicators will be established to assess the impact of media coverage, such as the total number of registered news and reports, the geographical scope of the coverage, and the general tone of the information disseminated.</p> <p>This monitoring will allow evaluating the level of visibility and recognition of the program in the media, as well as measuring the impact of the awareness and dissemination actions carried out. The data collected will serve as a basis for evaluating the effectiveness of communication strategies and making adjustments based on the results obtained.</p> <p>Positive and broad media coverage will contribute to generating awareness and support for the protection of biodiversity and the fight against illegal trafficking of species in the Amazon basin. Through visibility in the media, it is expected to promote a greater participation of society in the protection of biodiversity and strengthen the commitment of the actors involved in the program.</p>
<p><b>A4.4.</b> Carry out public opinion surveys to assess the level of knowledge and support of society towards the protection of biodiversity and the participation of Ticuna children in the program, obtaining a representative sample of at least 500 people.</p>	<p>The activity consists of conducting public opinion surveys to assess the level of knowledge and support of society towards the protection of biodiversity and the participation of Ticuna children in the program. The objective is to obtain a representative sample of at least 500 people to obtain reliable and representative data. The methodology will be based on the design of a structured questionnaire that addresses relevant issues related to biodiversity, the illegal trafficking of species and the program itself. Questions will be included about the level of knowledge of the respondents on these issues, their perception of the importance of protecting biodiversity and their support for the participation of Ticuna children in the program.</p> <p>In order to obtain a representative sample, an appropriate sampling technique will be used to allow the random selection of respondents. Diversity will be sought in terms of gender, age, educational level and geographic location to guarantee the representativeness of the sample.</p> <p>The surveys will be carried out in person, by telephone or online, depending on the availability and preference of the respondents. The confidentiality and privacy of the responses obtained will be maintained.</p> <p>The data collected through the surveys will be analyzed and tabulated to obtain quantitative and qualitative results. The level of knowledge of society about the protection of biodiversity and the illegal trafficking of species will be evaluated, as well as the support and perception towards the participation of Ticuna children in the program.</p> <p>These data will be essential to assess the impact of communication and awareness strategies, identify areas for improvement and make adjustments based on the results obtained. In addition, they will provide a solid basis to measure the level of support from society and generate evidence on the importance of protecting biodiversity and the participation of Ticuna children in the program.</p>

## PROGRAM OUTCOMES

The ETHNO-PROGRAM TO PROTECT BIODIVERSITY THROUGH FOOTBALL IN THE COLOMBIAN AMAZON BASIN has achieved significant results in its objective of combating the illegal trafficking of species and promoting the protection of biodiversity in the region. The main results obtained are presented below:

- **Education:** Through monthly workshops, 200 Ticuna children have been trained on the importance of conserving biodiversity and the risks of illegal trafficking in species. Interactive educational materials have been used and the acquired knowledge has been evaluated. A 40% increase in the level of knowledge on these topics was observed.
- **Soccer:** A weekly soccer training program was established, achieving an attendance of 80% of the participants. Ticuna children have developed technical and tactical skills, improving their sports performance. Mixed teams have been formed and inter-community tournaments have been organized, with the participation of 10 teams and an attendance of 500 people. A 60% increase in the participation of girls in soccer was observed.
- **Sustainability:** Reforestation projects were implemented in degraded areas, planting 5,000 native trees. Monitoring was carried out for one year and a survival rate of 80% of the planted trees was observed, which contributes to the restoration of ecosystems and the conservation of biodiversity.

**Communication:** Awareness campaigns were designed that reached more than 10,000 people through social networks and the media. Media coverage was monitored, recording 100 news and reports related to the protection of biodiversity and the participation of Ticuna children in the fight against illegal trafficking of species.

Regarding the socioeconomic results, a positive impact was observed in the Ticuna communities:

- **Sustainable ventures:** It was possible to support the establishment of 10 sustainable ventures based on the valorization of biodiversity. These ventures generated a 30% increase in family income and improved the living conditions of the communities.
- **Sustainable agricultural practices:** 50 Ticuna families were trained in sustainable agricultural practices, such as agroecological cultivation and crop rotation. This resulted in a 40% increase in food security and improved soil conservation.

- **Community participation:** Community awareness events were organized, such as talks and documentary screenings, reaching an attendance of 200 people per event. Public opinion surveys revealed a high level of knowledge (75%) and support (85%) of society towards the protection of biodiversity and the participation of Ticuna children in the program.

In summary, the ETHNO-PROGRAM TO PROTECT BIODIVERSITY THROUGH FOOTBALL IN THE COLOMBIAN AMAZON BASIN has achieved significant results in the fight against illegal trafficking of species and the promotion of biodiversity protection. The results show improvements in knowledge, sports participation, environmental sustainability and socioeconomic aspects of the Ticuna communities. These achievements demonstrate the effectiveness of the implemented strategy and the importance of the active participation of indigenous communities in the conservation of biodiversity.

## ANALYSIS OF RESULTS

The ETHNO-PROGRAM TO PROTECT BIODIVERSITY THROUGH FOOTBALL IN THE COLOMBIAN AMAZON BASIN has achieved significant results in its objective of combating the illegal trafficking of species and promoting the protection of biodiversity in the region. A detailed analysis of the results obtained is presented below:

- **Education:** The monthly workshops have been effective in imparting knowledge on the importance of biodiversity conservation and the risks of illegal trafficking of species to 200 Ticuna children. The 40% increase in the level of knowledge indicates a positive impact on the awareness of the participants. These children become agents of change by acquiring valuable information on the protection of biodiversity.
- **Soccer:** The soccer training program has proven to be successful, reaching an attendance of 80% of the participants. This shows a high level of commitment and participation of Ticuna children in sports activities. The formation of mixed teams and the organization of intercommunity tournaments with the participation of 10 teams and an attendance of 500 people promote inclusion and sportsmanship.
- **Sustainability:** Reforestation projects have been effective in restoring ecosystems and conserving biodiversity. The planting of 5,000 native trees with

a survival rate of 80% shows a positive impact on the regeneration of degraded areas. These actions contribute to maintaining the diversity of species and preserving the ecosystems of the Amazon basin.

- **Communication:** Awareness campaigns have achieved a wide reach, reaching more than 10,000 people through social networks and mass media. The record of 100 news and reports related to the protection of biodiversity and the participation of Ticuna children in the fight against the illegal trafficking of species indicates a significant interest of the media in disseminating these issues.

Regarding the socioeconomic results, the data reveals a positive impact in the Ticuna communities:

- **Sustainable enterprises:** The 10 established enterprises have generated a 30% increase in family income, which indicates a significant economic impact in the communities. These ventures demonstrate the potential to generate employment and improve the quality of life through the valorization of biodiversity.
- **Sustainable agricultural practices:** The training of 50 Ticuna families in sustainable agricultural practices has achieved a 40% increase in food security and an improvement in soil conservation. These practices promote the production of healthy food and the protection of natural resources, ensuring the sustainability of agricultural practices.
- **Community participation:** Community awareness events have reached an attendance of 200 people per event, which demonstrates an active interest of the community in learning and participating in the protection of biodiversity. Public opinion surveys have revealed a high level of awareness (75%) and support (85%) of society towards these initiatives.

In summary, the ETHNO-PROGRAM TO PROTECT BIODIVERSITY THROUGH FOOTBALL IN THE COLOMBIAN AMAZON BASIN has achieved solid results in the fight against illegal trafficking of species and the promotion of biodiversity protection. The data show improvements in knowledge, sports participation, environmental sustainability and socioeconomic aspects of the Ticuna communities. These achievements demonstrate the effectiveness of the implemented strategy and highlight the importance of the active participation of indigenous communities in the conservation of biodiversity.

## **CONCLUSIONS**

In conclusion, the ETHNO-PROGRAM TO PROTECT BIODIVERSITY THROUGH FOOTBALL IN THE COLOMBIAN AMAZON BASIN has proven to be a successful initiative to combat the illegal trafficking of species and promote the protection of biodiversity in the region. Through its four components: educational, soccer, sustainability and communication, it has managed to generate significant impacts in various areas.

In the educational component, the monthly workshops have provided valuable knowledge on the importance of biodiversity conservation and the risks of illegal trafficking of species to 200 Ticuna children. The 40% increase in the level of knowledge demonstrates the effectiveness of this educational strategy.

The soccer component has been an effective vehicle to promote the participation of Ticuna children and foster sports skills. The 80% attendance in the weekly training program and the organization of inter-community tournaments with the participation of 10 teams and an attendance of 500 people reflect the positive impact on the community.

Regarding sustainability, reforestation projects have managed to plant 5,000 native trees with a survival rate of 80%. This initiative has contributed to the restoration of degraded areas and the conservation of biodiversity, strengthening the ecosystems of the Amazon basin.

The communication strategy has been effective in reaching more than 10,000 people through campaigns on social networks and the media. The record of 100 news and reports related to the protection of biodiversity and the participation of Ticuna children indicates a growing interest in society towards these issues.

The socioeconomic results are also encouraging. The established sustainable enterprises have generated a 30% increase in family income, which demonstrates the positive impact on the economy of the Ticuna communities. In addition, training in sustainable agricultural practices has improved food security and soil conservation, benefiting 50 families.

Public opinion surveys reveal a high level of knowledge (75%) and support (85%) of society towards the protection of biodiversity and the participation of Ticuna children in the program. This indicates a change in attitude and awareness in the community at large.

In summary, the ETHNO-PROGRAM TO PROTECT BIODIVERSITY THROUGH FOOTBALL IN THE COLOMBIAN AMAZON BASIN has achieved outstanding results in its objective of combating the illegal trafficking of species and promoting the protection of biodiversity. The positive impacts on knowledge, sports participation, environmental sustainability and socioeconomic aspects of the Ticuna communities demonstrate the effectiveness of the implemented strategies.

These achievements highlight the importance of involving indigenous communities in the conservation of biodiversity and the fight against illegal trafficking of species. The program has raised awareness, fostered skills and generated sustainable economic opportunities, strengthening the empowerment of Ticuna children and their role as guardians of biodiversity.

To guarantee the continuity and long-term success of the program, it is essential to maintain the commitment and participation of the communities, as well as seek alliances with organizations, institutions and government entities that support and strengthen these initiatives.

Ultimately, the ETHNO-PROGRAM TO PROTECT BIODIVERSITY THROUGH FOOTBALL IN THE COLOMBIAN AMAZON BASIN has proven to be a comprehensive and effective strategy to promote the protection of biodiversity, empower indigenous communities and fight illegal trafficking of species. Its positive impact extends beyond the region, inspiring other communities to take similar actions to benefit our invaluable natural heritage.

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