



## POPULAR EDUCATION: CECIM "LOS QUINCHOS"

### What is it about?

Youth program "Los Quinchos" of CECIM (Center for Education and Training in Honor of Sister Maura Clarke): Contribute to the comprehensive development of the Ciudad Sandino community and to improve its living standards by means of workshops with a holistic social approach for children, teenagers and young adults.

### Why an intervention?

With its programme for basic education for youth and adults (*Programa de Educación Básica de Jóvenes y Adultos*), CECIM aids impoverished people who have a low level of education and come from dysfunctional families in Ciudad Sandino. "Los Quinchos" is an answer to their social needs as it provides opportunities to participate and to further develop their skills.

### What does it change?

The young people develop artistic and professional skills as well as social values that enable them to enter the labor market. Their families are integrated into the programme in order to promote comprehensive development. The young people participate in various municipal forums for public policy in order to strengthen their leadership.

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## Experience AT A GLANCE

### How does it work?

"Los Quinchos" programme is a socio-educational alternative and forum for participation for the development of manual, artistic and sport skills and to build new forms of partnerships;

- "Child to child" method: taking on a leading role
- Working in pairs (children and youth): foster communication skills, strengthen partnerships
- Comprehensive training: include reference persons, parents and tutors.
- Participative monitoring and evaluation system
- close cooperation with MINED and INATEC (National Technical Institute)

### Who are the beneficiaries?

- Children, teenagers and young adults at risk in Ciudad Sandino;
- Volunteer teachers;
- Teachers from the program;
- Relatives, reference persons of the children;
- the population of the municipality

### Who could use that approach?

*Grupo Fe y alegría*, Center for popular health education; Carlos Fonseca movement for alphabetization; María Elena Cuadra women's movement, solidarity networks.

### Who is already using it?

Similar experiences:  
Miriam: basic education and vocational training for women; Cuculmecca: alphabetization and training for women; Cantera: alphabetization and promotion of culture.

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