

ACCESO INTERNATIONAL

2022 ANNUAL REPORT



NEW PROJECT IN 2022

INDIGENOUS STUDENT POST-SECONDARY BURSARY PROGRAM

As part of our commitment to Truth and Reconciliation in Canada, and in collaboration with Indigenous Education staff members of the Ottawa-Carleton District School Board, in 2022, ACCESO International initiated an Indigenous Student Post-Secondary Bursary program.

The program helps First Nations, Inuit and Métis youth in the Ottawa area with their post-secondary education.

The bursaries assist students with various education-related costs including tuition, books, school supplies, computer equipment, accommodations, transportation and groceries. The first two recipients began their studies at a local college in September 2022.



Who we are

ACCESO International is operated entirely by volunteers whose dedication to education is implemented within a not-for-profit, non-political, non-denominational, non-governmental, incorporated Canadian charitable organization.

Our Mandate

Our mandate is to promote and enable greater access to all levels of education, with a focus on Latin America, the Caribbean and Canada.

Project Highlights

In 2022, ACCESO International operated in 5 countries supporting various projects from pre-school to post-secondary education.

In **Canada**, in addition to contributing to the Black Student Scholarship Fund, we initiated the Indigenous Student Post-Secondary Education Bursary. We also continued providing back-to-school supplies and hygiene kits to over one hundred low-income refugee and immigrant children and youth in the Ottawa area.

In the **Dominican Republic**, we continued to support a student with her university studies in education.

In **Guatemala**, funding was used to off-set teacher salaries and to enable a consistent supply of electricity to a rural school serving an Indigenous community. Training was also offered to parents on how to best support the education of their children.

In **Haiti**, we supported a teacher training school by funding student bursaries and professor salaries.

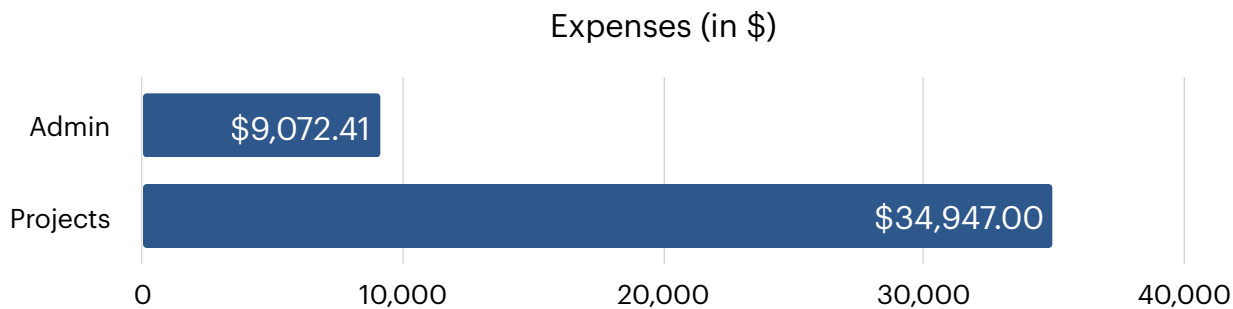
In **Honduras**, we assisted with women's and children's rights workshops and bursaries, a distance education program that allowed Indigenous students in a remote agricultural area to study, and we supported counselling and tutoring programs for students living in two middle and high school residences.



Financial Impact

ACCESO International is operated entirely by volunteers. In addition to contributing time, many volunteers direct monetary donations to cover administrative and operating expenses required to manage the organization, including the annual insurance and audit. To that end, volunteers donated \$6,060 in 2022 to offset the total administrative costs of \$9,072.41.

The balance of any administrative costs is covered by other means (e.g., fundraising, grants), thus ensuring that 100% of individual receipted donations are allocated to projects.



A summary of the audited financial statements are available upon request.

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