

In 2010, with a vision to create long term development for poor communities and families, Diaconia ADP, Global Aid Network's partner in Paraguay, founded a new initiative called "PRODEI – "Program for Holistic Development" initiating vocational training courses for mothers.

Close to **500 mothers** received training in baking, seamstress, cosmetics, and other vocations.

2010

2011

10 Micro-finance Trust Groups was initially started, reaching 150 people. Diaconia was further endorsed by the First lady of Paraguay, Silvana Lopez Moreirz, who assisted to provide its first office space.



Building upon the early success of trust groups and the impact on the lives of women, Diaconia expanded it's programs to include a holistic development course to complement Micro-financing Trust Groups.

In 2013 alone, 33 participants enrolled in baking courses 23 in cosmetology 60 in cell phone repairs

Meanwhile, the Micro-financing Program had grown to 55 Trust Groups, reaching 818 people with **\$111,000** fund for revolving loans.

2013



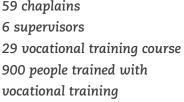
Diaconia adapted its spiritual integration strategy by launching the "Loved to Love" volunteer chaplaincy program with 12 volunteer chaplains.

With many people now having an opportunity to build a personal relationship with Christ, a truly holistic change was possible: reaching the spiritual, economic, and social areas of life.

Meanwhile, **1,759** women were reached with loan services, \$214,000 USD distributed with, 48% sustainability

2015





- **\$365,000** portfolio
- **3,559** clients
- **87%** operational selfsustainability

2017





2019

2012

Partnership was formed with GAiN Canada in March 2012 to support the operations of the Micro-finance program as well as providing initial seed funding to 8 Trust groups.



2014

- **1,016** women had access to Diaconia's Micro-finance loans.
- Approx. **\$140,000** Portfolio



2016

- 2016 Clients
- **\$282,000** Portfolio
- **80%** Operationally Self-sustaining

2018

- Diaconia joined as a part of Hope International Network
- Established a 2nd branch office in the outskirts of Asuncion
- **3,200** clients reached
- **\$456,000** portfolio
- 98% operationally self-sustaining

2020

The Portfolio has grown to

\$580,000, reaching 4,416

clients with 98% sustainability

reaching 4,820 clients with 87% sustainability

• \$572,000 portfolio,

- Initiated online tools for vocational training
- Established COVID-19 Emergency Care campaign by **feeding 8,500 families**
- **1,198 people trained** through online vocational training
- **263 Trust Groups** in 19 cities
- 112 Chaplains



- Serving over 6,000
 active clients and
 with a portfolio of
 \$800,000 at 95%
 sustainability
- Initiated the Savings Group strategy for rural communities
- **332 Trust groups** established
- 40 staff members and over 120 volunteers

 6,105 Microloans with \$990,000+ portfolio size at 80% sustainability

- 360 Trust Groups
- 48 Staff and 203
 volunteer chaplains
- **3,150 women** trained in financial literacy
- **5,297 people** trained in vocational training courses
- Church-facilitated savings groups launched in 3 regions of the country

7,022 families were served in 407
communities

- 1,397 people
 were trained
 through vocational
 training courses
- 211 chaplains were
 equipped and activated
 to pray, take the
 Gospel message into
 their communities
 as well as trained in
 counseling to provide
 mental healthcare
- 7,804 Microloans with \$1.3M portfolio size
- 444 Trust Groups
- 184 Church
 Partnerships
- 207 chaplains were equipped and activated to pray, take the Gospel message into their communities

2023 2024

2021

2022

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IN TOTAL:

Over **12 million dollars** of microloans have been distributed to **over 13,000 women** over the past 15 years, and with an average family size of 5, Diaconia has impacted the livelihood of **over 65,000 people** who are working hard to flourish, and break free from the grip of poverty.

As we look to the future by partnering together with the ongoing, 15-year partnership with GAiN, our goal is to continue to expand the impact possible in the lives of Paraguay's entrepreneurs. Over the next two years, we aspire to reach 10,000 families with micro-finance and savings programs.



