

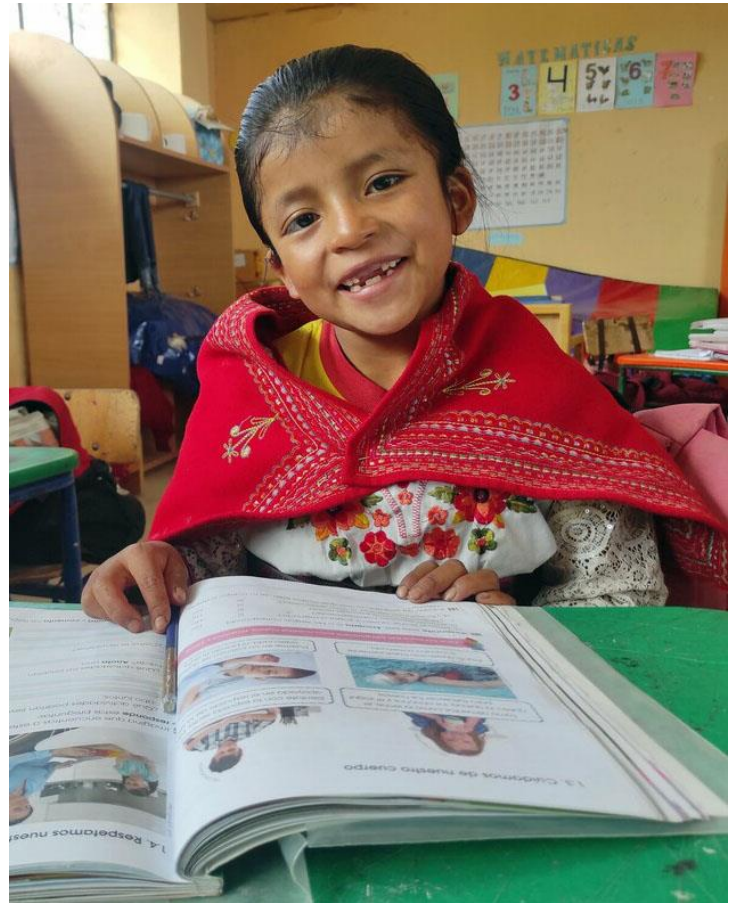
Chimborazo Bolivar Ecuador

Positive changes are happening in Chimborazo Bolivar. Learn more about how we're supporting children and girls' rights through our collaborative, equality-driven work.

This past year, key projects fostered skills and strengthened resources so that young people are supported with the tools to succeed.

For example, scholarships enabled pupils to stay in school. These students, often marginalised by the formal education system, now have continuing access to quality schooling. The project also raises family and community awareness about the importance of education.

Challenging harmful cultural norms was another focus. Youth participation in programmes like Because I Am A Girl empowered girls and boys to advocate for gender equality and a brighter, more equitable future.



Inclusive educational policies help girls thrive.

"Teen pregnancy-free zone workshops made me aware of what can happen if we are not informed."
—Aurora (11)



Impact in Numbers

170

Children measured for malnutrition

150

Pupils earned school scholarships

60

People learned healthy food production

A scholarship transforms Damaris' life



NAME:

Damaris

AGE:

12 years old

DREAMS TO BE:

A doctor

"This scholarship not only gives me the opportunity to get an education, but it also relieves my grandparents of their worries."



Meet Damaris

Like many children in Chimborazo Bolivar, Damaris is optimistic about achieving her goals and building a strong future.

Damaris lives in an indigenous rural community in Cotopaxi, Ecuador, with her grandparents. She is an outstanding student who is passionate about natural sciences and wants to become a doctor.

The Impact of Economic Resources

Damaris dreams of a future helping the sick in her community – but without an education, she has little chance. Her main obstacle is an economic one, as her family has few financial resources.

According to official reports, in Ecuador, lack of access to education is a persistent problem. This is especially true in rural areas like the one where Damaris lives. This situation negatively impacts children's development and places unfair limits on their hopes and dreams.

Damaris' education was at risk without the financial means to cover her school expenses, threatening her goals for the future.

The Power of Education

Damaris excels in her studies – and with her hard work and dedication, she earned a comprehensive school scholarship from Plan. This scholarship covers school expenses, including supplies, uniforms, and shoes. As she gets older, her education will help her access even more opportunities for her future.

Damaris' dedication stands out in the community. With her grandparents in mind, she says she is grateful for the help "to build a better future for me and my family."



Damaris is a dedicated student with big dreams for her future.

We Work With 3,561 Sponsored Children in Chimborazo Bolivar

Projects That Support Lasting Change

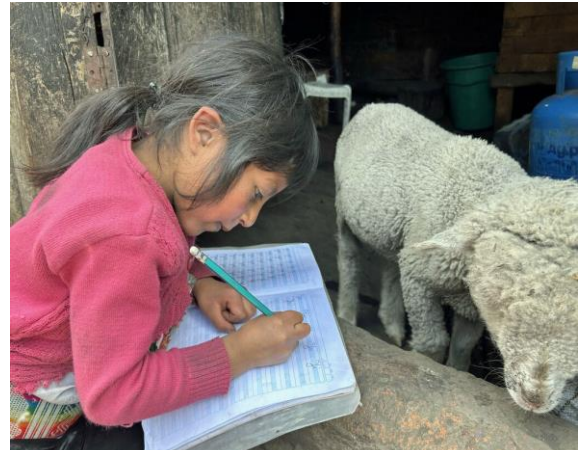
My Future is Bright

150 pupils are empowered to continue their studies.

The formal education system often limits access for young people – especially girls. Yet, education is one key to future employment and economic independence.

This year, 150 pupils were awarded school scholarships, enabling them to continue their studies. Families are trained, and permanent support is provided to the scholarship recipients to help ensure a successful school career. The project is designed for long-term impact, challenging stereotypes and cultural practices that limit many young people.

“My parents support me to study, but sometimes they don't have the money to buy educational materials,” says 14-year-old Sonia, who plans to be a teacher. “I am very happy for the support, and I want to continue studying, I want to finish school and go to university.”



Pupils also participate in projects such as Champions of Change.

138
of the scholarship winners
are girls and young women



Participating in the Day of Non-Violence.



150 adolescents and young people make up the Because I Am A Girl movement.

Activate Equality

Young people are challenging harmful norms and promoting a more just society.

Equality programmes empower youth with leadership skills and resources to actively confront violence and inequality.

For example, the project Because I Am A Girl has helped formulate public policies against gender-based discrimination. This year, 24 members of the Because I Am A Girl movement completed the training process as Leadership School Facilitators. They received certification and are currently contributing to the Leadership School Project sessions.

This movement continues to be led by adolescents and young women and has its own agenda and legal autonomy. But it's not just girls: 50 young men also advocated for modern masculinity and the promotion of gender equality.

“I received a Life Project session and in that moment I decided to be a medical professional to help low-income families and girls.”

— Génesis (17)

You're Supporting a More Equal Future



Youth are advocating for a more equitable community.

Together, we're working to create a more just world.

In Ecuador, there are high rates of adolescent pregnancy. In the coming year, we will strengthen youth empowerment in sexual and reproductive rights so young people can make informed decisions.

Access to education is a key priority. We will support young people through scholarships so they can continue their studies and create a more positive future.

In Chimborazo Bolivar, 47% of children experience chronic malnutrition. Community educational meetings on nutrition will help address this issue. Families will also learn to plant orchards and raise small animals.

Message from Plan Staff

"We have contributed to significantly increasing the leadership of girls, adolescents, and young women, as well as developing their resilience, so that they are the ones who promote changes in discriminatory and violent cultural patterns. Thank you for making the cause of girls your cause."



David Dario Alvarado Ochoa,
Programme Area
Manager,
Chimborazo
Bolivar

The Plan Effect

Sponsored children are at the centre of everything we do, and they help plan our programmes based on what's important to them. Sponsors' donations are a gateway into a community. This helps build trust and credibility to attract even more funds from new sources. This makes more sustainable programmes possible in sponsorship communities. This powerful synergy is something we call The Plan Effect.

Progress in Numbers

825

Parents attended
nutrition
meetings

20

Girls advocated
in decision-
making spaces

140

Youth learned
about sexual
health and rights

480

Family gardens
established