



Prefeitura Municipal de Porto Alegre
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**CONSIDERATIONS AND ONGOING PROGRESS OF THE SOCIAL INCLUSION
PROJECT OF THE CHOCOLATÃO SLUM**

Resulting from the unstoppable urbanization in the major cities in the world, the growth of the quantity of slums is due to the accumulation of people on irregular areas of the city. The resettlement of the population is a tool that governments use in order to include this population in the society, focused on the recovery of the human dignity.

Historically, the resettlement of populations incurs several problems that repeatedly appear throughout the governments. These communities live on irregular lands informally, not capable of receiving new houses and make a living.

Seeking the eradication of the problems like the movement of going back to the original place, house abandonment, "key Exchange" and inability to pay debts, we believe that only through the **prior capacitating** on several areas (education, health and labor) will we be able to get the resettled inhabitants to become emancipated citizens, propitiating the true social inclusion aimed.

In Porto Alegre, the Chocolatão slum exemplifies this social problem.

Historical background

Located since 1987 in a piece of land from the federal government, beside two important buildings belonged to the public sector, the Chocolatão slum doesn't differ from the overall context exposed. Presently, 187 families live there with a very low income, poor education and dreadful housing conditions.

The social vulnerability to which the population is submitted is very high, with chemical dependence historic, domestic violence and child exposition to unhealthy locations.



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The Chocolatão slum will be resettled on the second half of 2009, or on the first one in 2010.

For this context, the Municipality of Porto Alegre, through the **Local Solidary Governance Program** and the **governmental transversal identity**, proposes the CHOCOLATÃO SLUM SOCIAL INCLUSION PROJECT; **BUILD ALONG WITH THE COMMUNITY A FUTURE VISION THROUGH PRIOR CAPACITATING.**

GOAL

Prior capacitating the Chocolatão slum so that they have conditions of sustainability for the future resettlement, reducing the reflux indexes and reducing the inability to pay of the population.

ACTIONS: PROJECTED, ONGOING AND CONCLUDED:

- 1- Meetings with the leaderships of the community are being held, with the commitment of making it economically sustainable;
- 2- The Chocolatão Slum Association facility was built at the current location, to serve the community as the ground for the beginning of the social integration, and today serves to receive the PIM/PIÁ¹ and Brasil Alfabetizado² (Literate Brazil) programs, among other activities from the Municipality and non-governmental entities, besides meetings with the community;

¹ PIM/PIÁ is a Municipal project that intends to strength familiar bonds in families with children from one to seven years (still not in formal education age).

² Brasil Alfabetizado is a Federal Government Project that intends to raise literate rate among adults. Its method includes classes inside the poor communities.



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- 3- A playground was built; today the children can play and learn how to preserve the common property;
- 4- Provisional communitarian bathrooms were built, so that the community can have access to minimum hygiene conditions which contribute to health habits. Despite the lack of energy that was demanded, today these bathrooms resulted in lower levels of school evasion, at least in the summer, due to the fact that the children now arrive cleaner at school, as remarked by Mr. Léo, community leader. Other important datum was that the people are learning, after several plumbing problems, how to use properly the bathrooms. Now, they see themselves demanded to use them accordingly;
- 5- The provisional Community center for capacitating and income generation was concluded. It is important to highlight the important partnership of the **Federal Regional Court 4th Region**, that not only allowed the provisional constructions for capacitating to be made at their part of the federal lands, but also has a tireless work done with the community;
- 6- The **Rio Grande do Sul Federal University** made available a course on Public Administration inside the community. Today, it is taught to capacitate the community in several income generation activities, and to prepare the inhabitants to work at the future garbage recycling center, which they shall administrate;
- 7- A cataloguing process on commerce and possible vacancies for employees was made around the area of the future location of the community, but a determination of possible actions is still missing;
- 8- We are searching partnerships aiming to prepare the community for the sustainable development for the future of the community through



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capacitating courses and integration with the work market. We must avoid the workshops and courses to become only punctual.

- 9- We hope to build a professional carpentry for furniture confection from recycled material, which may contribute for environmental preservation, as well as the community may be able to manufacture furniture for self use. This is really an ambitious desire, we would need other than partnerships (architecture scholars, among others), a proper facility for this income generation activity;
- 10- We will take the community to meet the new location, and elect who shall follow the works along with the municipal housing department.