



BOOK KEEPING 2016

We of the Small World Foundation like to start the year with no loose ends. Therefore, we can already make you happy with an overview of the 2016 expenses. As could be expected, the largest post was the category "Meetings for San Martin". This category consists of all expenses that San Martin representatives had to attend the different meetings and events. They paid for meals, hotel, local transport and communication. All flight tickets have been joined and the expenses to participate in the scientific congress in Medellin are separate, because this event had no direct relation to the San Martin land application.

The category "Kindergarden": We bought paint and brushes for the volunteers Deborah and Romain, who gave the benches, tables and cupboards in the kindergarden restaurant a new colour.

The permanent category "Equipment and maintenance" represents the contribution of the Small World Foundation to a 48 inch plasma television to show informative films and documentaries to the community. This activity will start at the beginning of 2017. Before, movies or interesting video were always shown on a laptop, only possible for (too) few people at the same time because of the small screen and bad sound. A great improvement!

Around June 2016 there were talks with the San Martin community representative (*curaca*) and it was decided that the Small World Foundation would contribute to a community teacher. By then she had been teaching grade one in the local school for six months. She would be paid with money from the Tikuna Cocama Yagua indigenous reserve. However, eventually she taught the kids for a whole year without any form of financial recognition from this reserve. The cause of this situation remains unknown.

Category	Euro
Meetings for San Martin	2.634
Flight tickets	948
Darrell Posey	1.174
Congress Medellin	0
Kindergarden	86
Equipment and maintenance	538
Teacher grade one	0
Total	6.288

OTHER ACTIVITIES IN SAN MARTIN

We can easily conclude that last year was a very quiet year for the community in terms of the land application (because INCODER changes into *Agencia Nacional de Tierras*) and nature management in the San Martin ancestral lands, eventually in cooperation with the Amacayacu NP (Newsletter 63). An important factor in this all are two big projects, which are being carried out in the community at the same time and in which pretty much all men are involved as day labourers. First, there is the construction of the Ecovia (Newsletter 69), a concrete walking path between San Martin and Puerto Nariño. This project eventually started in September. The first concrete columns have already appeared on the other side of the Amacayacu river from San Martin.



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VENTA DE ARTESANIAS | CRAFT SALE

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The second big project in the community is the construction of a solar panel park to provide electricity to the households. Because of the muddy soil, which is not suitable for big machines (these would just get stuck), pretty much all heavy materials have to be carried to the construction site. Almost without exception, everything is really heavy: Solar panels, bags of sand, gravel or cement, aluminum beams and fences, manual soil drills, batteries (picture right), roof panels etc. At the construction site and next to the current diesel electricity generator, everything is constructed and put together exactly according to protocol. We understand correctly, the aim of the solar panels is to reduce the use of diesel as a fossil fuel. If the panels and batteries are really going to provide electricity for 24 hours remains to be seen. This project is supposed to finish in March. All this employment in the community and the prospect of more hours of electricity has already resulted in a new TV, fridge/freezer, sound system or fan in many households.

The financial resources for this project come from the Spanish government through Colombian contractors, the panels are from Germany and a Colombian private company is going to maintain the infrastructure and send every household a monthly bill.

Conclusion: With so much work to do in the community it is very hard to organise meetings in the evenings. Many who attend soon start closing their eyes.. So, patience!





Would you like to support the Tikuna indigenous community of San Martin together with the Small World Foundation, and stay in touch about the local developments in this remote corner of Colombia?

Please transfer 15 euro yearly (or more!) to the following bank account in the Netherlands:

Account name: Stichting SMALL WORLD FOUNDATION

SWIFT/BIC Code: RABONL2U

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Please DON'T FORGET TO INFORM US ABOUT YOUR NAME AND EMAIL ADDRESS!!

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The contributions will be spent exclusively on the development and realization of local initiatives in San Martin de Amacayacu in the Colombian Amazon. No wages are being paid to anyone. The expenses will be mentioned as much as possible in the newsletters. For alternative contributions, please contact Heike van Gils at: heike_van_gils@hotmail.com.

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