

Good Neighbors Newsletter Ecuador



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Dear neighbors:

We have worked closely with you in the first half of the year, with enthusiasm and commitment, to strengthen our relationship of Good Neighborliness. Together, we have developed initiatives that promote sustainable development in communities. Proactive and transparent conversations of trust have been key, and allow us to listen to and understand each other, and to work together to build a better future.

At GeoPark, being a Good Neighbor means continuous dialogue, developing projects that benefit whole communities, respecting mutual rights, and approaching challenges constructively. We are committed to further strengthening our joint efforts and prioritizing community interests transparently, sincerely and respectfully.

This newsletter shares our progress during these first six months, providing information about our dialogue management and the projects through which we deliver on our commitment to create and share prosperity in communities.

We firmly believe that our activities contribute to your well-being and prosperity.

Thank you for being part of this story, and please continue your active role in contributing to the well-being of our community.

The GeoPark Team



DIALOGUE IS PROGRESS

Between January and June 2024, we had multiple discussions with various community stakeholders such as neighbors, community leaders, businesspeople and local authorities. The aim was to establish transparent conversations to make information about our processes more available, and to carry out projects that promote development in the communities where we operate.

5 meetings

with authorities from Cantons and Provinces

16 events

for dialogue with communities

28 meetings

with community leaders

20 events

providing information to entrepreneurs

THE PILLARS OF OUR WORK

To create real and positive changes that enable us to significantly improve the areas around our operations and our neighbors' quality of life, we make partnerships and investments affecting seven areas:



WELFARE AND QUALITY OF LIFE

to reduce satisfaction gaps in basic needs

and strengthening community organizations



ECONOMIC AND PRODUCTIVE DEVELOPMENT

to contribute to a more dynamic and diverse local economy



CLIMATE CHANGE MANAGEMENT

to promote emissions reduction initiatives in our operations and adapt to climate change in the areas we operate in



EDUCATION, CULTURE AND SPORT

to promote the healthy use of free time and values such as peace, tolerance and respect among children and adolescents in our neighboring communities



COMPREHENSIVE WATER MANAGEMENT

to help protect water resources through initiatives that promote sustainable water use



INSTITUTIONAL STRENGTHENING

to promote community development through increasing process effectiveness



BIODIVERSITY PROTECTION

to promote the restoration and preservation of threatened species and ecosystems, as well as information about biodiversity



OUR NEIGHBORS' WELFARE AND QUALITY OF LIFE

We joined **CERES**, Ecuador's largest network of organizations committed to social responsibility and sustainable development.

We held recreational and family activities as part of Children's Day to further strengthen our good neighborliness in the Espejo Block. Over **700 children** from our six neighboring communities took part in these events.

We donated **20 sewerage systems** to the Shushufindi GAD to meet community needs and improve the living conditions of our neighbors in the Canton.

We supported transport solutions for our neighbors in the Espejo Block by making improvements to the **bridge over the Shushufindi River**. We strengthened the structure of the bridge and included a pedestrian crossing.



ECONOMIC AND PRODUCTIVE DEVELOPMENT

Our operations have more than **200 workers**, and 90% are local.

We have signed more than **60 contracts** for goods and services with local companies.

We provided construction materials to the **Las Golondrinas Women's Association** in the La Pantera community to renovate the dining room for its 45 members. The room is used for community projects and to prepare several products that generate resources for the group.



PROMOTING EDUCATION, CULTURE AND SPORT

As part of the 38th anniversary of the Shushufindi Fire Department, we took **300 local students** to an Open Day about what the Department does and providing information on incident response and the importance of preventing emergencies.

We donated equipment to the Oriental de Shushufindi sports club and the **150 men and women** who train there. The equipment enables the club to continue promoting skills, values and discipline through sport for children and young people.



INSTITUTIONAL STRENGTHENING

We helped secure legal status and to establish Boards of Directors for the **La Pantera and Tahuantinsuyo communities**, whose legal representation is now acknowledged by the government's Indigenous Peoples Department. This helps strengthen the community and allows it to participate in the allocation of resources and projects for its development.

We supported the registration of the **Community Governing Council** of the **Siona Orahueaya Indigenous Nationality** and the approval of its internal regulations. This allowed the Community to secure legal status and register as one of the Ancestral Communes, Communities, Peoples, Nationalities and Non-Profit Organizations of the Peoples and Nationalities of Ecuador.



COMPREHENSIVE MANAGEMENT WATER

We calculated the **Water Footprint** of all our operations, underscoring our commitment to sustainability and the responsible management of natural resources. The calculation was carried out under NTC-ISO 14046:2017 methodology and was endorsed by ICONTEC, giving us a solid baseline for making informed decisions that promote sustainable water management. Together with the Limoncocha Biological Reserve, we celebrated **Wetlands Day** to promote educational and awareness initiatives for the general population about Ramsar sites, which are ecosystems classified as internationally important for providing essential ecosystem services such as regulating water and climate change.

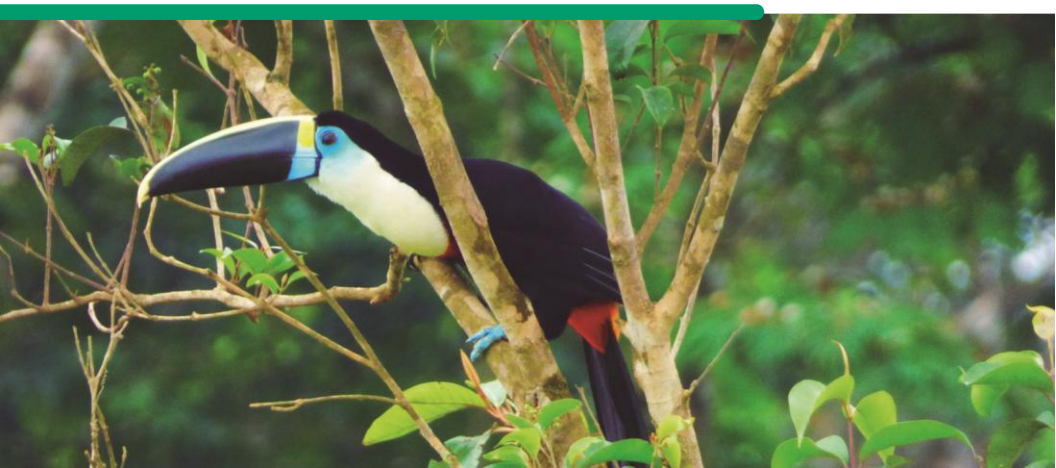
We held school trips in the Limoncocha lagoon for **130 children and young people** from Shushufindi, who appreciated the importance of conserving the ecosystem.



BIODIVERSITY PROTECTION

We held a biodiversity learning day in our Espejo Block for over **200 people**, including contractors, authorities and neighboring communities, and distributed informative material on the conservation of endangered species in the Amazon basin, such as the harpy eagle, the giant armadillo, the rainbow boa, the poison dart frog, the black caiman and the channel-billed toucan.

We helped develop **community environmental supervision offices**, creating opportunities for transparency and dialogue with community leaders in areas directly influenced by our operations. We also organized visits to our operations, where leaders were able to verify at first hand our measures to prevent and mitigate impacts, and to comply with the Environmental Management Plan for the construction activities of Pad A. We held feedback sessions to implement the required improvement actions.





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