

## Annual Report 2019-2020

## Yapacaní site Yapacaní, Bolivia



Chalice has partnered with the Salesian congregation based in the remote, rural town of Yapacaní since 2004. The sponsorship program supports children of impoverished families in 18 outlying communities who have access only to a few grades of primary school, some of which are not accessible by roads. Families use their sponsorship funds to pay for school supplies, uniforms, higher education and trades fees, as well as nutritious food. The site also provides workshops on health, hygiene, children's rights, respect, family, solidarity, and other topics. In 2020 the site started a program in support of sports through the rehabilitation of the Don Bosco sports complex in town, while also starting mental health support to vulnerable families with the help of a psychologist.



## Child

- Yapacaní site supports 962 sponsored children and 22 sponsored elders.
- More than 90% of sponsored children attend regular public education.
- 962 sponsored children and 200 of their non-sponsored siblings and friends took part in Christmas celebrations (following public health guidelines.)
- 22 sponsored elders also took part in a Christmas celebration.
- The site delivered hampers of food and hygiene products to 500 families (some with sponsored children and some without) focusing on the elderly, single mothers and large families.



- The site works with 962 parents and guardians, organized into 50 family circles.
- 100% of families were able to access their sponsorship funds, despite multiple challenges such as quarantine restrictions, road-blocks and limited banking opportunities.
- Site staff conducted training workshops for the family circles on the topics of health, hygiene and disease prevention.
- All family circles also received workshops and talks discussing important topics such as children's rights, respect, family relationships, and solidarity.
- During the pandemic closures, the staff encouraged and helped families start vegetable gardens on their land.





## Community

- 962 sponsored children along with at least 2000 community members will benefit from the renovation project supported through Chalice donors. Renovations to sports facilities of Maria Auxiliadora parish will offer a safe space for recreation and community activities in an area where children and teens are vulnerable to unsafe influences.
- 11 parents of sponsored children are actively involved in the parish renovation project.
- The site hired staff and bought materials to begin a triple-layer mask manufacturing operation. They are producing masks, preparing them in disinfected packaging and delivering them to community healthcare organizations struggling with the shortage of masks.

