



Education for the younger generation of indigenous people

What is it about?

In order to shape their autonomy as a community, the Ayoreo-Totobiegosode need a certain level of economic knowledge and skills, e.g. how bank accounts work, what to look out for and how finances should be used.

How to achieve this goal?

OPIT (the Association of Leaders) needs and wants to become independent, but is unfortunately still dependent on outside (white) companions at the moment. It is also a reality that OPIT is dependent on project funds. It needs a transition period of 5 to 10 years until the young generation is educated to that point. A sustainable structure should allow for solid self-governance so that OPIT is able to apply for and manage projects itself in the future. Various organizations only grant support if the applications are submitted directly by indigenous groups, without 'white escorts', and they have their own bank accounts, for example.

External expertise

Vera Regehr, our local representative, has made contact with the North American anthropologist, Prof. Lucas Bessire. He has spent years researching and writing about the Ayoreo and the Totobiegosode subgroup and speaks their language fluently. He has also conducted projects on economic self-determination. He is willing to initiate the training project together with the indigenous people.



Targeted financial support needed

According to the leaders, as many young people as possible should be trained in subjects such as accounting and money management, so that the tasks can be well distributed and the community does not become dependent on its own individuals. They must learn to judge whether their leaders are acting in the interest of the community.

Dear members, benefactors, interested parties: we would like to ask you to consider donating an extra contribution specifically for this project.

Please donate with the note "education project".



THANK YOU VERY MUCH!