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## Pathways to Progress

### A New Era of Education and Community Empowerment

Dos Corrientes is embarking on a vibrant new chapter as we launch an exciting semester of education and community engagement at the Education Center and Farm. Our new Operations Manager, Holly Janzen, joined us in late August, bringing renewed energy to our mission. The coming months hold great promise for the communities we serve, as transformative opportunities arise.

One of the key highlights is our collaboration with the Point Institute in Manta. Under the leadership of Director Mario Lopez, their students will travel to Liguiqui to teach English to local children. This partnership not only improves language skills in Liguiqui but also allows the student-teachers from Manta to refine their teaching abilities. Starting in October, these classes will bring immediate benefits to the region.



*Professor Mario Lopez*



*Planning the Dos Corrientes Education Programs*

But our efforts go beyond language education. Mario Lopez, a business professor at Universidad Laica Eloy Alfaro de Manabi (ULEAM), is spearheading an entrepreneurial education program for graduating high school students in San Lorenzo. This initiative, supported by ULEAM students, will guide seniors through the entire business creation process, providing hands-on experience in product development, budgeting, and marketing. The program aims to empower the next generation with practical skills, enabling them to thrive independently.

This continuous cycle of mentorship and education promises a lasting impact, strengthening both the students and the broader community for years to come. Together with Holly Janzen, the Point Institute, and ULEAM, Dos Corrientes is paving the way for lasting change and a brighter future for all.

## ***The Water Crisis in Liguiqui: A Historical and Current Challenge***

For eight months, the rural village of Liguiqui in coastal Ecuador has suffered from a critical water shortage. Without deliveries from Manta, the regional water hub, basic sanitation and hygiene have deteriorated to alarming levels, threatening the health and livelihoods of the local population.



*The Village of Liguiqui has Not Had Water for Eight Months for Hygiene or Sanitation*

Historically, indigenous communities in the region relied on innovative water management techniques such as rainwater harvesting and natural reservoirs. However, these methods were lost over time, leaving the area vulnerable. Modern efforts to provide water have been hampered by inadequate infrastructure, and the water system from Manta, once a lifeline, has now completely collapsed.

Amid this crisis, **Dos Corrientes** has emerged as a beacon of hope. We are implementing sustainable solutions such as solar-powered pumps and rainwater harvesting systems to provide a reliable water source for the community. But the scale of the problem demands greater support.

We call on our donors and international partners to help fund these critical projects. With your contributions, we can install energy-efficient systems and ensure the people of Liguiqui have access to clean water—creating a model for sustainable water management in rural areas.



*The Ancestral Well Site Still Exists Today*



*Professors from ULEAM and Community Leadership Discuss the Water Problem*

Donate today and be part of the solution to the water crisis in Liguiqui. Together, we can bring lasting change to this resilient community.

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