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FORMATO PARA PROPONER UN PROYECTO O INICIATIVA DE PROYECTO

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PROYECTO / PROJECT

Nombre / Name:	<u>Hear the Future: Audiometer for Belize's Children</u>
Descripción / Description:	The Inspiration Center in Belize City provides vital therapy and support for children with disabilities and social disorders. This project seeks funding for an audiometer to expand access to hearing screenings, ensuring early detection of hearing loss and improved communication outcomes.

Beneficiarios directos / Direct beneficiaries:	Children with suspected hearing loss, families accessing the Inspiration Center, and therapists/educators.
Beneficiarios indirectos / Indirect beneficiaries:	- Schools and teachers who will benefit from early identification of hearing challenges in students - Healthcare system through reduced burden of untreated hearing loss
Demografía / Demographics:	- Primary focus: Children ages 0–14 with disabilities, developmental delays, or social disorders - Secondary focus: Adults with disabilities who access services at the Inspiration Center - Geographic reach: Belize City and rural communities referred to the Center
Inversión Total / Total Investment:	USD \$8,000–\$10,000 (audiometer purchase, training, and maintenance package) - Funding sought through Rotary partnerships, local fundraising, and international grants

IMPACTO/IMPACT

Problema a solucionar / Problem to solve:	Belize currently faces limited access to specialized diagnostic tools for hearing loss. Many children with disabilities remain undiagnosed, leading to delayed speech development, poor educational outcomes, and social isolation. The absence of audiometric screening at the Inspiration Center restricts its ability to provide comprehensive care.
Sostenibilidad / Sustainability:	- Staff at the Inspiration Center will be trained to operate and maintain the audiometer. - Ongoing collaboration with ASHA ensures technical support and updated protocols.

	● Integration into the Center's existing programs guarantees long-term use and impact.
Metas Mesurables / Measurable goals:	● Screen at least 300 children annually for hearing loss. ● Identify and refer 100 children per year for follow-up treatment or therapy. ● Train 5–10 local professionals in audiometric testing and reporting. ● Increase early detection rates of hearing impairment in Belize by 25% within 3 years.
Área de Interés de La Fundación Rotaria / The Rotary Foundation Areas of Focus: ☐ Paz y prevención de conflictos / Peacebuilding and conflict prevention ☒ Prevención y tratamiento de enfermedades/ Disease prevention and treatment ☐ Educación básica y alfabetización / Basic education and literacy ☐ Medioambiente / Environment ☒ Salud materno- infantil / Maternal and child health ☐ Desarrollo económico de la comunidad / Community economic development ☐ Agua, saneamiento e higiene. / Water, sanitation and hygiene	
¿Tiene evaluación de la comunidad? Does it have a community assessment?	Currently, no formal community assessment has been conducted. A future assessment would cover: ● Prevalence of hearing loss among children in Belize ● Accessibility of diagnostic services nationwide ● Awareness levels among parents and teachers regarding hearing health ● Barriers to treatment (cost, distance, stigma)
Experiencia en el tema / Experience in this focus area	● Rotary Clubs of Belize Sunrise have successfully implemented projects in healthcare, education, and disability support (e.g., dialysis machine initiatives,



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	library renovations, and bathroom construction for schools). • The Inspiration Center has a proven track record of delivering therapy and support services for children with disabilities, making it a trusted partner for specialized interventions. • Collaboration with ASHA provides international expertise and credibility in speech and hearing sciences.
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