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FREE AND GOOD SERVICE IN THE ALEGRA CENTERS

The Executing Unit 003 of the Improvement Program - EJE NO PENAL plans to invest more than 2.5 million soles to rehabilitate the deteriorated physical infrastructure of the Alegra centers. The loan agreement signed between the Peruvian government and the World Bank provides for a major transformation of these nationwide offices to enable the access to a free lawyer to low-income people. The action plan covers the Alegra and Mega Alegra centers (so called because they also

offer multidisciplinary interventions, in addition to making extrajudicial conciliation centers available to users).

To date, hundreds of computers have also been acquired for public defenders. In Newsletter No. 06, we will detail the actions we have been carrying out during the urgent need to curb the high rates of violence in our country, guaranteeing authentic access to justice services.

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FREE LEGAL ADVICE CENTERS WILL BE REHABILITATED BY THE EJE NO PENAL PROGRAM

The free legal advice center - Alegra Center of Villa Maria del Triunfo, located in the 30th block of Av. Pachacutec, receives an average of 20 people per day. Single mothers, people with disabilities, people in situations of vulnerability and poverty turn to lawyers (public defenders) with the enormous hope of being legally sponsored free of charge.

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bers, in Peru, **3 women were victims of femicide every 10 days between 2015 and 2019.**

Metropolitan Lima was the place where the largest number of cases was recorded, followed by La Libertad and Cusco.

The National Survey on Social Relations (ENARES 2019) shows us another horrifying figure: 58.9% of people tolerate or justify violence against women and in 2021 the Aurora Program registered 22546 cases of sexual violence, 14 500 of them were minors.

Given this reality, it is essential to understand that access to justice is a basic principle that must be guaranteed in a state governed by the rule of law. Not having the money to pay for legal advice can become an obstacle to that right, and the huge difference between continuing to be violated or not. The Victim Advocacy Department of the ALEGRA centers have assisted more than 30,000 beneficiaries nationwide between January and December 2021, according to information provided by DGDPAJ. This work is fundamental, because with the support of a multi-disciplinary team made up of forensic experts, forensic doctors, social workers, and lawyers, it is possible to carry out legal proceedings and obtain protection measures for the victims. All this at zero cost to the aggrieved party.

Optimal infrastructure

As part of a mixed intervention, the team of specialists that make up the MINJUSDH Project of the Executing Unit 003 of the EJE NO PENAL Program has the mission of supporting and improving the work carried out in the 49 Alegra centers nationwide. For this reason, a series of physical refurbishments will begin shortly under component 1, entitled



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“Infrastructure Optimization and Improvement”. Refurbishment works will be carried out including adaptation works to the user’s needs, as well as improvements to the environments in existing buildings without modifying the structure or safety conditions by means of removable elements.

“This is a first stage. This year we want to operate in the Alegra centers of Comas, Av. Comandante Espinar, Santa Anita (under evaluation), Lima center (under evaluation), Villa el Salvador (under evaluation), San Juan de Miraflores (under evaluation) and then Villa Maria del Triunfo and Pachacamac. The estimated amount is approximately s/. 2,500,000.00 for the refurbishment of the first 06 ALEGRA’s centers”, commented Engineer Jorge Lizonde Miranda.

Lizonde Miranda is the MINJUSDH project supervisor. In his trajectory, the construction of modern headquarters for the General Directorate of Public Defense within the framework of the Accede project developed with the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) stands out. Today, thanks to the support of the World Bank as a cooperating source, it has stipulated an action plan at 04 levels:

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1. Properties operating in a moderately adequate manner - Level 1

These are Alegra centers that comply with an appropriate distribution but that can be improved with actions included in level 1: acquisition of a Totem, Covid 19 kit, installation of equipment and informative and safety signage, improvement of the general distribution panel, change of furniture, painting, installation of ceilings, improvement of finishes in carpentry, locks, access ramps for the disabled people, among other actions.

2. Properties that do not require an increase in roofed area - Level 2

These are the Alegra centers that need to optimize and/or change their distribution due to the existence of insufficient areas. The actions will be all those included in level 1 (detailed in the preceding paragraph) and those foreseen in le-

vel 2: installation of air-conditioning equipment, improvement in children's waiting areas, toilets for disabled people, kitchenette, private offices, installation of doors and windows, among others.

3. Properties requiring an increase in roofed area - Level 3

These are the Alegra centers that also need to optimize and/or change their distribution due to the existence of insufficient areas. This stage does require an increase in the roofed area, so level 1 and level 2 works will be carried out, in addition to the acquisition of removable elements such as: installation of toilets, disabled people toilets, kitchenette, private offices, children's waiting areas, among others.

Level 4 will be directed to unbuilt land where modular offices will be installed with water and sewage, electric power and all the necessary amenities for users, public defenders, experts, and conciliators.



Engineer Jorge Lizonde of the PMSAJ - Eje No Penal visits the Alegra centers for their intervention.

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Contract signing for the purchase of computers of Alegria centers.

The extra-judicial authorities can perform their functions properly. The Executing Unit 003 is already developing an ambitious project under the responsibility of the Change Management specialist and executive coordinator of the Program, Oscar Zapata Alcázar. A challenge that seeks to promote access to justice in our country, and thus banish the outstanding debts with those who have the least and need the most.

State-of-the-art technology

The planned refurbishment of the Alegria and Mega Alegria centers also includes the acquisition of modern computer equipment.

With the signing of 02 contracts, Executing Unit 003 acquired ten (10) desktop computers, (10) stabilizers and 323 portable computers or laptops for the public defenders who make up the

General Directorate of Public Defense of MIN-JUSDH and who, as we have already seen, serve users free of charge.

The purchase of these devices will provide greater IT security to prevent unauthorized access to the institution's systems and facilitate remote work. Also, the number of cases handled will be better controlled and followed up. The unit price of the laptops amounts to S/. 5,332.82. These are portable personal computers with integrated touch panel, 04-core processor, 512 GB SSD hard disk among other features. In the case of desktop computers, computers with Intel Core i7 processors with 2TB 5400 or 7200 ppm hard disk, for a total amount of S/ 168,760.10.

The acquisitions will be used for the complete renovation of the Alegria centers, where we work with equipment older than 10 years.

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