

THE PROBLEM

GENERAL:



The Dominican Republic had the lowest average score in science and mathematics and second lowest in reading among

77 countries on internationally applied PISA tests (PISA, 2019).

HEALTH/SEX EDUCATION:

- Only 7% of the public school population are receiving sex education (UNFPA 2013).
- The highest rate of teenage pregnancy in the Latin America/Caribbean region is found in the Dominican Republic (1 in 5; 20.5%). (PAHO, 2019)

GENDER EQUALITY:

- 27% of all women and girls aged 15-49 have experienced physical violence at least once in their lifetime.
- Female workforce participation is 50.5%, compared to 79.8% of men (UNDP, 2012).

BIRTH REGISTRATION:

- 27% of the poorest quintile of the Dominican Republic does not have a birth certificate (UNICEF Global Databases, 2017).
- Lack of a birth certificate implies lack of legal identity and identification, lack of access to the education system, the formal employment sector, public insurance, and the right to vote.

EMPLOYMENT:

- 39.1% of youth are unemployed or irregularly employed (ILO, 2015).

• World Economic Forum. 2017. The Global Competitiveness Report 2017-2018. Retrieved from www3.weforum.org/docs/GCR2017-2018/05FullReport/TheGlobalCompetitivenessReport2017%E2%80%932018.pdf.
 • UNICEF Global Databases. (2017). Birth registration: Based on DHS, MICS, other national household surveys, censuses and vital registration systems [data file]. Retrieved from <https://data.unicef.org/topic/child-protection/birth-registration/>.

OUR SOLUTION



LITERACY & LIBRARY PROGRAMS



EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION



YOUTH LEADERSHIP



BACHATA ACADEMY



GLOBAL CONNECTION GROUPS

MISSION



OUR DREAM

All children and youth in the Dominican Republic will have equal opportunities to learn and realize their full potential through transformative education programs that combat the effects of poverty. We believe that developing critical thinking and a culture of reading changes lives. Our programs extend from early childhood through young adulthood, empowering at-risk children and youth to create a better future for themselves and their families through high quality education, youth leadership, and community enrichment.

OUR VALUES

INTEGRITY

INCLUSION

SUSTAINABILITY

EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES

HIGH QUALITY

TRANSPARENCY

DEMOGRAPHICS

+8K



Students and participants across all DREAM programs each year.



+27

Communities reached

110

employees



Participants ranging from

2 TO 24

years old (and counting!)

NO. OF PARTICIPANTS (2018-2019)



MONTESSORI:
600
STUDENTS



LIBRARY PROGRAMS
3,996
PARTICIPANTS



DEPORTES PARA LA VIDA:
1,046
GRADUATES



LUCEROS:
570
ARTIVE CASES



WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT
270
STUDENTS



MUSIC ACADEMY
150
STUDENTS

OUR RESULTS

72%

of A Ganar graduates working or studying one year after completing the program (2019)

30+

communities reached through DPV, Única, and Luchadores Por el Cambio youth sexual health programs annually (2018-2019)

303

individuals registered with the Civil registry office or received their birth certificates since August 2017 (DEC 2019)

676

School and NGO officials received workshops on documentation processes

17

Montessori classrooms in 7 communities; 600 students reached in total annually (2018-2019)

21,430

Books distributed annually through My Very Own Library book fairs (2018-2019)

MVOL

Is the only source of children's books in the home for 90% of DREAM's students.

8.3K

Books available at DREAM's 7 community libraries (2018-2019)

144

hours of music instruction during the 2018-2019 school year (2018-2019)

74 %

of summer camp participants increased their reading scores (2019).