

The situation of ICA – Chile as of June 18, 2011

Sharing Information with the North and South America Team.

Recent Highlights

- In spite of 2010's earthquake and tsunami, we have tried to return to our work with the physically challenged. We have just finished a course on Leadership using ToP Methods with physically challenged youngsters in Puerto Montt, at the local Children's Rehabilitation Center (Puerto Montt Telethon). Besides, we have been counseling an organization of young people (that have been part of our programs previously) who won an UN-Habitat project. We are also doing our best to get new ToP courses with physically challenged adults financed by the Chilean Government.
- We are very grateful to the people of Japan. We finished 6 projects of emergency assistance, due to the 2010 earthquake and tsunami, delivered by Japan, at the Maule, (Talca and Constitución) and Bio Bio (Talcahuano, Concepción and Arauco) Regions. We were able to deliver these projects thanks to the permanent help of ICA Japan and the Japanese Platform that receives donations from the people of Japan, the Japanese Government, Enterprises and ONG's, all of them from Japan.
- Little by little we have been able to create a bigger group (that works with ICA-Chile programs) and we have tried to train them in ToP Methods. We are very grateful for the training we received from Bill Staples (ICA Associates), and also for the training we are receiving presently by Nigel Blackburn in ToP Methods for the ICA-Chile team.

Breakthroughs in our work.

- We have been able to ally our team to an organization called "Strong Wind" (Viento Fuerte) supporting their administrative efforts in order to continue our help on the earthquake's devastated zone at a village called "Tubul" at Arauco County. We have continued to deliver Methods and knowledge on Participative Planning.
- We are applying so as to deliver 16 ToP courses all through Chile for physically challenged adults.

Background.

- ICA-Chile started its activities down here, in 1978 with a project called "September Sun (Sol de Septiembre). Their goal was to motivate farmers to believe in themselves and to reinforce their self-esteem by creating their own projects in order to better their environment and their means. ICA-Chile has a specific mission and that is to develop a culture of participation in Chile, by training individuals as facilitators in the Technology of Participation, through different learning processes. Besides this, we truly and strongly believe on human sustainable and inclusive development.
- On December 21, 2004, we finally received our credentials for our Cultural Affairs Corporation, ICA – Chile, as a National ONG, by decree Number 3935, delivered by the Government of Chile.

- Throughout many years ICA – Chile has helped to make changes inside the Government, in local communities, corporations, volunteer organizations and groups concerned with the development of communities. During these last years ICA-Chile has focused in two large programs addressed to physically challenged youngsters and adults. Since 2001 we have developed more that 17 programs with physically challenged youngsters in different parts of Chile, and also we have developed around 40 programs addressed to physically challenged adults.

CHALLENGES.

- Print a book with ToP Methods in Spanish.
- Continue to develop annual courses to physically challenged youngsters and adults.
- Increase our social development activities in order to reach other vulnerable actors of our Chilean society as are groups of fishermen, farmers and city inhabitants.
- Keep in touch with other countries' National ICA members, all around the world in order to develop joined activities, exchanging facilitators, capacity building, counseling, exchanging knowledge, and results of our and their programs.
- Collaborate with the activities of ICA Global and look for new Peer to Peer Collaborations.