

# Annual Report 2020-21



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## SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- Message from the Board
- Public Engagement Events
- New FIT projects initiated in Honduras
- Tierra Colorada school and garden project

SOMBRILLA'S 2021/22  
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## A MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

We are proud of Sombrilla's resiliency and achievements in 2021 despite the continued challenges posed by a global pandemic. As a small charity run by volunteers, we take pride in the work that we do. We are especially thankful to those who have donated to our cause during times that are financially challenging.

In 2021, a highlight for Sombrilla was a grant from Global Affairs Canada's "Fund for Innovation and Transformation". With these funds, Sombrilla is helping to implement a project in Honduras that aims to empower women and girls by reducing gender based violence. Sombrilla is also continuing to support youths in El Salvador with the scholarship-project. In Guatemala, Sombrilla is supporting a garden project, in addition to augmenting teachers' salaries for the Tierra Colorada School.



*"With Global Affairs Canada's "Fund for Innovation and Transformation", Sombrilla is helping to implement a project in Honduras that aims to empower women and girls by reducing gender based violence"*

## FIT PROJECT– FUND FOR INNOVATION AND TRANSFORMATION

In June 2021, Sombrilla started a new project to improve access to legal and other support services for women facing gender-based violence (GBV). The project is implemented in collaboration with our partner organization in Honduras, Organismo Cristiano de Desarrollo Integral de Honduras (OCDIH). To date, the project successfully completed an awareness campaign on GBV and strengthened the capacities of women's networks and improved collaborations between civil society organizations, municipal decision makers and representatives of the justice system.



*Students from El Salvador*

## SCHOLARSHIP PROJECT

Sombrilla, in collaboration with CEBES PERQUIN, a local NGO in El Salvador, continues to offer an educational scholarship program. Since its inception, the scholarship program has helped many students complete their studies. In collaboration with the partner organization in El Salvador, Sombrilla currently supports seven students.

The pandemic was difficult for our partners in the South. People were under quarantine for long periods throughout Central and South America. During the pandemic, Sombrilla provided emergency support in El Salvador.

## TIERRA COLORADA

Sombrilla continues to fund all Grade 9 students in TC. The Government of Guatemala funds grades 7 and 8. Our support for the entire school began in 2011. We continued humanitarian aid during Covid 19 with one more contribution in 2021.

We also started a Garden project in TC in June 2021. The goal was to teach students to grow common vegetable crops, include families and community in the project and attain a measure of food sustainability.



*Students from Tierra Colorada*

## COMMUNITY CENTRE IN YURAC YACU, PERU

Sombrilla continues to support the Yurac Yacu Community Centre. This project has been adversely affected by the pandemic — the café remains closed and groups are unable to meet. This has been a blow to women in particular as they have lost income due to the closing of the café and being unable to sell their knitting.

One project that has been able to continue in a new form is the preschool. The teacher has been meeting weekly with one parent from each family for about an hour. The parents are provided with a package of materials to help them to work with their preschoolers at home. The children are given wonderful books and puzzles in addition to science projects, art, math, and fine motor and communication activities on a weekly basis. Rather than rely on communal school supplies, each family received their own paints, glue, crayons etc. so that the children have what they need to complete the activities.

## GARAGE SALE 2021

Garage sales provide a wonderful opportunity for Sombrilla members and volunteers to interact in a fun and relaxed atmosphere. The event allows us to engage the public about Sombrilla projects, and raise much needed funds for the Jose Garcia Scholarship Fund. Last year we raised approximately \$1,000 for post secondary students in El Salvador.

# FINANCIAL REPORT 2020-21

## SOMBRILLA INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT SOCIETY

### About Us

Sombrilla is an Alberta-based, independent, non-governmental organization, founded in 1985 as a registered charity to facilitate projects supporting sustainable development, social justice, gender equity and human rights.

### Our Mission

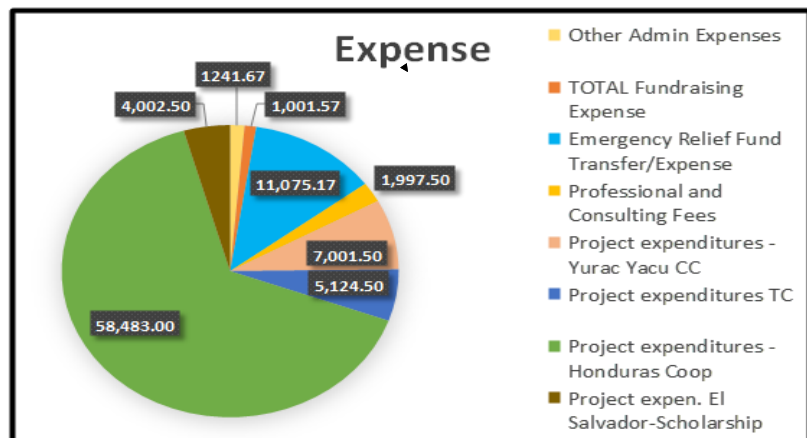
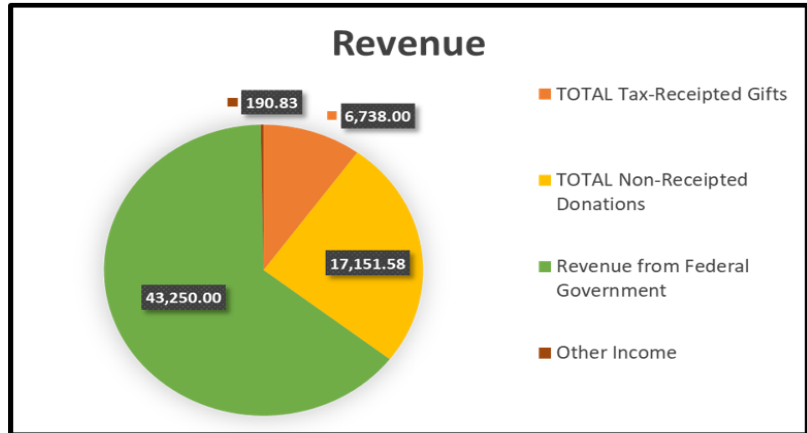
Sombrilla partners with communities in Latin America to empower them to assert their democratic, economic, cultural, and social rights.

### Our Mandate

Sombrilla's mandate is to walk in solidarity with our partners in the global south towards effective social change for all.

### Our Partners

Sombrilla develops partnerships with Latin American community-based organizations that share our mission in order to assist them in reaching their goals.



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