



## Successful Completion of Rotary Global Grant (2018-2020)

Improving Healthcare for  
Indigenous people in remote areas of Sonora, Mx.

**Help for Today; Model for Tomorrow!**

## Indigenous Villages Served in GG

Four Clusters of remote Guarijío  
Villages with no healthcare

7 villages  
1600 People  
219 Sq. Miles

Burapaco  
Mesa Colorada  
Guajarai  
Mochibampo  
Los Estrados  
San Juan  
Colonia Makurawe



# Indigenous Peoples of Sonora

## The Guarijío (Makurawe) are in Yellow

# 2 Pápagos are now called their native name: Tohono O'odham



## Alamos:

### Pueblo Mágico

- Our base of operations
- Clínica Integral Almas





But . . .  
Beyond Alamos,  
Many Barriers



- Great distances from clinics & hospitals
- No public transportation; poor road conditions
- Native Language not Spanish
- Limited access to cell, electricity, water
- Lack of timely medical treatment
- Poor stabilization for emergency transport

## Sustainable Resources, Partners, and Collaborative Options too!

- Clinica Almas Integral in Alamos, Sonora
- Social Security Hospitals
- Community Trainees (promotores) in waiting
- Technological advances (ex: Solar power; satellites; telemedicine)
- Rotary in Sonora (ex: Navojoa, Guaymas, Obregon)



And, it all began under a tree!





## **At the end of this exchange, 4 key objectives and a Global Grant Proposed!**

- 1. Train 4 village Promotoras & 12 Vinculadores**
- 2. Provide basic healthcare equipment (villages, promotores, clinic)**
- 3. Community Trainings so everyone can understand & access healthcare**
- 4. Provide Telemedicine based on solar-powered satellite syst.**

**July, 2018: RI awarded Global Grant!**



**Feb 2018 – G G Inauguration**



## Rotary Commitment Tiles

**Presented by D5500  
Governor Kirk Reed**

**Catalina – International R.C.**

**Navojoa – Host R.C..**



**The Work Began – Intensive Training**





## Equipment Arrived

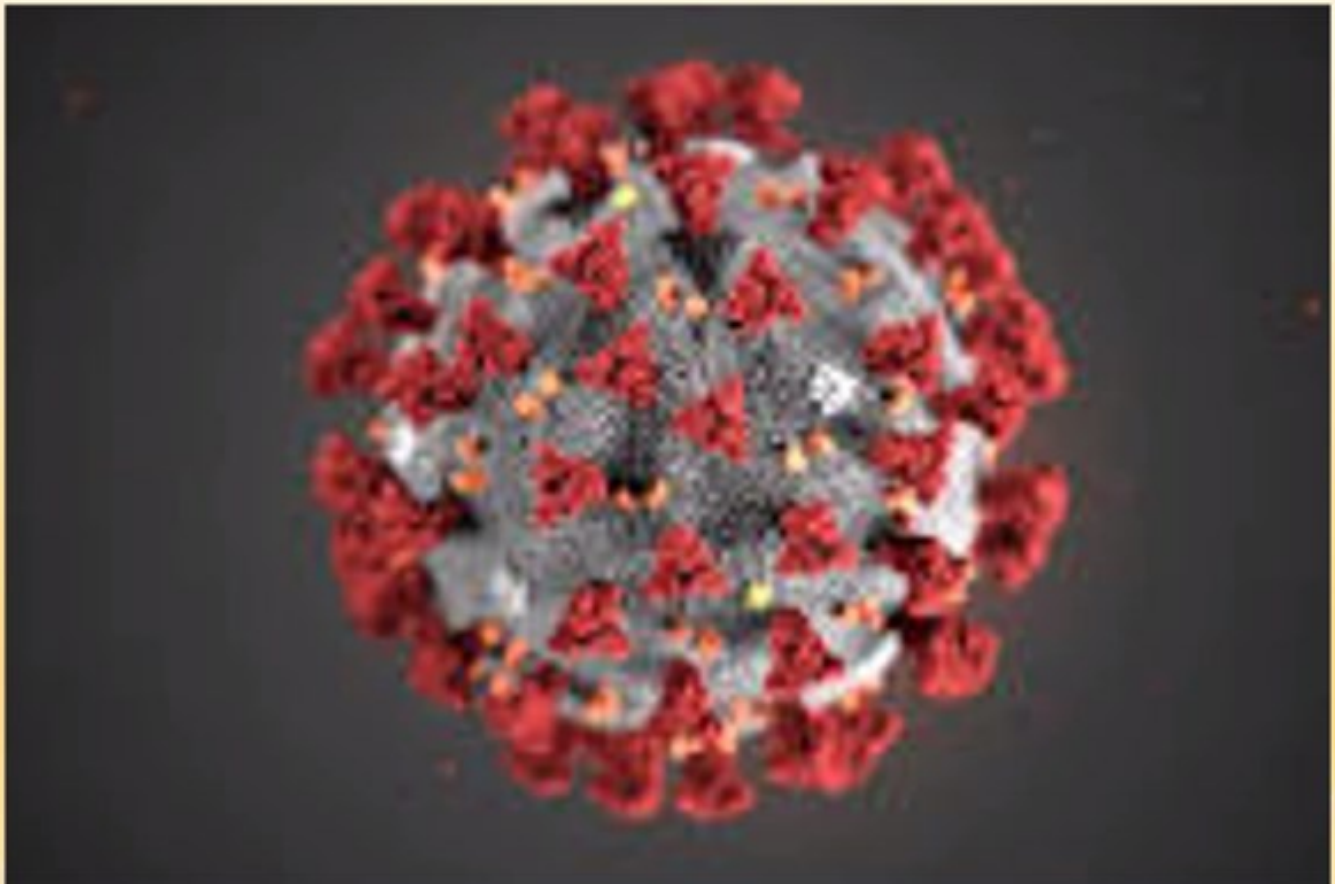


## Telemedicine Equipment Installed

# RI Site Visit!



# Covid Times!





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March 2020



# Training & Equipment Pay Off!



# **December 2020**

## **Time to celebrate GG's success!**



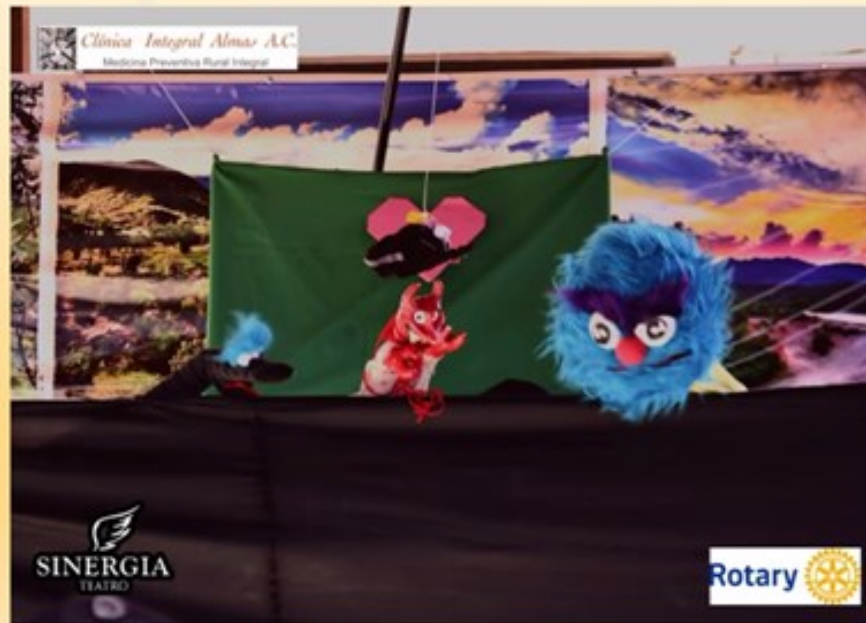
## **This Year's Show:**

**Puppeteers created a script portraying  
how much promotores have done  
to keep village safe and well.**

**Key ingredient: Fun!**



# Tres Bichos (Microbios)!



## Characters:

Villans: 3 Germs (Microbios)!

Victim: Promotores

Heros: Villagers, children

## Plot:

**Problem:** Germs can't make villagers sick anymore because Promotores are teaching them how to protect themselves.

**Action:** Germs plan to attack Promotores when they are not looking.

**Resolution:** Villagers and children rescue promotores and foil the germs – again and again!

# Every one enjoys!





# A Message from El Gobernador !



Yesterday

Kuira Dra. 5:26 PM

Buenas noches 5:26 PM

La comunidad de Los Estrados envia cariñosos saludos para usted. 5:27 PM

Escucharon su palabras de audio y les gustó mucho 5:27 PM

El Gobernador Máximo le envia afectuosos saludos. 5:28 PM

Quedó muy agradecido 5:28 PM

Me externó que el evento fué de todo gusto para él. 5:29 PM

Y está a disposición en lo que se pueda trabajar posteriormente 5:29 PM

Text translated from Spanish original:

## Impact beyond the villages:

## One Example from Obed

Dear Dr. Elizabeth, I just wanted to share with you that we are very happy with the work we are doing in the Sierras. Coming to Alamos and having such a personal contact with the children and their families has grounded us a lot. The conditions in which they all live hurt us deeply, and we would love to continue supporting this work. Seeing each of the different communities this time has given us all a lot of context for your vision and effort. It has truly generated something very beautiful in our very being. In truth, I am very grateful to you for trusting me and my team to do the Community Puppet Festivals. You have changed our lives and we have learned so very much! We are so happy to be here.

Thank you, my good friend, and please forgive me for telling you this in the middle of the night. But, I have cried, laughed and reflected on this whole experience and was burning to tell you how much we also want to contribute something to this crazy world. Thank you for everything you do to make a difference. With admiration! Obed



**Let's hope those times return soon!**

**And now, the GG ends, but the effort continues.**

- \* 16 Guarijío healthcare promoters trained
  - \* Medical equipment provided
  - \* Telemedicine system up & running
  - \* A UA grant to keep it going!