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Un refugio para Bajo Calima y el Chocó

26 to 28 September 2026 · Bajo Calima, Buenaventura, Colombia

13 M COP
spent

2,400 EUR
plane tickets paid by a corporate patron

Pesos and euros: never added together.

→ **3 temporary classrooms put up**



THE CONTEXT

When the earth shook

On 10 August 2026, a magnitude 7.4 earthquake struck western Colombia.

In Bajo Calima, a rural area of Buenaventura, homes, the school and the nursery collapsed. The community was coming out of months of lockdown caused by the armed conflict.

The Foundation's first emergency response, and its first action outside Huila.



Photo: Fundación Phoenix Iniciative

WHAT WAS BUILT

3

temporary classrooms

in guadua bamboo, for grades 10 and 11 and the nursery

Bajo Calima

Buenaventura

✓ Verified: official report and dated photos



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WHAT WE DID

Three days of building

The journey

6 volunteers left Rivera

A change of course

no boat to Chocó, so on to Bajo Calima

Panels by hand

carried to the school

The timber

bought and cut in Buenaventura

Three classrooms

put up with the community

Food aid

handed out door to door

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STEP BY STEP

From the earthquake to the classrooms

10 Aug. 2026

The earthquake strikes western Colombia

Sept. 2026

Preparation and departure from Rivera

26 Sept.

First day of building with the community

28 Sept.

Three classrooms standing; partner does the finishing

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A VOICE FROM BAJO CALIMA

“We are a resilient and joyful community, in spite of everything”

Those are the words of a community leader. She then formally invited the Foundation to return.

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WHAT WAS ACHIEVED

The mission in figures

3

temporary guadua classrooms

✓ verified

3

days of building in Bajo Calima

✓ verified

6

Foundation volunteers, unpaid

✓ verified

Target: 3 to 5 structures; result: 3. Food aid for 175 families: a declared figure, with no distribution list.

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THE MONEY

13 M COP

spent

Donations to the French association → **transferred to the Foundation's account** → **advanced to the mission team**

A corporate patron also paid 2,400 EUR in plane tickets: this is never added to the pesos.

The guadua panels were paid for by a partner's campaign, outside the Foundation's accounts: they are not counted here.

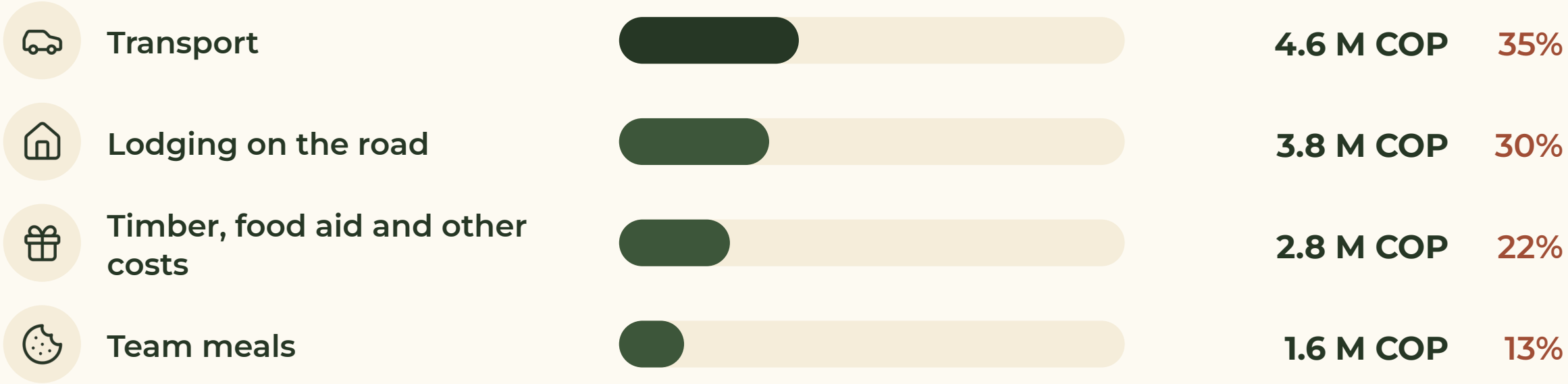
Exact details: the project's public report (INF-REF26-v1)

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THE MONEY

Where did the money go?

13 M COP
spent in total



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THE MONEY

How do we know?



under 1%

Supported

Bank taxes on the statement

27%

Reconstructed

Invoices in the representative's name

56%

Estimated

Vehicle, meals, hotels, at public prices

17%

Declared

Food aid and costs with no receipt, to justify

0% probable

No invoice was kept during the mission (the lesson). The 2,400 EUR: allocation declared.

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IN ALL HONESTY

What is still to be documented

What we do not know, we say.

The signed expense statement for the advances	to do
Follow-up with the Consejo Comunitario	in progress
Photos of the finished classrooms	pending
The partner's campaign report	to request
A food distribution list	in 2027

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WHAT WE LEARNED

The next mission, even better

proposal

- A written budget and a cash keeper
- A written agreement with the partner and the community
- Ask the community first what it needs
- A contact for complaints and a code of conduct

Doing our part: being there rather than funding from afar.

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TOGETHER

Those who made the shelter possible

The Bajo Calima community and its Consejo Comunitario
built alongside us every day and opened its school to us

A technical partner specialised in guadua
led the building work and is doing the finishing

A corporate patron
paid the plane tickets of two team members

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Thank you

To the community of Bajo Calima.

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