

2015

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

CHILD SPONSORSHIP



Since 1977, Save the Children Dominican Republic has worked with local communities and organizations to design Sponsorship programs tailored to meet the unique and ever-changing needs of children. We currently work in Dajabón, a province in the northern region of the country near Haiti where children face challenges daily. In 2015, low education standards, poor health and early pregnancy were just a few of these hardships. To address these difficulties, we emphasized teacher training, health education and community engagement. Below you can see how we continue to do whatever it takes to give children in the Dominican Republic a healthy start, the opportunity to learn and protection from harm.




Thanks to you, girls and boys in the Dominican Republic have the chance for a brighter future.

In 2015, you helped us achieve so much for children, giving them the best chance for a brighter future.



With the support of sponsors like you, **1,657** children had **access to books** in 2015, giving them a **strong foundation for life-long learning.** 

Thanks to your generosity, more than **90%** of **students** actively participated in activities to **enhance their literacy skills**, including Literacy Boost, our signature approach to reading. 

With your help, we **trained 632** children, parents and teachers **on health subjects**, such as HIV/AIDS, proper dietary practices and the prevention of high-risk behaviors. 

2015 Child Sponsorship Programs: Dominican Republic

Results you made possible for children



Basic Education

- Literacy Boost specifically focuses on community action and ways to strengthen children's reading skills early in life. With your help, we trained 49 teachers on how to incorporate innovative literacy teaching techniques into their existing curriculum and lesson plans.
- Thanks to our sponsors, we conducted 61 visits with education officials and school principals to ensure our programs were being properly implemented in all 12 sponsorship schools.
- In 2015, we improved school management and teacher capacity by encouraging local education authorities to demand

a curriculum that meets the needs of their students.

- With your help, we conducted reading festivals, after-school reading circles and book clubs to provide children with important opportunities to practice reading outside of school.
- We created a book rental program where children and members of the community could borrow books from a local school.



School Health and Nutrition

- Save the Children began implementing School Health & Nutrition programs in 2013. Together, we have had considerable success in educating

youth, parents and educators on important health and nutrition topics.

- Last year, thanks to you, we trained 632 children, parents and teachers on numerous health subjects, such as HIV/AIDS, proper dietary practices to prevent malnutrition and the prevention of high-risk behaviors like smoking, drugs and unsafe sex. We also helped teach girls about their personal hygiene through menstruation education. We've already witnessed behavior changes in adolescents. They are now demonstrating an increased curiosity in safe sexual practices as well as personal hygiene and nutrition.



**Thank
you!**

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