



# HUMANITARIAN AID PROJECT IN ECUADOR

 6 months  San Ignacio de Toacaso, Ecuador

**Make an impact.  
Live the experience.  
Grow beyond borders.**



Join a **community-driven environmental project in Ecuador** and become part of meaningful conservation efforts while immersing yourself in a new culture.

As a volunteer, you will support biodiversity monitoring, work alongside local communities, and contribute to long-term environmental and social impact.

**Ready to make a difference? Apply now and start your journey.**

## ABOUT THE COMMUNITY

**San Ignacio de Toacaso** is a rural Indigenous community located in the Cotopaxi Province, at the foothills of the Ilinizas Volcanoes.

The community are the owners and **guardians of the Cocopilaló Ecological Reserve**, a vital páramo and cloud forest ecosystem.

This reserve is one of the most important water sources in Ecuador, supplying a large part of the country's central region.

Rooted in a strong Indigenous heritage, the community actively protects its territory while working to make its conservation efforts more visible.

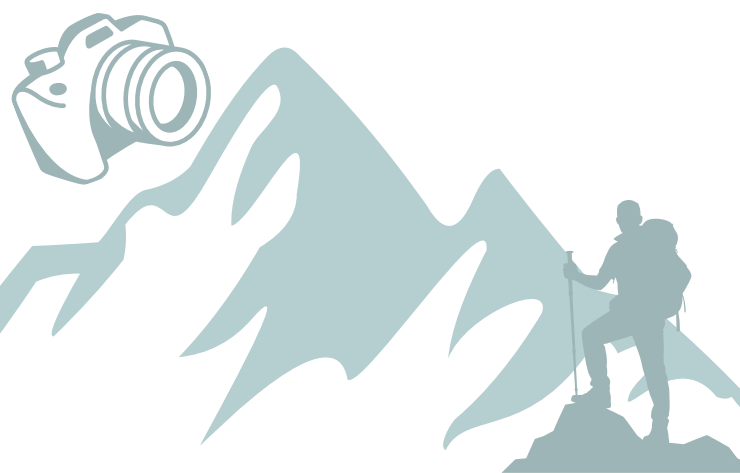


## YOUR ROLE AS A VOLUNTEER

During your stay, **you will work hand in hand with the community** in environmental conservation and community-based development.

### ***Some exemplary tasks are:***

- Conduct daily biodiversity monitoring walks
- Document species, tracks, and ecosystems
- Capture photo, video, and audio records
- Organize and process environmental data
- Use digital tools for species identification
- Co-create communication content with local youth
- Support community workshops and trainings
- Facilitate environmental education activities



# WHY THIS EXPERIENCE?

**This program is for you if you want to:**

- Make a real, tangible impact in a local community
- Experience intercultural exchange in a meaningful way
- Gain insights into humanitarian aid and environmental work
- Step outside your comfort zone: grow personally and professionally
- Be part of a purpose-driven international network



# ABOUT THE ORGANIZATIONS



## **ICJA (Coordinating Organization)**

With over 70 years of experience, ICJA promotes intercultural exchange and global solidarity through international volunteer programs.

They support volunteers through:

- Pre-departure preparation
- Ongoing guidance during the project
- Post-experience reflection and support



## **VASE (Host Organization)**

VASE is a non-profit organization in Ecuador focused on:

- Sustainable community development
- Social inclusion and human rights
- Intercultural exchange and global citizenship

Their work supports:

- Children, youth, and older adults
- Indigenous communities
- Schools, shelters, and community centers

VASE's mission is to empower communities and create long-term sustainable impact.



## WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Travel (to and from the project)
- Accommodation & meals
- Monthly pocket money
- Insurance
- Training and continuous support
- Support services like language courses
- Additional support for special needs (if applicable)



# REQUIREMENTS



## **We are looking for volunteers who:**

- Are 18–35 years old
- Live in an EU Member State or eligible partner country
- Can commit to the full 6-month program
- Have completed the required pre-departure training
- Are motivated, proactive, and open-minded
- Enjoy working in team and community environments
- Have a good physical condition (fieldwork involved)
- You have knowledge or willingness to learn in photography and/or video and editing and social networks
- Knowledge in ecology, biology, botany, agroecology or related areas is highly appreciated



# ECUADOR IS WAITING FOR YOU!

## Questions?

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