



Crowdfunding Report:

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Through granted scholarships in the last 4 years, 10, 594 girls have benefited with the overall goal of strengthening their skills and at the same time allow them to discover their own potential. It is important to mention that the girls and young women benefited by the project are people who live in areas vulnerable to school dropout and have economic difficulties. Despite these circumstances, the scholarship has been essential for 98% of beneficiaries that have been promoted.

At the national level, MINEDUC (Educational ministry from Guatemala) statistics for 2016 mention that the dropout rate at the primary level was 3.02%, in the basic cycle it was 5.18% and **at the general level of the scholarship project during the 2018 school year it was 1%**. Which means that all the efforts are giving positive results.

As in the case of an ex-scholarship student who comments: “The FUNDAP scholarship has been a vital component in finishing school, what I valued the most was the follow up the follow-up, because during the 6 years of support I discovered my potential and how important is the education of women.” **Mildred**, former scholar, explains that the scholarship is fundamental and a privilege, that is, what she values most is the support she received during that period and she hopes that many girls have the opportunity she had.



Thanks to the donations received, **Estefani** continues her scholarship for second year with support and accompaniment, when the primary education cycle ended due to financial difficulties her parents decided that they wouldn't support her to continue her educations, despite her good academic results. However, with the scholarship today she has the privilege of continuing her studies and her improvement has allowed her make plans for her future.

