

CEFE MEXICO

The activities of the Edimar Education and Training Centre (CEFE) are focused on social, cultural and educational development in the local context.

The main objective is to help youngsters attending high school by providing afternoon learning support courses.

Context

In the urban area of Campeche, where the Edimar Centre is located, the basic education offered by state schools is extremely deficient both in terms of educational content and of the programme in general. The state schools in Campeche are of inferior quality compared to institutions in the rest of the republic, and this makes it very difficult for these young people to enter the country's workforce.

Moreover, educational support in the family is often scarce or completely lacking: the family background of the children who come to the centre is often one of severe disintegration and lack of stability: in most cases the household consists only of a mother and children, and the mother is the sole source of economic support.

The lack of positive, stable and constructive role models in the youngsters' lives engenders a lack of sense of responsibility towards people and society. Very poor use is made of their intellectual and creative abilities, due to the lack of an appropriate educational and cultural programme.

Centre

Work began in January 2006 on building a permanent site for the Edimar Educational and Training Centre, which opened in June 2007. The idea of creating purpose-built premises arose in response to the need to increase the space designated for teaching and extracurricular activities, and to accommodate a larger number of students in a setting suited to study.

Activities

The work of the Centre includes development activities to give students the cultural level required to pass the public university entrance tests, providing support in the curricular subjects and at the same time offering an integrated education programme.

The educational development activities consist of:

- supplementary lessons in the subjects required to pass university entrance tests: history, geography, biology, mathematics, physics, chemistry, Portuguese and English;
- introduction to study methods;
- guidance in the choice of a study path and university faculty;
- extracurricular activities, such as excursions to places of cultural interest in the area around Campeche.