



What is FEDEVIVIENDA?

An autonomous and democratic Federation of social housing and community organizations. Affiliated organizations are based in all parts of the country and are usually Foundations, Housing Associations, Cooperatives - and Neighbourhood Councils. We also foster Regional Committees of these groups in each - geographic area. Our organizations develop housing, health and community development - programmes.

What does FEDEVIVIENDA do?

We represent, coordinate and give technical assistance, as well as other tasks that will benefit our affiliates and the community movement.

Each one of these tasks is the responsability of a specialized section of the Federation, coordinated by our Management Committee.

What services does FEDEVIVIENDA offer?

We represent our affiliates through our Negotiation Committee made up of delegates from the various community organizations.

This committee negotiates and presses for more agile procedures and reforms to existing legislation, access to credit funding and other measures which benefit our members and the movement in general.

We coordinate the work of our affiliates with each other and with other private and government institutions. In this way we ensure the best use possible of human and material resources.

This is the job of our Organization Committee that maintains a Register of national and international housing and technology-orientated

organizations, their activities, organizes conferences and seminars, and generally promotes the exchange of informations between these organizations and our members.

We give technical assistance to members and non-members on all aspects of the development of housing and community development programmes.

This is done by our Research and Assistance Section that is made up of six specialized Technical Groups:

Information Group (information, research, library, etc.)

Building Group (architecture, urban planning, technology, materials, etc.)

Community Organization Group (education, administration, self-managment, etc.)

Finances Group (advice on budgeting, accounting, credit funding, donations, ect.)

Law Group (legal procedures, permits, building licences, model rules, etc.)

Health Group (health promotion, health centres, appropriate medicine, etc.)

Our Technical Groups are made up of experienced professionals who ensure you effective assistance.

Why do we need a FEDERATION?

Social and self-build housing schemes are of primary importance in our country, and this activity is even more rewarding when it is the basis - for creating strong community organizations.

We know that unity is strength in this movement

so we try to bring together individual organizations. But it is not merely a matter of integration and exchange. Our organizations must be autonomous to truly represent the intrests of our members. And be professional to give the best - possible service to the community.

In order to achieve integration, professionalism and autonomy, we need a Federation.

How can we affiliate to FEDEVIVIENDA?

Get in touch with our Main Office or our Regional Representative. There you will get details of our work and the cost and requirements for a ffiliation.

iWe can help you build housing and build communities!



FOUNDERS

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- 'Colmena' Foundation for Social Housing, (Bogotá)
- 'Simón Bolívar' Social Housing Association (Bogotá)
- Cooperative of Building Workers (Cali)
- Foundation for the Social Development of Manizales and Caldas (Manizales)

Technical, financial^{advice}, legal assistance
in building homes.
communications, architects, topographers,
social workers, psychologists.

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