



The ONCE Foundation for Latin America (FOAL in Spanish) was founded in 1998 and through it, ONCE extends its solidarity to people with a visual impairment in Latin America.

FOAL's work focuses on **educational**, **employment** and **social inclusion** of people who are blind or low vision in **19 Latin American countries**, in line with the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. Through its work, it is also contributing to advancing the Sustainable Development Goals within the framework of the 2030 Agenda.











What we do in education

- We create educational resource centres, benchmarks in attending to the needs of students with a visual impairment throughout their education pathways.
- We provide training to teachers and other practitioners working in the field to give students the support they need.
- We supply equipment to adapt teaching materials to accessible formats.

What we do in employment

FOAL's ÁGORA Programme for labour inclusion of people with visual impairment promotes training for the employment and inclusion in the labour market.

AGORA is an **initiative created by FOAL** and delivered in partnership with public and private bodies in each country and civil society organisations from the field of visual impairment. The programme has already secured employment for many people with a visual impairment.

AGORA is implemented through advisory units that offer:

- · Career guidance.
- Access to training courses and workshops for employment.
- Placement services.
- Internships and traineeships.
- Support in adapting workplaces.
- Support for entrepreneurship, from project design to funding procurement and monitoring the business in the initial stage.

Stronger together

FOAL contributes to **strengthening organisations** of blind people in the following ways:

- Supporting the activities of organisations of people with a visual impairment in the region.
- Promoting unity as a value to achieve improvements that guarantee the rights of people who are blind or low vision.
- Involving national and local associations of the blind in the programmes and projects it delivers in their area.
- Promoting activities aimed at enhancing their capacity, services and professionalisation.

With the support of many

FOAL's work is possible thanks to resources from ONCE's responsible gaming products and the efforts of many public, private and civil society organisations, both in Spain and Latin American, as well as volunteers and donors.

FOAL's close partnerships with Ibero-American states and organisations such as the Latin American Blind Union and the Latin American Council for Education of People with Visual Impairment (ICEVI Latin America) ensure its activities are sustainable.

Institutions such as the Spanish Agency for International Development Cooperation (AECID), the Ibero-American General Secretariat (SEGIB), the Organization of Ibero-American States for Education, Science and Culture (OEI), and the Ibero-American Social Security Organisation (OISS), lend value to the project.



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