



## Your Church Can Get Involved and Partner with the Village of Algodón, Dominican Republic



Algodón is where Children of the Nations began ministry in the Dominican Republic. It is a batey (pronounced *BAH-tay*)—one of more than 400 shantytown work camps built in the 1960s to house migrant sugarcane cutters from Haiti. Today, Algodón consists of the remnants of this shantytown and is made up of mainly Haitian-Dominican families. When COTN first came to Algodón, the children were attending school in a mud hut that had cracks in the walls and roof and lacked teaching materials. Sixty-seven students, representing less than half of the school-aged children in Algodón, were being taught by two teachers.

We currently have around 300 children enrolled in the Algodón Village Partnership Program. Alongside caring partners like you, COTN has helped construct a seven-room school and cafeteria, a medical clinic, and a sports facility, as well as helping implement daily nutrition at school, a special needs program, skills training, Bible studies, and summer camps.



## STRATEGIC PROJECTS

As you continue to develop your relationship with Algodón, you can stay involved throughout the year by partnering with us on village-specific projects:

[Click here to see all available projects in the Dominican Republic.](#)

## VENTURE

As you become more invested in Algodón, your church may decide to take a Venture trip and see firsthand how you can partner with this community. For more information, check out our Dominican Republic Venture [calendar for this year!](#)

In addition, we keep a standby list of emergency response medical and construction teams. Please contact [our Venture department](#) for more information.

## SPONSORSHIP

Sponsorship is still an important need in Algodón, as we seek to provide holistic care for the children. As we continue to help families become more stable and independent, we also provide school fees, food, and medical care to around 300 children. Your church can host a Sponsorship Sunday event, or individuals can sponsor at any time.

[Click here to see all the children who need sponsors in Algodón.](#)

## DONATE RESOURCES

Wherever possible, COTN believes in purchasing needed supplies from local businesses in each country. However, we still have a need to ship supplies and equipment to supplement nutrition, clothing, and other materials for our children. Specifically, in Algodón, we need:

- **COTN Item of the Month**  
Each month your church will be able to collect needed items for [Algodón](#).
- **Feeding Children Initiative**  
You can help provide [food from local sources](#) to our children in Algodón, supporting the community around Algodón.



- **SmilePacks®**  
[SmilePacks](#) help us provide for the physical, spiritual, and educational needs of our children in Algodón. We collect Bible, School, Hygiene, and Let's Eat SmilePacks.
- **Pack a Container**  
Together with other local churches you can pack an entire shipping container of supplies for the children in Algodón.

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