



Culture preservation & capacity building



EPIC Amazon
Educational Programs for Indigenous Communities, and
Sharamentsa Community



Achuar territory
Community of Sharamentsa and
neighbouring communities.



Youth and adults in Achuar communities.

Background:

Kapawi Ecodge, established 20 years ago by the Achuar indigenous nation, introduced ecotourism as an alternative livelihood in the Achuar territory, providing a unique experience for visitors, a cultural immersion in the Achuar Culture and the Amazonian Rainforest. The experience gained by ecotourism as a local activity proved invaluable for the Achuar Nation, and a key element that helps bridge "the gap" that separates their indigenous culture and the the Western world.

Many years later, Kapawi Ecodge became the volunteer center for any English as a Foreign Language Program (EFL), providing volunteer teachers all over the world with logistics and room and board. In the last 4 years, the EFL Program lost momentum, however the Achuar communities remain interested in learning English and breaking the language barrier to communicate its message.

This is the reason why the EFL Program "Ayamprumati Chicham ~ English Program" was created, to provide opportunities of learning English to empower representatives of the Achuar nation in order to communicate, value and preserve the culture of the jungle, including Achuar's language and cosmovision.



Activities:

1. Select a group of candidates to Achuar "assistant teachers" to participate in the student exchange program.
2. Select a number of USA families that are interested in providing a warm welcome into a foreign country and the adequate support as hosts to Achuar students who wish to participate in the student exchange,
3. Invite volunteers all over the world who wish to come to the Community of Sharamentsa to volunteer their time in the Ecuadorian Amazon as English teachers,
4. Build the required infrastructure and provide the needed logistics;
have a classroom that follows the architectural precepts of the Achuar tradition.
5. Identify and carry out the English Language Teaching Curriculum.

