

TECHO and Nexans Foundation join forces to provide access to energy in Latin America

- The organization was selected by Nexans Foundation in Latin America and will reach thousands of families with public lighting in shanty towns in Chile, Colombia, and Peru.
- Through this alliance, TECHO and Nexans Foundation help build a sustainable energy future in a continent where 37% of shanty towns do not have a formal and safe electricity service.

Santiago de Chile, August 8th, 2023 - TECHO and Nexans Foundation join forces to install 300 light poles in shanty towns in Chile, Peru, and Colombia, benefiting more than 4,500 people. The aim is to contribute to the Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 7 of the UN to ensure affordable and non-polluting energy.

According to the data of TECHO, obtained from a database of 7,700 shanty towns, at least 37% of the shanty towns in Latin America do not have a formal and safe electricity service.

Through this alliance, TECHO and the Nexans Foundation are helping to build a sustainable energy future, reinforcing their commitment to a more egalitarian society, and guaranteeing access to basic services to part of the population.

"In Latin America, millions of people living in informal shanty towns do not have access to regulated electricity, much less infrastructure that allows them to have illuminated areas at night in their public space, which generates insecurity and does not allow the neighbors to fully enjoy their neighborhoods. Thanks to the joint work between Nexans Foundation and TECHO, hundreds of families in Chile, Peru, and Colombia will have access to much safer spaces within their communities, through the installation of more than 300 solar-powered lights in 15 different communities. With this, we hope that residents of the neighborhoods can better use their streets, pedestrian paths, parks, and community spaces at all times and have a much more dignified habitat," says Daniel Ortiz, Coordinator of Social Areas of TECHO International.

And, in this regard, Silvia Rangel, Human Resources Manager of Madeco by Nexans, added: "At Madeco by Nexans, we are committed to our purpose of electrifying the future. We see TECHO CHILE as an ally to accomplish this challenge for our country in a safe way, also being partners in volunteering and collaboration within the project "Luz segura al barrio", delivering lights and electrical installation kits to hundreds of families in the community of Lampa.

Undoubtedly, this achievement of working together, thanks to the contribution of Nexans Foundation in Latin America, and in the framework of the 25th anniversary of the social organization, is a tremendous pride for our company and its employees."

Details of the project in each country:

Luz Limpia al Barrio: Un Techo Para Chile continues to install solar street lighting with photovoltaic panels in vulnerable communities in Chile, in partnership with Madeco by Nexans. The aim is to reduce the feeling of insecurity in the streets and common spaces. The project foresees the installation of 100 public lighting systems in 4 regions of the country, over a period of 12 months, which will directly benefit 1,600 people.

Luz al barrio: Techo Peru is actively participating in the project to install 100 public lighting poles in two informal shanty towns in Lima. In addition to these installations, workshops on energy efficiency will be held for volunteers and inhabitants of the beneficiary communities. This 6-month project will have a direct impact on 851 people with 1,702 direct beneficiaries.

Luz al barrio Colombia: Techo Colombia is installing 100 solar poles with photovoltaic panels in 6 shanty towns in the cities of Bogota, Cali, and Soacha. This initiative carried out in close collaboration with local communities and with the participation of Nexans officials, will eliminate or reduce the feeling of insecurity in public spaces in the neighborhoods. Also, the installation of these lights will minimize the risk of fires related to unsafe electrical connections and, in addition, the project will facilitate access to technology for the communities involved. In 12 months, it will directly benefit 1,200 people.

About TECHO

TECHO is an organization made up of young volunteers who seek to improve the living conditions of families living in poverty in Latin America and the Caribbean. Through housing, infrastructure, and basic services projects, they have reached more than 2.5 million people in shanty towns and have involved more than 1.5 million young people through volunteering. One of their most important projects is to assist families in finding decent housing, and they have already helped more than 650,000 neighbors with this project. In addition, they have trained young leaders through the development of soft skills and the promotion of social awareness. TECHO demonstrates that working together through these unlikely encounters transforms lives and brings the continent closer to a future where no one lives on a dirt floor.

About Nexans

For over a century, Nexans has played a crucial role in the electrification of the planet and is committed to electrifying the future. With approximately 28,000 people in 42 countries, the Group is paving the way to a new world of safe, sustainable and decarbonized electricity that is accessible to everyone. In 2022, Nexans generated 6.7 billion euros in standard sales. The Group is a leader in the design and manufacturing of cable systems and services across four main business areas: Power Generation & Transmission, Distribution, Usage and Industry & Solutions. Nexans was the first company in its industry to create a Foundation supporting sustainable initiatives, bringing access to energy to disadvantaged communities worldwide. The Group pledged to contribute to carbon neutrality by 2030.

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