



# Digital Bible Project

Proposal for Strategic Distribution of Bible Resources

Region: Ecuador

Project ID: 2106-Shua-01

Target Languages: Spanish, Shuar

## Project: Audio Bibles for Shuar illiterate/oral-based believers in the Amazon, Ecuador



**Why This Project:** The Shuar have faced great challenges, but the pandemic now threatens to crush hope. This illiterate people group need God's Word in audio format to grow their faith in Christ.

### Project Basics

#### Project Summary

Coming alongside a local ministry to provide Audio Bibles and Bible Stories for illiterate/oral-based believers

#### Overview:

The Shuar people are an indigenous tribe living in the tropical rainforests, lowlands, and savannas of Ecuador. Climate change and multinational corporations have long posed a threat to the people of the Amazon rainforest. Now, however, the region's indigenous tribes face an even more immediate danger: coronavirus. Local ministries serving the Shuar during this pandemic have seen the need for Audio Bibles to strengthen the Shuar believers. These communities are often illiterate, making Audio Bibles the only way for them to engage with God's Word.

Digital Bible Society, in partnership with the Latin American Evangelical Bible Alliance (ABEL), will provide Digital Audio Bibles for Christian workers laboring among the Shuar. These Solar powered Audio Bibles will be hand delivered to believers living in the remote Shuar villages of Ecuador. They will be strengthened to hope in God and continue following Christ.

For more information on the Shuar people, visit:

[https://joshuaproject.net/people\\_groups/14920/EC](https://joshuaproject.net/people_groups/14920/EC)

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| Resource Partners:              | Bible League Canada<br>Digital Bible Society<br>Faith Comes By Hearing<br>Open Doors International<br>Global Recordings Network   |
| Estimated Impact:               | 100 Audio Bibles enabling 1,000+ indigenous people to engage in the truths of God's Word  |
| Funding Date:                   | 2022  |
| Distribution Date:              | 2022  |
| Total Funding:                  | \$3,100.00  |
| <b>Regional Data</b>            |   |
| World Watch List Ranking:       | Not currently ranked  |
| Persecution Type:               | Organized Crime and Corruption  |
| Country and Persecution Data:   | <p>Although Christians in Ecuador do not suffer from severe persecution, the indigenous communities suffer general persecution from translational oil companies and the local private and government agencies.</p> <p>In 2019, thousands of indigenous men, women and children traveled from their homes in the Andes Mountains and the Amazon rainforest to protest in the capital against both the austerity measures and the growing oil and mining extraction activity on their territory. Others protested from their communities and blocked highways across the country, which brought the economy to a screeching halt.</p> <p>Since April of 2020, indigenous communities have filed various lawsuits against the government over its failure to protect them. They are demanding better aid, COVID-19 testing, and coordination with communities trying to quarantine in remote locations to contain the quickly spreading virus.</p> |
| <b>Distribution Details</b>     |   |
| Distribution Partners:          | Digital Bible Society<br>Latin American Evangelical Bible Alliance (ABEL)   |
| About the Distribution Partner: | <p>The Latin American Evangelical Bible Alliance (ABEL) is an interdenominational Christian evangelical ministry serving God and the local church. Its members are committed to evangelism, discipleship, and church planting through the strategic distribution of resources and the Holy Scriptures. ABEL has developed long-term relationships with churches of various denominations in all of Latin America and has strong friendships with indigenous communities.</p> <p>ABEL has served as the South American branch of Digital Bible Society (DBS) since 2016. They work together to ensure that the Bible in digital and printed form is</p>  |

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|                           | available to all of Latin America, especially to the indigenous people groups. Together DBS and ABEL have distributed thousands of Bibles. |
| Media to be Distributed:  | Audio Player with 16 GB internal memory: up to 512 hours of audio content at 64kbps.   |
| Media Amounts:            | 100 - Audio Players with 16 GB internal memory   |
| Media Content:            | Shuar and Spanish Audio Bible and Bible Stories  |
| <b>Funding Details</b>    |  |
| Media Costs:              | \$2,500.00   |
| Travel Costs:             | \$500  |
| Follow Up Costs:          | \$100  |
| Funding (Total)           | \$3,100.00   |
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| <b>FUND THIS PROJECT:</b> | <b>Email <a href="mailto:projects@dbs.org">projects@dbs.org</a> and reference Project ID: 2106-Shua-01</b>                                 |