



In 2010, community members of Qom *Potae Napocna Navogoh** camped in the center of Buenos Aires during 5 months. In that moment members of 'Convergence of Cultures' got in touch with them. Since then, we have been supporting them with their complaints and today we are taking part actively in new initiatives.

The Complaints are still dissatisfied. Until today, it has been impossible to advance towards the return of the misappropriated lands, provision of drinking water, medical care, or any other basic necessities which have been denied to them for many years. There was not either any progress in reference to the security of their members: The hostility is caused by some of the inhabitants – especially by the people who misappropriated their lands - supported by the political power of Formosa (region where they live).

While we support the community in their demands against the National and Regional Government, we also cooperate with some other friends in order to build up some projects which will reinforce their development, such as, **training for medical assistants**, or the **installation of a community radio**.

Rafael Justo, who is a retired Qom nurse and a member of the Council of Elders People of the community, is in charge of the project. From the 8th to the 22nd of January, 12 volunteers such as, doctors, nurses, students, and teachers travelled to support their training.

We met with 27 community members, most of them young enthusiastic women, who are eager to learn and help the community. The task will be worthy. Many people of the community, especially elderly people can't get access to the medical care due to discrimination and the bad service of hospitals. This is one of the reasons why trustworthy medical assistants are needed. They will visit elderly and disable people in their own houses.

Ana Añaxat QOM people!

Peace, force, and joy for the path they are walking, despite the difficult situation they still have to live in.

* 25/07/11, in assembly, the community decided: "Our community will carry the name that our ancestors gave us: *Potae Napocna* (anteater's claw) and also we named it spring in our language: Navogoh. So from that moment it is called: *Potae Napocna Navogoh*".

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