

# Paraguay



Chalice has been serving children and elders in Paraguay since 2012 in a mix of urban and rural communities. Compared to neighbouring countries, there are few international NGOs working in Paraguay. In the communities where Chalice works, there are no other similar supports. Chalice focuses on education, nutrition, and livelihood.

## KEY STATS



**4676**

Sponsored  
Children and  
Elders in Paraguay



**1302**

Sponsored  
Children in Pukavy  
sponsor site



**1053**

Children in school  
in Pukavy sponsor  
site

## Pukavy site

Our Pukavy sponsor site is in the city of Luque, Paraguay. Chalice has sponsored children in the site since 2004, first under the direction of Dominican Sisters. The Daughters of Mary Help of Christians have been directing the site since 2022. Pukavy means 'smile' in the local Guaraní language.



## Community Challenges:

- The families live in poor housing and lack basic services.
- Most parents are not able to secure steady employment.
- Many families struggle with food insecurity and malnutrition.

## Our Pukavy site:

- Runs the Loma Merlo Soup Kitchen, which serves hundreds of lunches daily.
- Partners with the local health centre to provide check-ups.
- Trains parents in baking, embroidery, sewing, leadership, and entrepreneurship.



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Our mission statement is:  
To reveal God's love in action by serving the poor, with the Global Catholic Community.