



Annual Operating Budget (USD)

Item	Annual Budget (USD)
Rent	3,400
Internet	200
Case manager	8,000
Food, hygiene, and cleaning supplies	9,400
Electricity and water	600
Transportation	2,000
Cooking gas	200
Phone	200
Medical consultations and care	1,000
Daycare	6000
Total Annual Operating Budget	31,000
House equipment	6000
Total budget for year 1	37,000

Budget Narrative – La Senda Transitional House

La Senda is establishing a small transitional house in Jarabacoa, Dominican Republic, for up to three young mothers and their children who are aging out of institutional protection or who do not have a safe and stable place to live. The house is designed as a bridge between institutional care and independent adulthood, combining safe housing with trauma-informed accompaniment, case management, mentoring, parenting support, and practical preparation for long-term stability. This approach aligns with La Senda's mission to break intergenerational cycles of poverty, trauma, and vulnerability through mentorship, safe housing, and life preparation.

The annual operating budget for the transitional house is **US\$31,000**. This amount covers the core costs required to keep the house functioning throughout the year, including rent, internet and communications, case management, food, hygiene and cleaning supplies, electricity and water, transportation, cooking gas, daycare costs for 3 children and consultations and basic medical care. Together, these resources make it possible to provide a stable, dignified, and well-supported living environment for residents and their children.

The food and household essentials portion of the budget is especially important because the home must consistently provide nutritious meals, infant and child necessities, personal hygiene supplies, and cleaning materials. Maintaining this line at an adequate level helps ensure that the house is not only safe, but also healthy, welcoming, and suitable for mothers caring for young children.

In addition to annual operating costs, La Senda estimates a one-time house equipment need of **US\$6,000** to finish equipping the home. This amount will support the purchase of essential items needed for daily living, learning, safety, and child development. These include computers for study and program participation; a sofa, television, stove with oven, and bunk bed; desks and chairs for study and casework; shelving and toy storage; adult and child motorcycle helmets for safer transportation; and books, educational toys, and board games that support child development, bonding, and structured family routines.

This equipment budget does not represent luxury items. Rather, it reflects the minimum setup needed for the house to function as a safe, organized, and developmentally supportive environment where young mothers can live, learn, care for their children, and prepare for adult independence. La Senda's transitional house is intended to serve up to three young mothers and their children in a structured process toward autonomy, with case management, mentoring, and preparation for housing, education, and employment.

Taken together, La Senda's total first-year fundraising need for the transitional house is **US\$37,000**. This includes **US\$31,000** in annual operating costs and **US\$6,000** in one-time setup and equipment costs. This investment will help create a safe and structured pathway to adulthood for highly vulnerable young mothers while protecting the bond between mother and child. La Senda's broader theory of change emphasizes that safe housing, mentorship, and practical support are key to reducing vulnerability and helping young mothers build stable futures for themselves and their children.