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**TEAM:** 52

**ENGLISH:** SECOND LANGUAGE

The first 4 to 5 days were kind of confusing because we were supposed to be contacted by our team leader –who by the way, never even logged in-, so nobody made a comment on those days, by the fifth day I took the initiative and after that, most of the group members started to appear, we agreed on having ideas by the end of that week (Friday), but for Friday only 3 of us came up with ideas, we (the ones that were active) pick the one that we thought was the most likely for us to actually do, and by Wednesday of the second week we already had decided who was going to take care of what.

I expected more commitment when communicating from the team members to be honest, only 4 of us were really active, the others made a comment once or twice and that was it, they never answered. We try to communicate through Skype but it was impossible, I proposed them different times to meet, but nobody answered, basecamp was our communication channel, I think it was because people had the freedom to get in whenever they wanted. It was really frustrating to ask for a question or an opinion and only get an answer 2 days later by just one person out of eight. At the end, most people showed up and really step up, I was impressed because they were really interested, and it was funny to realize how most people leave everything for the end, all the frustration disappeared and everything worked.

We didn't have cultural, or poverty, or access to internet problems.

I think this is a challenging experience because of certain factors like having to interact with people from other parts of the world, different time zones, we only had 3 weeks (we could really use one week more), and especially because we have midterms and things like that in our universities. This contest probe me again about the importance of being patience and communicative, and that, some cultures do not have the same communicative style, and I had the belief that Colombians left everything for the end, and I realize that most people leave things for the end.

**What insights did you get from the experience on what your country or the planet needs to be able to successfully work in partnership for progress?**

I think that we need respect for each other, caring about the other and being supportive. Even though most people made their part and had the disposition, most people lack communication (small detail); There's no respect when you don't answer, or when you don't show up, or when you agree to come up with something and you don't do it; Some people really had no consideration for the other team members, and I personally believe that, that is the most important conclusion for this experience; as humanity, we have to work on that, we didn't have problems making the project, we had the studies and the abilities to make it , and it was really easy to make, but about respect, I think it could have been better, and I had the chance to log into the kiwi leaders conversations and they had the same problems and some of them were really frustrated, the same happened with my friends here in Colombia, we were really frustrated from that. Societies and institutions need to look deeper on that. After all, most people were really nice and supportive and it was hard at the beginning, but rewarding at the end.