Setting up a pilot project for a laboratory in conservation and preservation in Panama City.

A twinning-cooperation between an Italian private restoration laboratory and Panama National Archives
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Is the most important Italian private company in the area of restoration and preservation of library and archival documents. Born in 1975 the laboratory was always seeking technical solutions that matches with simplicity to increase its quality and production. We have all the qualifications needed to work with Artistic and Cultural Heritage and we are qualified to operate on emergency and disaster. Our President, Mr. Pietro Livi is teacher of the restoration and preservation course at the Academy of Fine Arts in Bologna.
Vinfra Spain was our link with Central/South America, so they put us in contact with Multitek, a Panamanian enterprise and with we won the contract to furnish Panama’s National Archive (that in 2011 marked his century), in Panama City, of a new preservation and restoration laboratory.
What we offered in this project
The organization of this project with supplying of machines and apparels, hosting the operators in our Laboratory for 2 months, teaching them our knowledge in this area and guaranteeing continue assistance took us around 10 months.
Stage (in Italy and in Panama) on

1. paper documents and books restoration (manual and mechanical)
2. archival, library and museum materials handling
3. manual and mechanic dust removal from documents
4. Environmental and Biological Analysis
5. documents drying, disinfection and pest control with hot/cold vacuum system or working with modified atmosphere without the use of any poison or toxic substances but only with physical methods.
6. Production of articles (boxes, folders) and knowledge about materials (paper, board, corrugated board) specific for long time preservation of paper, book and photo.
7. Digitalization in high definition of documents, even in big shapes
We trust in net working

Best way to reach the target is to cooperate with people that can understand culture, situation and problems of the reality we are facing
That is the idea:

we would like to say that
we are not selling machines or material;
we are offer cooperation and know how
creating working groups to cover all the
conservation and preservation area.
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