

IMPROVED SANITATION IN EL RODEO, NICARAGUA

FINAL REPORT FOR THE ANN CAMPANA JUDGE FOUNDATION

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

El Porvenir requested funding to support the community of El Rodeo, located in San Lorenzo, Nicaragua, to build 80 household latrines. Funding from the Ann Campana Judge Foundation, other funders, and the community resulted in the construction of 86 latrines. These latrines now provide improved sanitation to 360 people. In addition, community members received health education training about proper hygiene habits and project maintenance.

Household latrines greatly improve the standard of living of community members. Improved sanitation leads to:

- Usage of new latrines instead of unsafe structures or open defecation
- Fewer diseases related to poor sanitation
- Community-wide economic improvements — fewer missed school and work days due to preventable illness

OBSTACLES ENCOUNTERED

The terrain in El Rodeo is very rocky; because of this, digging the pits for the latrines proved to be more difficult than originally anticipated. It typically takes a family 3 to 5 days to dig the 6 foot pit, but in some cases, families spent up to 2 weeks on this stage of construction. Due to this challenge, some families were required to hire out for help digging, which increased the costs for the community (ACJF funds were not affected).

LESSONS LEARNED

The community is located near a river, which floods during the rainy season and makes transportation of materials and access to the community difficult. El Porvenir staff and community members experienced delays during the first phase of construction due to flooding and realized that due to the location of this community, construction must be done during the dry season. The second phase of construction ran much smoother as it was carried out when the river was lower.



PROJECT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- 86 household latrines built by the community members of El Rodeo with the technical assistance of El Porvenir. Funding from the Ann Campana Judge Foundation contributed to the construction of approximately 30 of these latrines.
- 360 people trained in 4 health and hygiene education workshops carried out by El Porvenir staff. In these workshops, community members learned about proper hygiene habits as well as how to maintain their new structures.
- 3 local volunteer community educators were trained as part of our Train the Trainers program. 3 are still in the process of being trained. These volunteers are a vital component of project sustainability as they ensure that people are practicing proper hygiene and taking care of their latrines. They also organize and execute project maintenance if needed.



FINANCIAL REPORT

| Description | ACJF | Spent | Balance | % Spent |
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| Regional office expenses | 300 | 300 | 0 | 100% |
| Administration and accounting | 2,086 | 2,086 | 0 | 100% |
| Indirect Expenses | 2,386 | 2,386 | 0 | 100% |

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| Travel to the community | 250 | 250 | 0 | 100% |
| Project staff | 986 | 986 | 0 | 100% |
| Hygiene workshops | 250 | 250 | 0 | 100% |
| Construction materials | 11,000 | 9,238 | 1,762 | 84% |
| Project labor | 0 | | | |
| Direct Expenses | 12,486 | 10,724 | 1,761 | 86% |

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| Total | 14,872 | 13,110 | 1,762 | 88% |
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| 100% | 88% | 12% | 88% |
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The third phase of the project involves the construction of 36 additional household latrines. We request that the remaining ACJF funds be contributed to the third phase. Please let us know if the Ann Campana Judge Foundation approves this request.

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