

Mombachito Latrine Project
Report to the Ann Campana Judge Foundation
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Figure 1: Family members in Mombachito outside of their new latrine.

Project Description:

El Porvenir was requested by the rural community of Mombachito, located in Camoapa, Boaco, Nicaragua, to build 52 latrines. El Porvenir then used the funding available (from a special one-time donation of \$2,500), donated by the Ann Camapana Judge Foundation, among other donors, to build 32 latrines for the community.

These 32 latrines have provided the community with a healthier lifestyle, a higher standard of living, and a renewed sense of dignity and pride in having taken charge to create better lives for their families and communities.



Figure 2: Latrine beneficiaries taking advantage of the hand washing station.

Obstacles encountered:

In addition to your support, we had support from other organizations to fund this project. However, because of limited funding, we were only able to construct 32 latrines instead of the 52 requested. We will continue to explore other means to provide full coverage in this community.

Project Accomplishments:

- 32 single-pit latrines built by the people of Mombachito with the assistance of El Porvenir.
- Health and hygiene education workshops were carried out by EP staff. Education ensures long-term benefits in the health and well-being of the villagers. They learn the importance of health and hygiene practices and how to maintain their latrines for years to come.
- Hand washing stations were built alongside the latrines by community members to promote good hygiene practices.
- Local volunteer community educators have been trained in both villages as part of our train the trainer program, allowing us to ensure sustainability of the project.
- Ongoing health education provided by El Porvenir staff ensures the optimal use of the new latrines and maximizes health benefits.



Figure 3: A Mombachito family in front of their new El Porvenir latrine.



Figure 4: Beneficiaries of the Mombachito project with their new latrine.

Update on program since construction in 2010:

As of January 2011, we have eliminated single pit latrines from the types of project that we develop. We now only build more sustainable double pit latrines. A double pit latrine is similar to a single but has two pits. The beneficiary can use one pit until it fills, then move the superstructure to the second pit. Once the second pit fills, then the first pit can be emptied as the bacteria will be dead by that time (usually 2-3 years later, though one year is the recommended time to leave the waste fallow). The superstructure is moved back and forth between pits and lasts much longer than the 7-10 life span of a single pit latrine.

We have added a training piece to our educational program for the community members who have single pit latrines. The training will teach them that they can create their own double pit latrine by digging another pit next to their single pit. In this manner we hope to slowly convert the single pit latrines into doubles, thereby increasing their sustainability.

El Porvenir receives more requests each year for latrine projects than for water projects, and they are much more expensive than wells. Thank you for helping to fund these projects and thereby helping 32 families begin to climb out of poverty.

Financial Report:

Description	Expenses	Spent ACJF	Other Donors	Mayor's Office	Internal Funds
Materials and Transport of Materials	11,689.00	2,500	8082.73	1106.27	0
Direct Costs	11,689.00	2,500	8082.73	1106.27	0
Project staff	314.27	0	314.27	0	0
Motorcycle expenses	100.00	0	100.00	0	0
Hygiene education workshops	100.00	0	0	62.73	37.27
Per diem development worker	30.00	0	0	0	30.00
Accounting and admin	1,223.33	0	1,223.33	0	
Indirect Costs	1,767.60	0	1,637.60	62.73	67.27
Total	13,456.60	2,500	9,720.33	1,169	67.27