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Celebrate World Water Day and Earth Day by Planting Trees

March 22 (World Water Day) to April 22 (Earth Day), we need to raise \$25,000 to protect watersheds in rural Nicaragua.



Over the last 50 years, Nicaragua has lost more than 50% of its forests. As a small, less-developed country with most of its energy coming from renewables, Nicaragua contributes little to global climate change but is significantly impacted due to location, coastlines, dependence on rain for agriculture, and natural disasters.

In 2020, Nicaragua saw back-to-back CAT 4 hurricanes hit within 15 miles of each other. Across the globe, we're seeing more of these unprecedented weather events that devastate crops and destroy communities. It's hard to know what to do in the face of these changes. But, here's a simple thing you can do.

THANK YOU FOR WORKING WITH US TO CHANGE LIVES

•Inocencia, her children, and her grandchildren no longer get stomachaches from dirty water. "I feel better when my daughter uses [our new latrine]. Before, it was made of plastic, and insects got in. This new latrine is easier to take care of and keep clean. It stays dry, too!"—Nubia

•Residents of La Calera no longer slog through mud or duck through barbed wire fences multiple times a day to bring home a bucket of water. They are safer.

•Karla used to spend half a day washing clothes. Now that she can wash at home, she has more time to prepare lessons for the preschoolers she teaches.

•Rebeca Reyes is happy with her nursery: "We've already seen a change in the environment thanks to the tree nurseries and plantings."

•María Elisa was worried about her health. Doctors had detected smoke damage in her lungs. "They recommended that I not cook with firewood. Now I use less firewood and I feel better; there's less smoke, the food stays hot, and I like my stove,"



What will \$25,000 do?

- Plant trees
- Keep water flowing
- Improve crop yields
- Conserve water and soil
- Reduce erosion
- Reduce deforestation
- Improve people's health

Start a tree nursery:

\$50 buys a pound of tree seeds

Plant a garden: \$90 plants a family garden

Plant 200 trees: \$200 plants and nurtures

Adela used to cook over an open, smoky fire pit on the ground; she was always on alert to keep her 2-year-old son away from the fire. Now she has a new, raised fuel-efficient, vented stove, and says, "We now use less firewood, and my house is no longer full of smoke. We don't inhale smoke because, with the chimney, everything goes up and out. This stove is beautiful, safe, and cooks fast."

"I didn't expect to see in the community what I see now. El Porvenir understands how to work with us. I had wondered what was going to happen to those growing up? I already see the improvement in our environment," said Miguel Angel Leal.

Pastor and his family now practice agroforestry, have orchards, and set up a local seed bank. Before, he felt like his farm was neglected. Now he says, "One breathes more pure air, more nature."



A bucket fills drop by drop; a forest grows tree by tree. Plant a tree with us today. Make your gift using the enclosed envelope or by going to elporvenir.org/donate



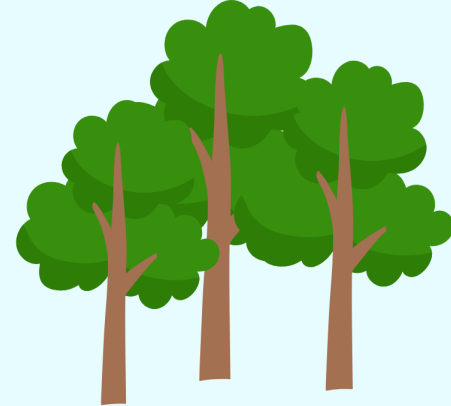
2023 REVIEW

Water, Sanitation, Hygiene Education, and Watershed Restoration



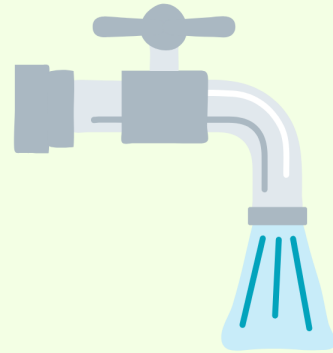
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Nicaraguans served



39,297

Trees planted



626

Household taps



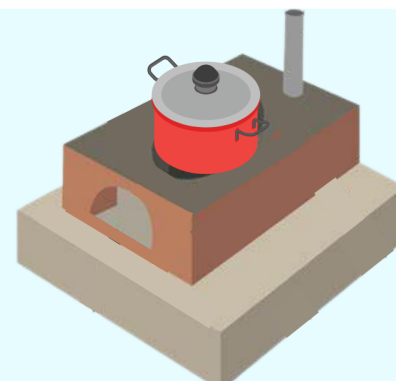
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School handwashing stations



404

Toilets and latrines



50

Fuel-efficient stoves



30 OF 34

Staff members are Nicaraguans



14,254

Hygiene education participants



1,496

Water quality tests

SHARING OUR 7 YEAR STRATEGIC VISION WITH YOU: OUR PLAN FOR 2024-2030

Our core vision is the same: a Nicaragua where everyone has clean water, safe sanitation, good hygiene habits, and healthy watersheds. And, we will continue to work to reach distant communities and build strong, trusting relationships with rural community members.

Strategies to achieve our vision:

- Alliances** with communities, governments, other organizations, and communities to complement strengths, better support community partners, and reach more people.
- Community empowerment and ownership with strong **local leadership**, particularly that of women. Community members build, own, operate, and maintain their projects.
- Long-term **community commitment** to make sure the community has the know-how to manage their new WASH infrastructure and their watersheds.
- Intensive **watershed restoration** to preserve and improve water availability and quality, ensuring year-round clean water in rural communities. Nicaragua is a minor contributor to global climate change but is significantly impacted by it.
- Connecting** WASH* and watersheds: without trees, there is no water. And without water, there is no life. We promote water and soil conservation practices to keep water flowing and improve food security.

Expansion and completion: We completed our work in Ciudad Dario in 2022 and San Lorenzo in 2023. By 2030, we plan to complete work in El Sauce and Terrabona and begin work in two more regions, starting with Comalapa as of January 2024.

Read the full strategic plan at elporvenir.org/resources

*WASH: Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene Education



PROJECTS 1989-2023

Water Projects: 675 Trees Planted: 1,712,724
 Stoves: 2202 Latrines and Toilets: 15,252
 Total people served: 287,663



*Work in Ciudad Dario and San Lorenzo Successfully Completed