ANNUAL REPORT 2023

VISION: Transforming lives through clean water.

MISSION: To implement sustainable clean water solutions.
El Porvenir worked with 15,949 Nicaraguans in 2023. From clean water flowing out of home taps to children having safe latrines and handwashing stations at their schools, we work with communities to change lives through water systems, watershed management, improved stoves, hygiene education, safe sanitation, and more.

Clean water is at the core of everything we do.
DEAR EL PORVENIR SUPPORTERS,

The communities in this region are well prepared to maintain their infrastructure and healthy hygiene habits.

This is the second region where we have met our ultimate goal: to no longer be needed. While we are celebrating this accomplishment, we are still hard at work in our five other regions. We also laid the groundwork to begin working in a new area in early 2024: Comalapa. Community members there are eager to achieve full water and sanitation coverage.

For over 30 years, El Porvenir’s vision of transforming lives through clean water has inspired change. Your hard work and generous support brought safe water, sanitation, and improved watershed protection to almost 16,000 Nicaraguans in 2023. Because of you, 626 households have water taps at their homes, 404 households have safe latrines and toilets, 10 schools have handwashing stations, and 39,297 trees have been planted.

Thanks to your generosity, we reached an important milestone this year by successfully completing our WASH work in San Lorenzo. We worked with community members to build an extensive network of wells, water systems, latrines, and school handwashing stations. We continue to promote watershed restoration there.

We are incredibly grateful to you for what we all have accomplished together and are excited about the year to come. We rely on your generosity of spirit and resources to make our work a success. Thank you for all you do for El Porvenir!

Sharon Powers
Chair, El Porvenir Board of Directors
El Porvenir
Water. Life. Future. 2023 REVIEW

Water, Sanitation, Hygiene Education, and Watershed Restoration

15,949 Nicaraguans served
39,297 Trees planted

626 Household taps
10 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
OUR VALUES

• **Commitment** to long-term partnerships with Nicaraguan community members, supporting them as they build and maintain their clean water solutions.

• **Leadership** in the construction and sustainability of WASH projects and watershed restoration; we share our experience and knowledge with others to impact more people.

• **Respect** for our community partners who build and maintain their own clean water and sanitation solutions.

• **Transparency** in all we do.

• **Continuous learning** to adapt and improve our work with communities.
OUR PROGRAMS

WHY WATER AND SANITATION?
Improving access to clean water and safe sanitation saves time, increases school attendance, improves household finances, and improves health for rural Nicaraguans.

SAFE SANITATION is crucial for public health, clean water, and dignity. We work with rural communities to develop double pit latrines and pour flush toilets.

CLEAN WATER is at the core of everything we do. We work with rural communities to develop piped water systems with home delivery. Water generates from drilled wells or springs.

HEALTH EDUCATION enhances the benefits of clean water. Our staff work with communities and schools on behavior change, water storage, project maintenance, and more. Long-term sustainability is key to improved health in rural areas.
OUR PROGRAMS

WHY WATERSHEDS? Without trees, there is no water. Without water, there is no life.

WATERSHED MANAGEMENT focuses on expanding forest canopy and sustainable land-use management to increase water flow and improve climate change resiliency. By restoring watersheds, we increase food and water security.

FUEL-EFFICIENT VENTED STOVES consume up to 60% less firewood which reduces deforestation. Chimneys vent smoke out of the house, improving respiratory health.
ABOUT EL PORVENIR

1. CORE BELIEF: We believe all people deserve clean water, safe sanitation, healthy watersheds, and the knowledge to sustain them.

2. SUSTAINABILITY: Community members build, own, operate, and maintain their own WASH projects.

3. CAPACITY STRENGTHENING: We train rural Nicaraguans to promote sustainability, water quality, natural resource protection, and community empowerment.

4. GENDER EQUITY: Communities are stronger when women are actively involved in leadership.

5. CLIMATE CHANGE: Water and sanitation projects must be accompanied by watershed management projects to mitigate climate change.

Our Strategies

• Alliances with communities, governments, and other organizations

• Community empowerment and ownership with strong local leadership

• Long-term community commitment

• Intensive watershed restoration

• Connecting WASH and watersheds
STAFF

Our staff do what it takes and go where they need to go to get things done. Their commitment and enthusiasm is at the heart of our programs.
SUCCESS: WASH DEMAND MET IN SAN LORENZO

Another year, another region with WASH demand met! Working with community members, we have met the demand for water and sanitation infrastructure in the San Lorenzo municipality. After 17 years, we are leaving a legacy of trained, capable community members who own, operate, and maintain their water and sanitation projects.
San Lorenzo Team (left to right): Denis Cruz, Yariela Vanegas Vilchez, and Elvin Reyes Téllez. Denis is now working with us in another municipality. Yariela continues to work in hygiene education, but now in El Sauce. Elvin continues to work with community members in San Lorenzo on watershed restoration.

This community in San Lorenzo celebrated World Environment Day by strategically planting trees on hillsides and throughout their watershed.

The 120 residents of La Montaña Esquipulas, San Lorenzo came together to build double pit latrines. Now they are safer and healthier.
2023 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- Sharon Powers, Chair
- Kristen Lionetti, Vice Chair
- Jan Adams, Secretary
- Andy Simpson, Treasurer
- Dave Arnolds
- Gabriela Tinoco
- Jack Dunn
- Jeffrey Dreiblatt

- JoAnn Lynen
- Joe Sloan
- Joni Foster
- Leslie Moulton-Post
- Lenna Kottke
- Nora Reynolds
- Phil McVey
Sources of Income

- Foundations: 35%
- Individuals: 30%
- Faith Communities: 18%
- Nonprofit Partnerships & Schools: 5%
- In-kind Contributions: 5%
- Government (Waslala Municipality): 3%
- Other: 2%
- Business: 1%

Financials

Total Income: $1,847,438

2023 Expenses

- Water: 42%
- Sanitation: 28.5%
- Hygiene education: 14.5%
- Watershed restoration: 15%

Total Expenses: $1,712,369

NET ASSETS, BEGINNING OF THE YEAR: $350,718
NET ASSETS, END OF THE YEAR: $461,381

A copy of our complete audited financial statements with an independent auditor’s report by Capin Crouse LLP is available at ejporvenir.org/financials.
WHAT’S AHEAD

We continue to work toward meeting the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, particularly Goal 6: Clean Water and Sanitation and Goal 15: Life on Land. Throughout 2023, El Porvenir staff and Board engaged in a strategic planning process, resulting in our 2024-2030 Strategic Plan where our targets align with the UN SDGs. We invite you to read our plan on our website. We also implemented a new mobile monitoring and evaluation data collection platform: mWater.

We will continue to work toward achieving universal coverage of water and sanitation in rural regions across Nicaragua. We anticipate meeting water and sanitation demand in Terrabona in 2024 and in El Sauce in 2025. We began working in a new region in January 2024: Comalapa.

These students now have a handwashing station at their school so they can wash their hands before they eat and after using the latrine. Our hygiene educators work with schools to teach about healthy habits and how to care for the environment.
Generous supporters, hardworking staff, and industrious community members come together to create positive change in rural Nicaragua. We are grateful to all of you who make it possible to carry out our mission of implementing clean water solutions.

Your support honors the thousands of hours of hard work that community members spend organizing and installing projects that they will own and maintain.

Thank you for caring and for making our work possible.