
THE KEY: WHAT DO THE ICONS MEAN?

- Water is a human right. Improving access to clean water through wells and water systems saves time, increases school attendance, and improves household finances and health.
- Together with sanitation, improved hygiene at schools improves school attendance and better handwashing can reduce the spread of disease or infections.
- Well-designed stoves consume up to 60% less firewood, and chimneys vent harmful smoke out of the house, reducing smoke inhalation by families.
- Increased forest and sustainable land-use management improves water security, promotes climate change resiliency, and reduces soil erosion.
- Contamination can lead to water-borne illnesses, so regular water tests at the source and at household taps can indicate sources of contamination.
- Residents receive training (water storage, handwashing, latrine maintenance, etc.) so projects function well over time, improving positive health outcomes.
- Everyone deserves a place to go. Private, safe latrines and toilets reduce open defecation, which can spread disease and contaminate water sources.

PROJECTS 1989-2022

- Water Projects: 664
- Trees Planted: 1,673,427
- Stoves: 2,152
- Latrines and Toilets: 14,840
- Total People Served: 271,714

27,314 NICARAGUANS SERVED

87,587 TREES PLANTED

21 WELLS AND WATER SYSTEMS

97 VENTED FUEL-EFFICIENT STOVES

33 OF 37 STAFF MEMBERS ARE NICARAGUAN

1,676 WATER QUALITY TESTS

537 LATRINES AND TOILETS

10 SCHOOL HANDWASHING STATIONS

25,038 HYGIENE EDUCATION PARTICIPANTS
“We’re afraid that we are going to fall”

The San Lorenzo community of Los Cocos has 25 families in need of 25 latrines for their homes. These new latrines, to be built with funds raised through this campaign with the Jackson Kemper Foundation, will benefit a total of 92 residents.

“Our latrine is battered, full, and open. The latrine is so high that it’s dangerous for children because they can fall. When it rains or at nighttime, I feel nervous using the latrine. The latrine structure is very weak, and I am afraid of going into that latrine. Families here do not have the resources to build latrines by ourselves. And we know that we need latrines that give us security. We are afraid that we are going to fall in. Water leaks in during the rainy season, and this water inside increases the number of mosquitoes.” Yanina Elena Ortíz Manzanares

“We want a new latrine because we no longer want to relieve ourselves outside whether it is the rainy season or nighttime. We have eight people in the house, and we know that having a latrine is more hygienic and safer; also, we do not want to contaminate the environment where we live.” Merlin Milena Duarte

“Dangerous Seasonal Use

El Pedregal has 20 families in need of 25 latrines at their homes; 131 people will change their lives by constructing new latrines.

“In summer we can use the latrine we have, but in the rainy season, we go outdoors because the latrine fills with water, and we are afraid we could fall in. We have already found animals like snakes inside the latrine. The children go outside the latrine because we are afraid that something will happen to them. We know that the new latrines will be better for health and hygiene.” José María Sánchez Carrazco

“My latrine is in bad shape, and we can’t go on like this. In the rainy season, it is difficult because it fills with water, and at night we cannot see where we are going. Before it was a board and the chickens, small pigs fall in the hole. If we have new latrines, we know that they will be better. Changing from old latrines to new ones, we will see better hygiene.” Wilbert Antonio Jirón Reyes

“Spring 2023: Communities in Need

Families across rural Nicaragua struggle daily with access to clean water and safe sanitation, but in San Lorenzo access to clean water and safe sanitation is now nearly universal. These 3 latrine projects are some of the last sanitation projects to be built here. Our clean water work there is complete, and our safe sanitation work will complete this year. The Jackson Kemper Foundation pledges to match $25,000 if we raise $25,000 to partner with the 311 people of El Pedregal, Potrero Platanal, and Los Cocos to build 78 new latrines.

These are their voices.

“’I have a wife and a 10-year-old boy. We need a latrine because the one we have now doesn’t have capacity and that’s why we need it. We’ve been using it for about nine months. Right now in the rainy season, it’s a bit complicated because it’s just a hole. It fills up with a lot of water and then a lot of mosquitoes. I think it will be a change to, let’s say, to something more appropriate, and I imagine it will be more beautiful.’ Norman Alvarado Gómez

“Our latrine is in poor condition; snakes and animals get in. We have found these snakes near us. In the rainy season, it fills up with water, and it’s hard to go like that. We haven’t had major problems, but we need these new latrines. It is necessary because we must have something better.” Karla Vanessa Lira López

$25k Matching Campaign

Please help us raise $25,000 by April 15 by making your gift today at elporvenir.org/match or using the QR code to the right. And if giving by check, please note “spring latrine match” on the memo line.

The San Lorenzo community of Potrero Platanal has 31 families in need of 27 latrines at their homes; 88 people will change their lives by building new latrines.

“We need a latrine because we do not have one, and there are many snakes that come to the patio, and we know it’s dangerous. In the rainy season, we go out with umbrellas or plastic to the patio to use the bathroom. It is dangerous because we go out at night and expose ourselves. With a latrine, we will have it nearby and in good condition. We will be better off.” Haydeli Josefina Reyes Díaz

Changing Lives Across Rural Nicaragua

The Jackson Kemper Foundation has made a difference in Nicaragua with its generous support since 2017. The foundation has supported wells, water systems, handwashing stations, and latrines. Since contributing to El Porvenir, the Jackson Kemper Foundation has supported the construction of 1,751 latrines. We are excited to work with them on these next 78.

Accelerating World Change

This year, the focus of the UN observance of World Water Day on March 22 is accelerating change to solve the world’s water and sanitation crisis. The global campaign, called Be the Change, encourages people to take action in their own lives to change the way they use, consume and manage water. Be an agent for change this #WorldWaterDay: support the construction of these much-needed latrines in San Lorenzo.