

PURPOSE

1) Sustainable development of the San Rafael las Flores community through the provision of housing solutions, educational trainings, in partnership with the local Community Development Council (COCODE), who serve to strengthen the capacity for the successful implementation of future community projects.

2) Address the most pressing community needs as identified by the local COCODE by providing 150 partner families with 125 smokeless stoves, 150 improved latrines, and educational training.

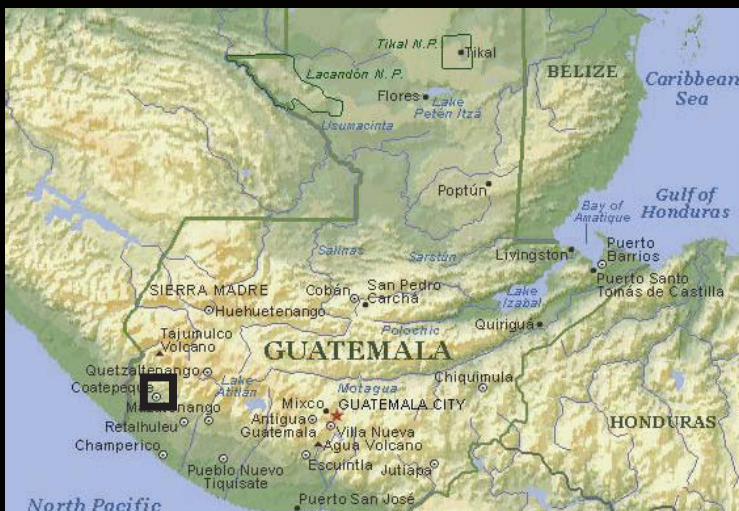
3) HFHG will help partner families construct latrines to improve sanitation conditions and reduce illness.

4) Provide HFHG with a successful prototype for similar community development projects to be implemented in 2014 and 2015 in coffee growing communities in the departments of San Marcos, Huehuetenango and Sololá.

TARGET GROUP

Families living in extreme poverty, with little to no immediate economic opportunity to improve their quality of life.

This village is home to around 1,500 people, consisting of 200 families. The majority of these families own a home and a plot of land, measuring approximately 625m², commonly shared with many family members. Access to electricity and piped water is limited. Families cook on open fires in their homes and use poorly built latrines which are in bad condition. There is no medical service in the village; those needing treatment must travel to nearby city Malacatán (border with Mexico).



“FOUNDATIONS FOR GROWTH: INSTALLING IMPROVED STOVES AND LATRINES IN SAN RAFAEL LAS FLORES”

GUATEMALA - approved by the Efico Fund on 24/01/2013

Location

San Rafael las Flores

Description

The project provides 150 partner families with 125 smokeless stoves and 150 improved latrines in the coffee-farming community of San Rafael las Flores. Working with the Community Development Council (COCODE) these products were identified as the best way to improve families' health and increase disposable income. Each participant family receives training in financial planning, disaster response, preventative health, nutritional cooking, project management, and stove/latrine construction. They are also responsible for contributing materials and labor in building these products under HFHG supervision.

Project Budget

Budget Total: € 58 647

Contribution through Efico Fund: € 20 000

Project Duration

April 2013 to September 2014

PARTNERS

Habitat for Humanity Guatemala - HFHG (Fundación Habitat para la Humanidad Guatemala)

www.habitatguate.org

- Project applicant; not-for-profit organization
- Reduce poverty housing in Guatemala while increasing awareness and action towards improving the housing crisis within the country

Local Community Development Council - COCODE

- Provides direct contact between HFHG and the community throughout the project
- Gives training sessions on community organization and management
- Plays a critical role in gaining support of the community, and ensures that all 150 family participants will fulfill their commitments to the project
- Is involved in every aspect of the process; from planning and procuring materials, to educational trainings, to construction itself

Mocca d'Or

www.moccador.com

- Dutch coffee roasting company
- Established the Mocca d'Or Foundation
- Funding partner

EXPECTED RESULTS

1) Smokeless stoves will reduce firewood usage, increasing disposable income, and reduce indoor air pollution, improving health and minimize burn accidents.

2) The new stoves are more efficient; families will save up to 70% on firewood costs. Lowering firewood consumption will also impact the deforestation rate and level of greenhouse gas emissions.

3) Latrines will improve health and hygiene. Benefits of improved sanitation include reductions in diarrhea, parasitic worms and trachoma, reduced risk of accidents and sexual harassment, and enhanced psycho-social wellbeing by improving housing aesthetics and thus social standing.

4) The provision and consistent use of improved latrines isolates contaminated feces, breaking down the fecal-oral transmission of disease and reducing grounds and water contamination.

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IN GUATEMALA

