

PURPOSE

The overall objective of this project is the sustainable development of the El Conacaste community through the provision of housing solutions, educational trainings, and partnership with the COCODE, strengthening the capacity for the successful implementation of future community projects.

By changing the health and living conditions through a long-term plan and working together with the community, the most pressing community needs as identified by the COCODE are addressed.

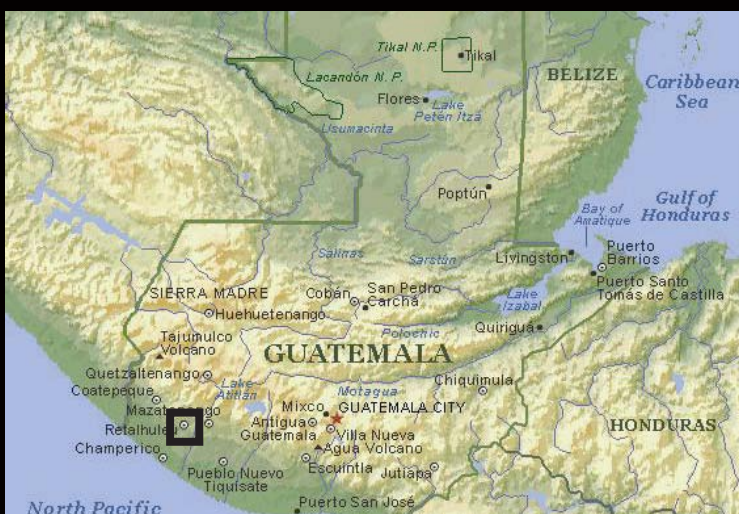
In rural areas like El Conacaste, both the poverty and extreme poverty rates are at 56.1 % and 15.3 % respectively (National Institute of Statistics, 2014).

The areas also suffer from the housing deficit and overcrowding, with 5.2 people per household (Guatemalan Census 2002). The main driver of this housing deficit is the lack of available opportunities for families living in poverty to make investments in their future.

TARGET GROUP

The community of El Conacaste is composed of 40 families primarily dedicated to coffee plantations in the area.

Most family members work as day laborers in two different coffee plantations: Finca Soledad Xohuitz and Finca Concepción Xolhuitz.



PROVIDING HEALTHY HOME KITS TO RURAL FAMILIES

GUATEMALA - approved by the Efico Fund on 02/02/2017

Location

El Conacaste, Guatemala

Description

The project installs 40 stoves, 40 water filters, and 40 improved latrines in the coffee farming community of El Conacaste, working with the local Community Development Council (COCODE) and 40 partner families to improve health, increase disposable income and provide education.

Families receive training in financial planning, disaster response, preventive health, nutritional cooking, project management, and stove/latrine construction. The families are very involved in the project as such by contributing to materials and labor in building the stoves, water filters and latrines under Habitat Guatemala's supervision.

Project Budget

Budget Total: € 15,000

Project Duration

March 2017 to October 2018

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

- Involved in the execution of the program

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- Dutch coffee roasting company
- Funding partner

EFICO

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- Funding partner
- EFICO Central America provides supervision and monitoring of the project

EXPECTED RESULTS

- 1) Improved smokeless stoves: The most common cooking practice in El Conacaste consists of an open fire inside the home. As a result, the smoke is spread inside the home and creates respiratory diseases and eye conditions. The implementation of improved stoves prevents numerous respiratory and pulmonary diseases and eye problems. Smokeless stoves save up to 60% of the current use of firewood for beneficiary families, reducing deforestation and preserving the local environment.
- 2) Water filters: Water filters are essential to reduce gastro-intestinal diseases, one of the most prevalent causes of death in Guatemala. Drinking purified water is also really important for the children, it helps them to develop strong immune systems.
- 3) Improved latrines: The benefits of improved sanitation are huge: significant reductions in gastro-intestinal diseases, diarrhea, parasitic worms and trachoma; and improvements in nutritional absorption.

HOUSING SOLUTIONS, EDUCATIONAL TRAININGS AND IMPROVED HEALTH IN GUATEMALA

