

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY GUATEMALA
OPERATIONS DEPARTMENT
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PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION PROPOSAL

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BACKGROUND

A total of 16 million people live in the Central American country of Guatemala, over 60% of which live in rural and mountainous areas and struggle every day with poverty and extreme poverty living conditions, forced to survive on \$2-4 a day, or less. The challenges that so many Guatemalan families face causes them to respond by making poor use of local natural resources such as rivers and forests, creating long-term effects on the environment. Over 3 million Guatemalans currently live in conditions where they lack access to clean water, and over 6 million without proper sanitation in their homes.

Habitat for Humanity Guatemala is a development foundation that provides funding for housing construction or housing improvements aimed at supporting and partnering with families who are in need of safe and decent housing. It is estimated that over 1.8 million families in the country suffer from conditions of inadequate housing. Habitat Guatemala involves people from all religions, political affiliations, social classes and races.

Habitat for Humanity Guatemala was founded in 1979 and is the oldest and largest international Habitat for Humanity organization. Since it's founding, Habitat Guatemala has been able to partner with over 75,000 families providing necessary housing solutions and improving the living conditions of an estimated 400,000 Guatemalans across the country. The services and programs promoted by Habitat Guatemala vary from housing, repairs, renovations, housing expansions, clean cook stoves, water filters, latrines, ceilings, cement floorings, or individual support projects for particular communities. These solutions, paired with community learning processes, offer opportunity for communities, families and individuals to improve their own way of living.

Three communities have been identified in the western region of the country with challenges that have caused a negative impact on the development of their communities, affecting familiesmembers with physical, social, and psychological issues and unfortunately they have not been able to meet the basic needs to improve their living conditions.

To intervene in these communities a support project has been achieved in coordination with the Ramsey Social Justice Foundation and Arizona State University, which will allow implementing three specific projects to be determined under the research and socialization of the priority needs identified by Habitat for Humanity Guatemala.

For the development of the project, three communities have been identified: Santo Domingo Xenacoj, in the department of Chimaltenango, San Antonio Milpas Altas in the department of Sacatepequez and village Xejuyupa, in Santa Lucia Uatatlán in the department of Solola.

OBJECTIVES

Make an impact in three Guatemalan highland communities with the implementation of projects of social and family benefits, contributing to the wellbeing and health of the communities, as well as improved education and positive environmental consequences.

PROJECTS IDENTIFICATION

PRIMARY COMMUNITY

Santo Domingo Xenacoj

In response to the social, economic and health conditions in this community, Habitat for Humanity Guatemala will look to develop a Healthy Home Kit project, consisting of smokeless stoves, proper latrines, water filters, and the construction of necessary cement flooring. As with all of Habitat Guatemala's projects, community involvement is a key component to these projects. Families will understand that their 'sweat equity', or physical contribution to the construction, will be integral. This projects is aimed at partnering with 93 families in this community.

SECONDARY COMMUNITIES

San Antonio Milpas Altas

According to the social, economic and health conditions and needs, we will develop the Healthy Home Kit project (which includes smokless stoves, latrines and water filter). The aim is to be able to partner with 20 families in this community.

Santa Lucía Uatatlan

According to the social, economic and health conditions and characteristics, Habitat Guatemala will be looking to partner with 37 families in this community in the construction of 37 properly ventilated pit latrines. This project will allow families to involve by providing part

of the materials.

METHODICAL PROPOSAL

Our intent will be to develop an appropriate and consistent methodology that fits the needs of the communities during the implementation of the project, while seeking to promote behavioral change and improving the quality of live in the selected communities.

1. BASE LINE

The data collection phase is intended to be a responsibility of Arizona State University which will coordinate the implementation of all the necessary tools and processes of this phase. Our aim is to be able to get a complete snapshot of the needs and challenges facing these communities and to be able to measure with specific metrics the impact of the project.

2. ORGANIZATION AND TRAINING

To promote change and innovation in the communities we aim to incorporate community organizational support structures intended to promote, train, manage, implement and monitor projects of benefit to families, focused on improving housing, health, education and recreation.

3. COMMUNITY LEARNING

As part of a logical intervention and strengthening process, the implementing methodology is fully participatory and adult education teaching, creating integration and sense of belonging at a personal and community level in order that the participants share their experiences related to products to be implemented. Participating families succeed in a learning process and changing habits that will improve their quality of life. The following themes will be developed:

1. Community Organization
2. Financial Education
3. Disaster Prevention and Mitigation
4. Use and maintenance of products
5. Construction

IMPACT

The impact of this project aims to improve the health and sanitation of the beneficiary households and families involved in the project. The implementation of the project seeks to remove smoke from houses, pest elimination due to solid waste, have safe water for human

consumption and eliminate parasites through safe and hygienic floors; this impact achieves to change attitudes and habits of the members of each beneficiary family.