



El Porvenir

Clean Water, Healthy Nicaraguans
Celebrating 30 Years

ANNUAL REPORT 2020



Dear Friends and Supporters,

If you are like me, 2020 was a nightmare with all the changes I had to make to keep my family safe from Covid-19. Can you imagine what it meant in Nicaragua? Rural communities in Nica already struggled to meet basic needs like water. Suddenly, the world was a much more dangerous place for villagers and for our staff who travel from community to community potentially getting the disease or spreading it. So, we pivoted.

El Porvenir quickly bought airtime on TV with messages on how to stop the spread of Covid that reached over half the country. We placed public service announcements on local radio stations in the regions where we work. Staff put up posters, stickers, and road signs with prevention information; and we distributed PPE, handwashing and cleaning supplies to rural health posts, town health clinics, and regional hospitals. We also supplied over 1,800 emergency handwashing stations to families, schools, and healthcare facilities so that rural families could implement the steps we preached to keep their family safe.

And somehow, being as safe as possible, staff and community members figured out ways to keep development projects moving forward. In partnership with communities, we completed 31 water projects, 568 latrines, 19 school handwashing stations, 6,000 meters of watershed terracing and helped plant 122,425 trees. Our staff and community leaders just didn't quit.

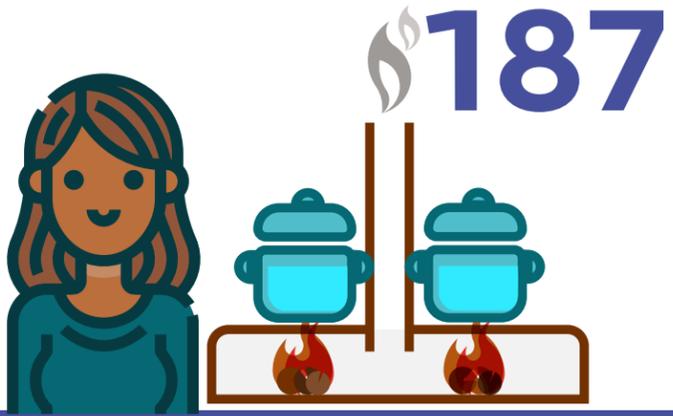
As if a global pandemic wasn't enough in November 2020, the northeast corner of Nicaragua was devastated by two back-to-back hurricanes (one Category 4 and one Category 5), dropping as much as 20 inches of rain in some areas and causing catastrophic flooding and landslides. Tens of thousands of homes were washed away. Crops were decimated. And El Porvenir staff quickly mobilized, assessed the damage, and began working with 90 impacted communities to repair water and sanitation infrastructure and supply seeds for replanting.

If there ever was a year to applaud the work of El Porvenir's staff, 2020 is the one. And hats off to our donors who continue to send support when we know it's been a tough year at home. Together, our donors, our staff, and community leaders in Nicaragua are proving once again what is possible.

Joni Foster
El Porvenir Board Member



Fuel-Efficient Stoves



187

122,425

Trees Planted



19 School Handwashing Stations

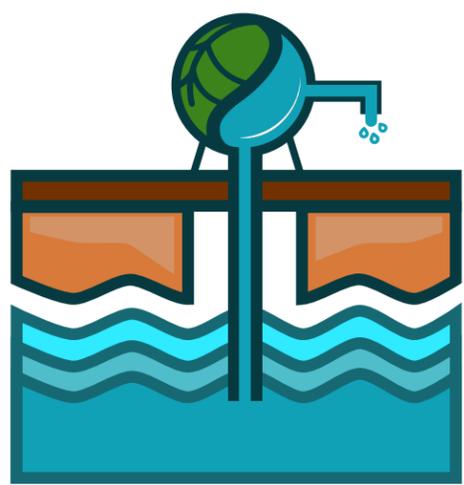
1,812 Basic Handwashing Stations

People Trained in Health Education

24,691

37,445

Nicaraguans partnered with El Porvenir



31 Wells & Water Systems



568

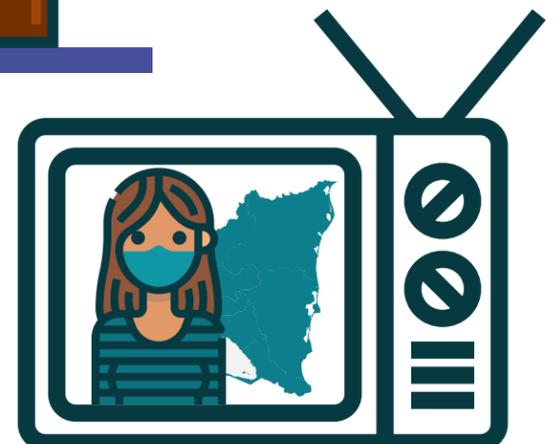
Latrines & Toilets

14,302

PPE Mask Distributed



COVID-19 TV PSAs Viewers:



3,000,000+



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New Latrines at La Trinidad Health Post

Jesús Luna has worked at the La Trinidad Health Post for 4 years. The health post had a toilet, but there was no running water, and it was in terrible condition. To use the toilet, they had to carry water quite a distance. As the condition of the toilet got worse, no one wanted to use it. Staff and patients would ask the people who lived in front of the health post to use their latrine instead of using the toilet—and that latrine wasn't in much better condition.

When medical brigades came for vaccine campaigns, the situation got worse as there were so many people and not enough facilities to meet needs.

Now the health post has a set of three double pit latrines; all are grateful to have more facilities that are hygienic and safe. Health post staff are working with patients on how latrines “must be cared for and maintained to ensure that they last for many years,” said Luna.

The new latrines prevent disease outbreaks. Another benefit is staff don't have to wait for patients to walk across the road and back to provide a urine sample, so they can serve more patients more quickly. El Porvenir also worked with the staff to install a hand-washing station by the latrines; hand washing has always been important, but even more so to combat COVID-19.

30 YEARS OF PROJECTS: 1989-2020

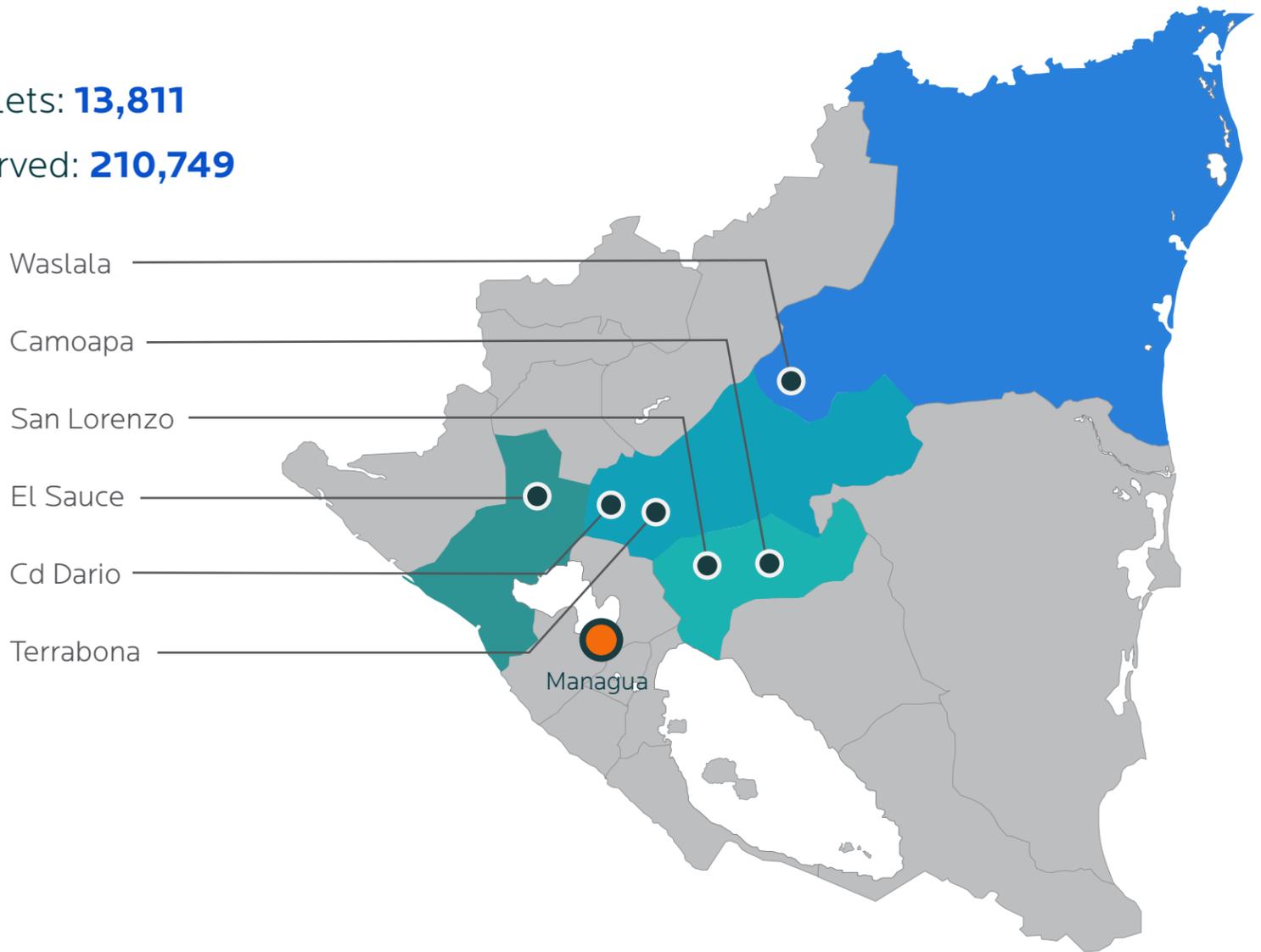
Water Projects: **617**

Trees Planted: **1,495,482**

Stoves: **1,965**

Latrines and Toilets: **13,811**

Total People Served: **210,749**



2020 RESULTS: 37,445 BENEFICIARIES

Program	Activities	Beneficiaries
Water	12 wells (+5 in progress) 19 water systems (+7 in progress)	11,249 (+2,549 in progress)
Sanitation	568 latrines and toilets (+96 in progress) 19 school handwashing stations (+2 in progress)	11,859 (+1,758 in progress)
Health & Hygiene Education	20 community and school trainings 308 community chats 1,400 water tests 1,959 home visits 8 teachers trained	24,691
Watershed Restoration	187 fuel-efficient stoves 122,425 trees planted 145 tree plantations 70 tree nurseries 6,024 meters of terraces	925 stove beneficiaries + 3,648 watersheds beneficiaries

Pandemic Impact: Health and hygiene education was the program most impacted by the pandemic as we could not bring together groups of people for trainings. The education program uses a train-the-trainer model, so there are 2-3 trained volunteer hygiene educators in each partner community. This program was tested in 2020: would the volunteers be able to continue the work with limited face-to-face support from El Porvenir staff? The answer was a resounding "Yes!"

Take Isabel Picado, volunteer community educator in El Mombacho: "We are continuing the training in order to keep working. We are doing the work because there are projects to be done. Even though there is a pandemic, and we were just starting our community well, we are doing the cleaning, keeping our distance, working with masks on, and using hand sanitizer. We progressed little by little to be able to advance in the work."

The goal of our work is **sustainability**. We train and empower people to meet their own needs. The pandemic has proven yet again what our community partners can do.



COVID Prevention: In addition to our regular WASH + watershed restoration work, we stepped up to share life-saving prevention information and supplies.

2020 COVID-19 PREVENTION RESULTS: OVER 3,000,000 BENEFICIARIES

Number	Activities	Direct Beneficiaries
1,673	Home Handwashing Stations (basic)	6,432
107	School Handwashing Stations (basic)	4,787
32	Health Post Handwashing Stations (basic)	879
2	School Handwashing Stations (with running water)	288
720	5 Radio Ads Aired 720 Times over 9 Months in 4 Municipalities	6,000
3,640	7 TV Ads: 2 national channels aired 60 times for a month + 3 municipal channels aired 3,580 times for 7 months	3,000,000 national + 6,000 municipal
30	YouTube Ad on National Channel Aired 30 Times for 1 Month	42,600
	Facebook Posts: El Porvenir and Municipal Websites	50,600
3,300	Posters with Prevention Information Posted at Businesses and other Visible Locations	7,490
2,400	Stickers with Prevention Information Attached to Handwashing Stations and other Visible Locations	7,778
260,715	Hygiene Education Texts Sent to Rural Community Members	1,365
14,302	Masks Distributed	1,462
50	Disposable Hospital Gowns Distributed to Healthcare Facilities	50
718	Liters of Hand Sanitizer Distributed	1,001
1,044	Gallons of Bleach for Cleaning Distributed to Healthcare Facilities	784
1,528	Gallons of Liquid Soap Distributed	905
1,300	Bar Soap Distributed	5,666
160	Hours of Circulating Trucks Broadcasting Prevention Information in 6 Municipalities	5,996



Impact:

Nearby, potable water, improved sanitation, hygiene education, and watershed restoration bring multiple benefits to rural communities in Nicaragua:

- Access to clean, safe, potable water
- Use of clean water instead of contaminated open water sources
- Improved health through water/sanitation infrastructure and hygiene education
- Improved school attendance by meeting basic WASH needs at schools
- Increased economic productivity when less time is spent collecting water
- Reduced water-related diseases in community
- Fewer missed work days by reducing incidences of preventable disease
- Eliminated open defecation due to use of accessible sanitation systems
- Improved community capacity: Water & Sanitation Boards maintain the project and collect monthly per water usage for future maintenance and replacement
- Reduced burden on women/children carrying buckets of water that weigh up to 40 lbs.



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30 YEARS OF PROGRESS



From streams to community wells to electric pump water systems with a potable water tap at each home! The type of water project depends on community size and water flow.

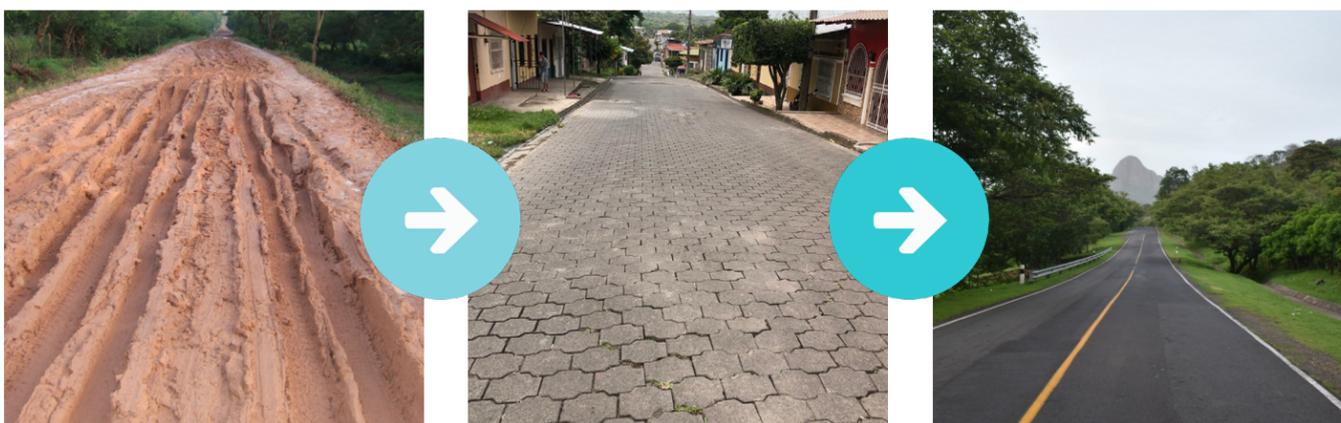


From DIY frame to pre-fab frame, from single pit to double pit, and with options of latrines and pour flush toilets, our sanitation program has grown and evolved.



Vented, fuel-efficient stoves pipe out the smoke and use less firewood.

From streams to covered washing and bathing areas with clean water that are close to home and safer to use.



As our projects have evolved so has Nicaragua. You still find dirt and muddy roads but there are more paved roads, too. All of our work is guided by the SDGs, working toward equitable water and sanitation for all by 2030.



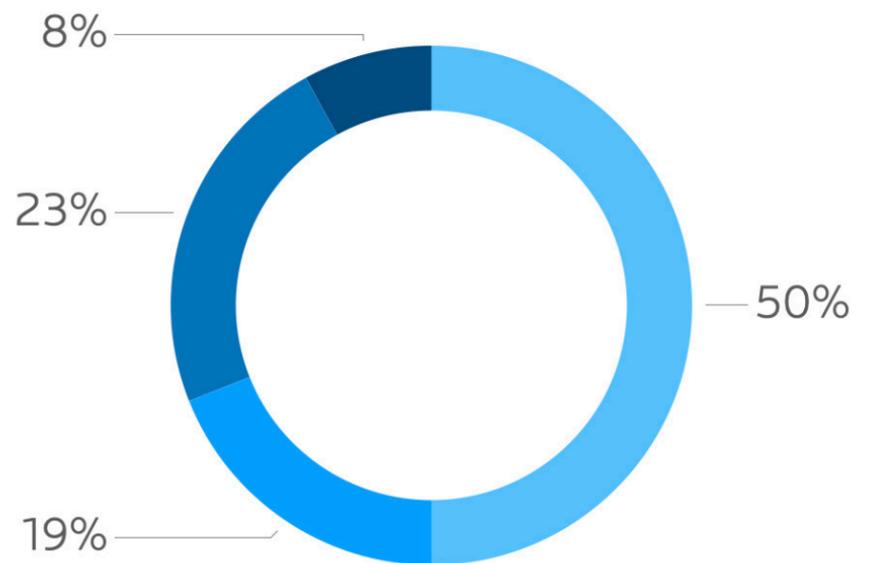
INCOME

Contributions	\$1,854,144
In-kind Contributions	\$45,847
Other Revenue	\$27,461
Investment Income	\$23,222
Work Trips	\$5,000

TOTAL INCOME: \$1,955,674

- Foundations/Corporations
- Faith Communities
- Individuals
- Other

SOURCE OF INCOME: 2020



EXPENSES

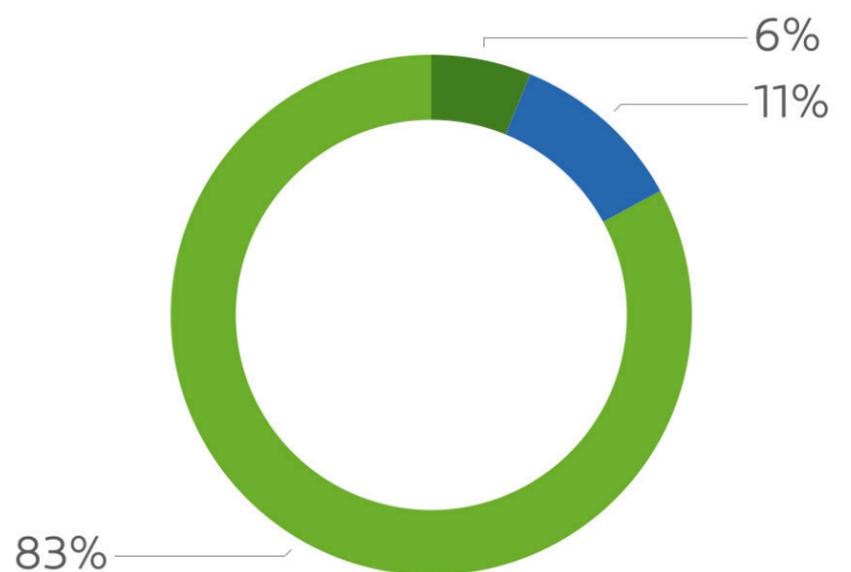
Program Services	\$1,802,799
General and Management	\$224,112
Fundraising	\$133,639

TOTAL EXPENSES: \$2,160,550

NET ASSETS, beginning of the year \$914,636

NET ASSETS, end of the year \$697,280

EXPENSES: 2020





MISSION & VISION

We believe all people deserve clean water, safe sanitation, and the knowledge to sustain it for future generations. We partner with the people of Nicaragua so that they can build a better future for themselves through the sustainable development of Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WaSH) education projects. We also take it a step further with our watershed restoration program, which promotes water flow, increases food and water security, and reduces the impact of climate change. Our team of mostly Nicaraguans build respectful, caring partnerships with community members, school groups, and healthcare professionals as we develop projects with households, schools, and health posts. Clean drinking water for all Nicaraguans—no matter how remote or how bad the road is—is at the core of everything we do.



THANK YOU!

Your gifts supported our water, sanitation, health & hygiene education, and watershed restoration programs to address the root causes of persistent poverty in six departments across Nicaragua: El Sauce, Camoapa, San Lorenzo, Ciudad Dario, Terrabona, and Waslala. Only with clean water and improved sanitation are people healthy enough to achieve an education and earn a living—thereby breaking the cycle of poverty.

Your support also made it possible for us to respond to the global pandemic. As COVID-19 spread throughout Nicaragua, our staff quickly adapted to focus on preventing the spread of the virus while continuing project development work.

Together, we are making a difference in the lives of thousands of rural Nicaraguans.

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