

**ALABAMA-HONDURAS MEDICAL EDUCATIONAL NETWORK**

**“AHMEN”**

**MONTHLY REPORT**

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**JUTIAPA SPECIAL REPORT**

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Enthusiastic greetings from Honduras... AHMEN's land of service and commitment!

We are implementing a new report dynamic in order to inform AHMEN's audiences every month. We'll be concentrating the report with special attention one of the areas where we are serving: Jutiapa, Esparta, Yoro, Cusuna and La Mosquitia. At the same time we'll be reporting as a secondary news some events taking place in the other areas, but one of them will be reported with priority.

This month for instance is dedicated to report with special emphasis the successful start of the new group of community agents in JUTIAPA. As most of you know, the training group in Jutiapa was the third initiative of Community Agents formation in Honduras. After the past Mayor's elections and the new authorities meeting with us and discussion of AHMEN's proposal to continue training local agents, we agreed to start a new group.

Under an agreement where the Municipality has committed funding the cost of meals, building, training material and a designated local coordinator, on March the 24th we had the first and introductory workshop with 36 candidates among community leaders, nurses and personnel for the Gender Municipality Program. These were the first registered candidates and the Municipality is still recruiting 10 more to complete a media group of 45 and no more than fifty.



One of our past graduates, the nurse Nolvía Chirinos who is part of the Health Center staff, was the crucial axis to reconnect AHMEN with the Municipality and express to the prestige of AHMEN in Honduras and the results of our interventions changing mentalities and lives in the communities.

One of the main lines of training, health, will be supported and coordinated with Nolvía, in order to facilitate the practical learning for the Community Agents.

Picture: Nolvía Murillo, Health Center Nurse



The new Mayor Mr. Oscar Arnulfo Ayala Portillo and the Vice Mayor Ms. Onely Rosana Romero Bonilla are the base of our partnership in Jutiapa. Mr. Ayala the Mayor could not attend the introductory workshop, but Ms. Onley Romero joined us and she had the first intervention welcoming the group, challenging us telling her own story of overcoming the

limitations of being part of a family living in poverty. She said to be a Politian was not a goal in her life but she was invited to be candidate and accepted under the condition that if she observes any type of corruption or mismanagement she the Mayor's office will have immediately her resigning letter.



The group is formed by a variety of educational profiles. Most of the attendants and because that is our priority in the Agents profile, we have teachers, nurses, nutritional technicians and a majority of community members who live in very hard economic conditions. Professor Rodrigo Bonilla (in the picture bellow) mentioned that he was impacted during this workshop about the educational methodology that we use where the knowledge of every one is taken into account and the construction of learning is based in the collective thinking and promotion of participation.



One of the main representations is the Office of Women's Issues, Rosa Martinez the coordinator (picture below white shirt), will be not only attending the workshop but also as she presented, coordinating the mobilization of the Agents to different communities for them promote the knowledge and advocacy for Women's Rights. This is one of the most needy subjects in our curricula that will be developed in the training.



An interesting case is Carlos Cruz, a young men with visual limitations who will be a model of commitment despite the limits. He made a commitment to work with youths who are involved in gangs and in general to bring a group of youths interested in this training. Bellow Carlos Cruz.



One of the innovations in this training will be the cooperation of graduates as facilitators. Wilma, Rosa and Chichi have had an incredible performance in their communities promoting the values and the actions on Health, gender and Nutrition learned during their past training. They will be the living teaching and motivation for the new agents! In the picture bellow they were presenting the importance of good feeding.



Finally and with such a great team, your support and our permanent commitment on field, we expect to have a great result during the three years of the training program!



## JUTIAPA AUTHORITIES and TEAM THAT WE COUNT

### **MAYOR**

Mr. Oscar Arnulfo Ayala Portillo

### **VICE MAYOR**

Ms. Onely Rosana Romero Bonilla

### **LOCAL TRAINING PROJECT COORDINATOR NAMED BY THE MAYOR**

Nurse Carmen Lisette Cruz

### **HEALTH CENTER**

Nurse Nolvía Dinora Chirinos

### **MUSQUITIA**

We are involved in the next coming of Rio Team in May. In the mean time we have another workshop by April 21-22 to cover subject on community development and to prepare the logistic on field for Rio Team. Please keep us to arrive safe and for Wilinton and all the important role he has in the success of this events.

### **ESPARTA**

Our next special report will be focus in the first and introductory training. We expect around 45 agents that are being recruited by the Municipality. All the counterpart funding is committed and the beginning of our second group this year is a fact!

### **YORO**

The always hyperactive team of Yorito will be visited also next month... We expect as always great results of the projects implemented by the Agents. Be ready to hear about them.

We want to highly appreciate the efforts and consciousness of so many persons from Alabama Churches, Families and from several places in the USA that are impacting the lives hundreds of families in Honduras. Can you imagine the new generations we are developing with the base of values, knowledge and sense of life promoted by the formation of 200 Community Agents trained by AHMEN's Program? Please... COME and SEE!!!!!!

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