



El Porvenir

20 Years of Clean Water for Nicaragua

2009 Annual Report

Our Mission and Goals

We assist rural Nicaraguan communities to improve their living standards through sustainable development in clean water, sanitation, reforestation, and health education.

Our goals are to assist local communities to

- build, maintain, and repair their own drinking water and sanitation facilities
- implement good hygiene practices to reduce disease and illness
- manage their watersheds in a sustainable manner.



Who We Serve

We serve the rural poor of Nicaragua in the areas surrounding six municipalities: Camoapa, Ciudad Darío, El Sauce, San Lorenzo, Terrabona, and Wiwili.

Nicaragua is the second poorest country in the Western hemisphere with 46% of the population surviving on little more than \$1 a day. In the past decades, the country has been victim to natural disasters and civil war that have destroyed infrastructure, drained resources, and derailed the country's economic development.

53% of rural Nicaraguans have no safe drinking water and 47% of the forest cover has disappeared over the last 50 years. EP's water, sanitation, and reforestation programs are a critical way to improve the living standards of the rural poor while conserving environmental resources.

2009 in Review

The communities we partner with play an active role in all of our projects. Community members provide labor and available resources as well as transport materials. EP provides technical assistance, tools, and materials for the construction of wells, latrines, community wash stations, fuel-efficient cookstoves, and tree nurseries. The communities are responsible for ongoing maintenance and repair of the completed projects.

In 2009, partnering with villagers, we

- Served 23,332 villagers
- Built 26 wells
- Built 3 gravity flow water systems
- Built 530 latrines
- Built 12 community wash stations
- Built 151 fuel-efficient stoves
- Planted 80,195 trees

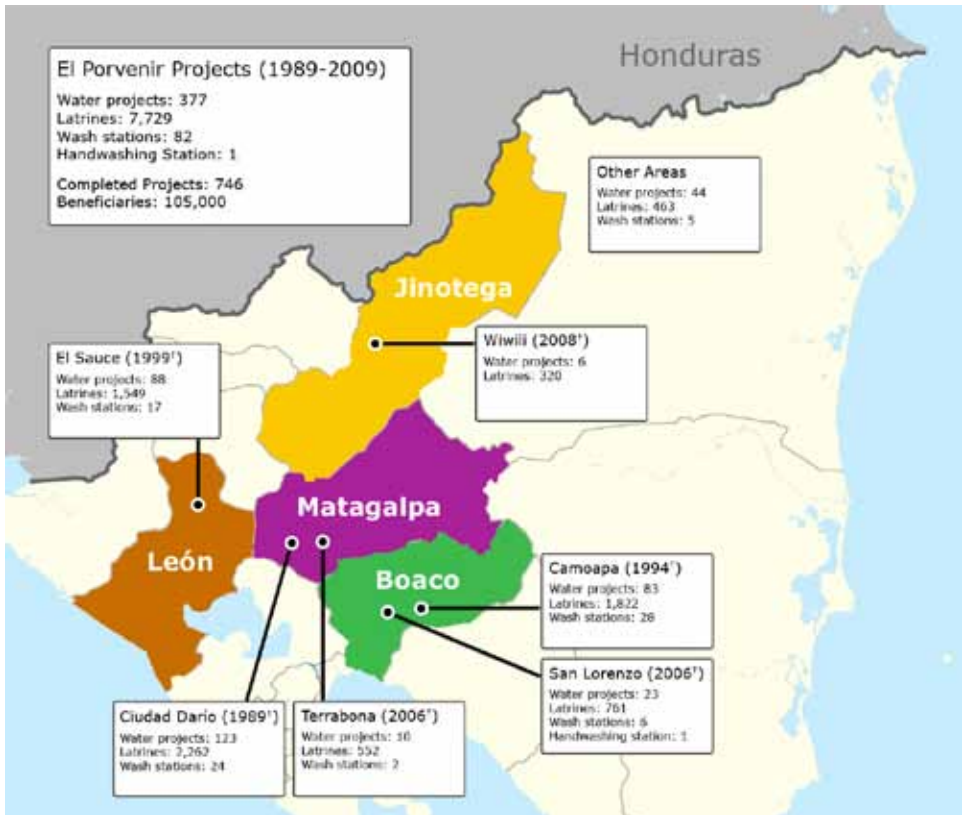


How We Work

The methodology of EP is based on three key principles: (a) community empowerment through active participation and ownership in all aspects of the project, (b) creation of sustainable organizations in the community to manage resources in the long term, and (c) focus on appropriate technology made from low-cost locally available materials that can be maintained by the community.

Photos for the annual report were contributed by Roger Winstead, Fred Capes-tany, Sam Snyder, Patrick Bresnan, Mike Schonbaum, and El Porvenir staff.

El Porvenir Projects: 1989-2009



Staff

We have 20 staff in Nicaragua and 3 in the United States; 19 are Nicaraguans.

Managua

Rob Bell, Executive Director
 Maria Navas, Assistant Director
 Cesar del Castillo, Director of Field Operations
 Lorna Guadamuz, Accountant
 Gabriel Saavedra, Assistant Accountant/
 Logistics
 Wilbert Acevedo, Driver

USA

Jenna Saldaña, Development Director
 Alexis Gleason, Development Associate
 Jo Buescher, Delegations Coordinator

Camoapa

Angel Rivas, Developer and Coordinator
 Carlos Bodan, Health Educator

Blanca Lopez, Reforester

San Lorenzo

Dinorah Mejía, Health Educator
 Boanerges Guerrero, Developer and
 Coordinator

Ciudad Darío/Terrabona

Marlon Andrades, Developer and
 Coordinator
 Mayra Matamoros, Health Educator
 Lester González, Health Educator
 David Ruiz, Reforester

El Sauce

Oneida Hernandez, Developer and
 Coordinator

Amparo Vallejos, Health Educator
 Erick Velásquez, Reforester

Wiwili

Fermín Báez, Developer and Coordinator
 Orlando Álvarez, Health Educator

Board of Directors

Chairman, Ray Finney - Affordable housing advocate, formerly with HUD and Habitat for Humanity International

Vice-Chair, Val Little - Director of Water Conservation Alliance of Southern AZ; Principal Research Specialist, UA College of Architecture & Landscape Architecture

Secretary, Gonzalo Guerra – Assistant for Monitoring and Evaluation, United Nations Resident Coordinator’s Office Montevideo, Uruguay

Treasurer, Richard Whitmore - Professional forester (retired); consultant for El Porvenir silvacultural practices

Fredrick Cooper - Engineer and President of Cooper Zietz Engineers, Inc.

Eugenio Cano – Director of Consulting and Board member of Globalhood, Inc. Member of the Advisory Council of the Latino Scholarship Fund

David Arnolds - Senior Counsel with Chevron; Founder of Colorado Friends of El Porvenir

Chris Conway – Spanish teacher at Albany Academy, NY; experience in community, self-help water and sewer projects in U.S.

Joni Foster - Former executive Director of the Jacksonville, Florida office of Local Initiatives Support Corporation; former in-country project manager for El Porvenir

J.B. Jones - Former President/CEO of Elk Grove Water Works; former Director of Sacramento Area Water Works Assn. and Sacramento Metro. Water Authority

Liz Specht - Former Executive Director, and later Board President, of St. John’s Educational Thresholds Center; founding Board member of El Porvenir

Gabriela Tinoco – Civil and environmental engineer; former Finance Director and Executive Director for El Porvenir



EP Field office in Ciudad Darío: sign on left announces hours that we attend clients; sign on right celebrates World Water Day: “Sharing water, sharing opportunities.”

Clean Drinking Water: Hand-dug wells, drilled wells, gravity flow water systems, and water quality testing

Jairo José Dávila Rodríguez is 9 years old. He gets up at 5 AM to walk 1.5 KM to bring water for the household; his mother can't go as she needs to care for Jairo's three younger brothers and sisters. After bringing water home, he accompanies his father to work, helping him milk cows at a farm. He then goes to school. When he has a well near his home, he will have more time to study and play. When he has clean water to drink, he will be healthier.



EP water projects improve living standards, reduce the burden on women and children who carry water, and improve productivity and educational opportunities.



“Las Mesas has had the organization and discipline to collect money from each family to maintain the water system, pay the electrical bill for the pump, and fund any needed repair.”

--Carole Harper, El Porvenir founder, on a community that learned to manage their project without further support from EP

2009 Water Results

Wells built or rehabilitated	26
Water systems built	3
People with clean water	4,340
Communities with clean water	29
Water tests conducted	109

Sanitation: Latrines, community wash stations, and handwashing stations

“We had a rustic latrine with a plastic roof; the seat of the latrine sat on a wood plank that rotted out every year. We were scared to use the latrine because it could have caved in. It was filthy, but it was better than going out in the open where everyone could see.

“Now we have a private, secure latrine, and we’re healthy and happy. Now we can eat the pigs we raise without worrying that they have diseases. Now we can go out and not worry about what we’ll step in.”
--Victor Uriarte, Cerro Colorado

EP sanitation projects improve living standards, reduce environmental contamination, and ensure basic human dignity.

“We are so happy to have a latrine; a latrine that we can use with dignity.”
--Latrine Beneficiary



2009 Sanitation Results	
Latrines built	530
Community wash stations built	12
People with improved sanitation	4,131
Communities with improved sanitation	29
Schools with improved sanitation	11
School handwashing station	1



Reforestation: Reforesting micro-watersheds and building fuel-efficient stoves

“Now we know that trees influence how much water is in the well. We have a tree nursery and plant the trees throughout the village. We can see how much the trees have grown because we care about keeping them alive.”

--Cristina Zamora, Villager, El Chote

EP’s reforestation program conserves the micro-watersheds the water projects depend on, teaches villagers how to use resources in a sustainable way, and improves the quality of women's lives and health through the construction of stoves that use less firewood and remove hazardous smoke from the kitchens.



2009 Reforestation Results

Villages assisted	80
Trees planted	80,195
Fruit trees distributed	2,700
Acres reforested	66
Fuel efficient stoves built	151
Instructional coloring books distributed	3,000

Health and Hygiene Education: Teaching hygiene practices and project maintenance

“Our health has improved because we no longer contaminate the air we breathe and our environment. Most importantly, I consider the health education valuable because to have a latrine is to educate yourself.”

--Committee Chair, Village Latrine Project

Health and Hygiene Education teaches the connection between hygiene, water, sanitation, and disease, reduces incidences of water and sanitation-related diseases through hygiene practices, and trains a network of community-based hygiene promoters to reinforce hygiene concepts on an ongoing basis.

2009 Health and Hygiene Education Results

People educated	10,630
Health workshops held	145
Households visited	1,640
Local health promoters trained	157
Radio programs aired	36

Work Trips

Spend one to two weeks in a village working alongside local families on latrines, a community wash station, or reforestating a micro-watershed. Our trips are a unique opportunity to experience the reality of rural life in a developing country, learn about water and sanitation needs, and contribute to the sustainable development of Nicaragua.

“Thanks for the awesome experience... Everything was perfect! Everyone was very impressed with EP as an entity and partner on this project. You should all be proud of the work you are doing



for the people of Nicaragua and the opportunities you offer...to experience the wonderful country of Nicaragua.”--Roger Winstead, Work Trip Participant

To our Supporters:

Thank you to all the individuals and families who contributed to El Porvenir's success in 2009 through charitable giving as well as gifts of time and talent. You enable us to empower rural Nicaraguan communities to improve their living standards through the sustainable development of water, sanitation, reforestation, and health education. Together, we can better the lives of thousands of individuals and families in Nicaragua. Thank you again!

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**We sincerely apologize if we inadvertently omitted or listed incorrectly your foundation, faith community, organization, or business. Please contact us to correct any errors.*

Statement of Financial Position

December 31, 2009

ASSETS

CURRENT ASSETS

Cash	\$99,415
Accounts Receivable	24,787
Promises to Give	64,320
Investments	292,484
Total Current Assets	481,006

PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

Total Property & Equipment 81,409

TOTAL ASSETS \$562,415

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

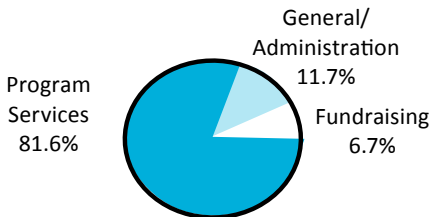
CURRENT LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable	\$3,851
Accrued Expenses	35,039
Total Current Liabilities	38,890

NET ASSETS

Unrestricted	365,137
Temporarily Restricted	158,388
Total Net Assets	523,525

TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS \$562,415



Statement of Activities and Change in Net Assets

For the Year Ended December 31, 2009

SUPPORT AND REVENUE

Contributions	\$467,615
Work trips	87,406
Educational Tour	7,964
Grants	184,646
Investment Return	1,692
Donated Services	17,683
Other	27,990

TOTAL SUPPORT AND REVENUE \$794,996

EXPENSES

Program Services	\$797,777
General and Administrative	114,292
Fundraising	65,239

TOTAL EXPENSES \$977,308

Net Assets released from restrictions	150,618
Change in unrestricted net assets	(31,694)

TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED NET ASSETS

Contributions	70,245
Net assets released from restrictions	(150,618)

Change in temporarily restricted net assets	(80,373)
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CHANGE IN NET ASSETS \$(112,067)

NET ASSETS: START OF YEAR \$635,592

NET ASSETS: END OF YEAR \$523,525

A copy of the complete audited financial statements with an auditors' report by Wegner LLP, CPAs and Consultants, our independent auditor, may be obtained upon request.

"When projects are locally grown and managed by Nicaraguans for Nicaraguans, people assume ownership of the projects. When I donate to EP, I know the money will go directly to EP communities and used in a highly efficient way."
 --Mike Smith, EP Supporter



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New Initiatives

- School handwashing stations to accompany school latrine projects
- Pilot new latrine technologies including composting toilets and pour flush toilets
- Include more environmental education in our education program
- “10 Rules of Stove Use” guidelines for safe, effective use of our fuel-efficient stoves
- Watershed protection initiative to reforest an entire watershed (beyond our micro-watershed reforestation projects)

“Water and sanitation can’t be underestimated. In the United States, we take them for granted. But they are the difference between life and death and are essential to life expectancy and the quality of life.”
--Mark Sullivan, EP Supporter