



## **Brisas del Volcán, Honduras** **Village Plan Fiscal Year 2012 (July 2011 - June 2012):**

*This Annual Village Plan has been developed by the women, men and children of Brisas del Volcán through the Values-Based Planning process, a process in which the entire community chooses the upcoming year's activities based on their commonly-held values, vision and goals.*

### **Land Ownership**

**Objective:** *Families possess a sense of dignity and responsibility through conserving and developing their land sustainability.*

- **Soil Conservation:** Families will receive training in soil conservation techniques and thirteen families will implement and monitor these techniques.
- **Reforestation:** Twenty families will plant trees in productive plots of land near water to be sustainably harvested in the future.
- **Land Repayment:** Families will follow their land loan repayment plans and make timely payments.

### **Community Organization**

**Objective:** *Families define a vision for their village and develop the local leadership required to create a self-sustaining, thriving community.*

- **Community Values:** All families will participate in a number of workshops to strengthen values, organization, leadership, self-esteem, spiritual reflection, conflict resolution, gender equality and relationships.
- **Partnerships:** Leadership will build relationships with local partners and government institutions and will share their experience with leadership in other Agros villages.
- **Leadership Development:** The leadership will receive training in decision-making, community management and competitive leadership and role modeling, and will build leadership capacity by visiting other community leaders.

- **Community Development:** Leadership and families will evaluate progress on the community plan and share successful experiences with one another.
- **Community Bylaws:** Families will practice their bylaws to help the community to run more smoothly.
- **Women's Committee:** Seven women will form a women's committee within the community to represent their needs and interests.

### **Community Education and Training**

**Objective:** *Families have opportunities for adequate healthcare, education, adult literacy and spiritual growth.*

- **Nutrition:** The community will work to improve the nutrition of children under 5 years and provide nutrition education to parents and children to help maintain a healthy weight. The community will purchase a scale and train two women to record children's weight.
- **Health Promoter:** Two health promoters will receive ongoing training to provide health attention to the families.
- **Adult Education:** Eleven adults will attend adult literacy classes to learn to read and write, improving high literacy rates.
- **Education:** Nineteen children will complete pre-school and primary school. Children will be encouraged to attend school and recognized for their achievements and parents will participate in discussions on the importance of education.
- **Spiritual Development:** Two workshops will be held to strengthen the community members' spiritual lives through group reflection on values from a biblical perspective.
- **Human Development:** Two workshops, coordinated with other local organizations, will be held on relationships, conflict resolution, self-esteem, and harmony between different religious groups.
- **Women's Businesses:** Twelve women will receive training in investments, costs, accounting tools, and small business administration.

### **Housing and Infrastructure**

**Objective:** *Families implement individual and communal infrastructure to meet their basic needs of shelter, health and production.*

- **Housing:** Three new houses will be built for families and two families will repair their existing homes, providing a safe living space.
- **Drinking Water:** Three water spigots will be installed and connected to the water system to provide drinking water for three families.

- **Composting Latrines:** Families will properly use their composting latrines to producing organic compost for crops and to prevent environmental contamination, improving sanitation.
- **Water Access:** The village will construct four showers and water basins for the families to use.

### **Sustainable Economic Growth**

**Objective:** *The community will ensure food security, obtain self-sufficiency, and be part of a viable economy through diverse enterprises. Families will receive training to achieve a higher level of productivity and fair trade of their goods and services.*

- **Food Security:** Twenty families will improve their food security by increasing their agricultural and livestock production for consumption.
- Nine families will grow and store basic grains in new silos and plant family vegetable gardens with a variety of plants to ensure stable food sources year-round.
- **Livestock Health:** Eight families will receive training on how to provide sufficient food and health care for their animals and will build appropriate infrastructure to better manage their small animals.
- **Fish Project:** Training and assistance in expanding the ponds will be provided to six families raising Tilapia fish.
- **Coffee Project:** Seven families will receive training to maintain, improve, and plant 34.4 acres of coffee.
- **Plantain Project:** Families will maintain and improve their 8 acre plantain field and four families will each establish 1.72 acres of additional plantains.
- **Crop Diversification:** Seven families are participating in planting new crops, including beans, peppers, cacao, and cabbage.
- **Farm Management:** Twenty famers will receive training to keep records of their productive activities in order to track production, costs, and other measurable in order to improve efficiency.
- **Community Bank:** Twelve women will receive training to gain access to credit and receive group loans to invest in their businesses.
- **Commercialization:** Twenty families will receive support and training in commercializing their products, including market analysis, finding buyers, and pricing.