



El Milagro, El Salvador
Six Month Village Plan Fiscal Year 2012
(July 2011 - December 2011):

This Village Plan has been developed by the women, men and children of El Milagro through the Values-Based Planning process, a process in which the entire community chooses the upcoming 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.*

- **Land Payments:** Families will pursue income-generating projects and diversify their income to ensure land loans are repaid on time.

Housing and Infrastructure

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

- **Community Storage Facility:** Families will construct a new storage facility to safely store machinery and other materials.
- **Community Center:** Walls will be painted and repairs will be made to the roof to ensure functional use of the community center.
- **Access Roads:** Twenty-six families will repair access roads to ensure transportation of goods to the markets.

Community Organization

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

- **Leadership Development:** Community leaders will attend four workshops in order to strengthen community organization, increase structural capacity, and learn about the most effective leadership structures.
- **Community Vision Plan:** Four training workshops will be held in order to develop the community vision plan.

Community Education and Training

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

- **Health:** The families will have access to preventative health, and four health-related workshops will be held. PROGRESA, HONSU, and the local municipal government will support these activities.
- **Youth Activities:** Twenty-eight youth will participate in workshops about spiritual development, Christian living, and values-based planning.
- **Children's Activities:** Children between the ages of two and five will attend weekly workshops in order to prepare them for primary school.
- **Gender Equity:** Thirty women will participate in monthly discussions about gender equity and self-esteem.

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.*

- **Productive Initiatives:** Six families will participate in three hands-on demonstrations to learn new agricultural techniques.
- **Crop Diversification:** Technical assistance and workshops will be provided to fourteen families to help diversify their crops.
- **Access to Credit:** Ten families will take out loans in order to diversify their crops.
- **Commercialization:** Twenty families will work to improve market access, in order to commercialize goods produced.
- **Women's Community Bank:** A group of 5-12 women will receive credit in order to start small businesses and a group savings account.