



Luz del Mañana, Nicaragua **Village Plan Fiscal Year 2012 (July 2011 - June 2012):**

This Annual Village Plan has been developed by the women, men and children of Luz del Mañana 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.

Community Education and Training

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

- **Community Development:** The leadership will facilitate experiential training workshops focusing on tolerance, citizenship, respect for diversity and human rights. Families will develop life plans to formulate long-term goals.
- **Education:** Families will ensure all school-aged children receive a formal primary education with learning materials available in the resource center. Adults will also be encouraged to be involved in continuing education and literacy.
- **Gender Equality:** Dialogue and discussion will be held on identity, gender identity, equality and respect and the importance of equal economic and social opportunities for for men and women in the community.
- **First Aid Kit:** The community members will be trained on the use and management of the communal first aid kit and medicine supply to make sure the families have a reliable source for supplies and medicines.
- **Nutrition:** Children under seven years old will be weighed and measured to assess nutrition levels and parents will participate in nutrition and meal preparation and nutrition during pregnancy workshops.
- **Primary and Preventative Health:** Families and youth will participate in primary and preventative health seminars to learn improved hygiene habits, prevent parasites, treat basic ailments with traditional and natural medicines, learn about reproductive health and practice family planning methods.

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:** Leaders will participate in two workshops on their roles and responsibilities and will receive training in decision-making, community management and role modeling. Community members will participate in a leadership development workshop.
- **Values-Based Planning:** The families will participate in a workshop on values-based planning and creating bylaws. The mission, vision, and values will be reassessed and applied to the village plan.
- **Evaluations:** All families will take part in annual and biennial evaluations to reflect on goals and progress.

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.*

- **Watermelon Project:** Nine families will earn increased income by planting a watermelon crop on 7 acres of land.
- **Crop Diversification:** Fifteen families will diversify their crops for their agricultural businesses by planting 10.75 acres of bananas and 3.5 acres of Tabasco chilies on their land.
- **Fish Project:** The community will diversify their income generation by trying a new tilapia fish project. The ponds will be designed and constructed and starter fish and food will be purchased.
- **Basic Grains:** Twenty-five families will ensure food security by planting corn and beans for consumption and storage.

Housing and Infrastructure

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

- **Water Systems:** Families will install irrigation pipes with new filters to prevent clogging in order to grow diverse crops year-round on 21 acres. They will also invest in a filtering system to provide safe drinking water for the community.