



## **Nueva Palestina, Mexico** **Village Plan Fiscal Year 2012 (July 2011 - June 2012):**

*This Annual Village Plan has been developed by the women, men and children of Nueva Palestina 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.*

### **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.*

- **Community Bank:** Ten women will organize a community bank to manage savings and receive loans for their own businesses.
- **Women's Business:** Twelve women will work on skills to increase quality and design of handmade craft production. They will also participate in a workshop to develop textile skills to generate income.
- **Basic Grains:** Thirty-six households will purchase of seeds and fertilizers for the production of basic grains.
- **Worm Composting:** Two families will build compost pits for worms to support soil fertility and land management for better crop production.
- **Livestock Health:** Eleven families will give vaccinations and de-worm their herd of 85 sheep.
- **Chicken Project:** Thirty-six families will apply new techniques for producing healthier chickens for eggs and meat.

### **Community Organization**

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

- **Values-Based Planning:** A self-assessment workshop will be conducted in order to review community plans and projects.
- **Leadership Development:** The community will promote inclusive and participatory leadership and active collaboration implementing the vision and community plans. Two workshops for community leaders will be held in project management.
- **Gender Equality:** Two committees will be formed to promote and carry out gender equality in all community activities and decisions.

## **Community Education and Training**

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

- **Education:** Eighteen children will complete their preschool education and thirty-eight will finish elementary school. The children will be encouraged to attend school, parents will participate in discussions on the importance of education and students will be recognized for their achievements. Materials will also be provided for continuing education for youth and adults.
- **Nutrition:** Thirty-six families in the community will receive training through workshops focused on achieving higher rates of overall health through a balanced and nutritious diet.
- **Community Sanitation:** Families will receive training in waste management, participate in a community-wide clean-up, and learn appropriate use of composting latrines and efficient cook stoves. They will receive training and information on environmental education for improved overall sanitation.
- **Reproductive Health:** The community will participate in discussions on prevention and treatment of sexually-transmitted diseases and family planning methods to improve reproductive health.
- **First Aid Kits:** Families will have access to the community first aid kit and medicine supplies for minor medical illnesses and emergencies.