



## **Santa Fe Ajké, Mexico** **Village Plan Fiscal Year 2012 (July 2011 - June 2012):**

*This Annual Village Plan has been developed by the women, men and children of Santa Fe Ajké 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.*

- **Environmental Conservation:** Families will be trained on care, recovery and conservation of the land and will learn to conserve natural resources and prevent erosion.
- **Natural Resources:** Families will learn how to efficiently use and conserve natural resources such as water in their homes and fields through workshops and exchanges.
- **Reforestation:** The community will carry out reforestation work by planting cedar trees for commercial timber and fast-growing trees for firewood.

### **Housing and Infrastructure**

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

- **Water System:** The community will construct and connect twenty-five water basins and showers to the new community well. Families will construct grey water systems to improve hygiene and conserve resources.
- **Community Center:** The families will finish the construction of their community center to be used for a variety of activities, meetings, events and celebrations.

## **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 values-based plans and projects.
- **Leadership Development:** The community will develop diverse and capable leadership through bi-monthly meetings and participate in two workshops focusing on gender equality and respect. The community will also promote active collaboration and inclusive leadership in decision making.

## **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.*

- **Crop Diversification:** Twenty families will diversify their production and earn income growing jalapeño peppers, tomatoes, onions, and corn.
- **Food Security:** Fifteen families will ensure an adequate diet raising small animals, and thirty families will plant small family vegetable gardens to diversify their diets and improve family nutrition.
- **Animal Husbandry:** Families will receive loans and training to improve sheep and pig production. Eleven families raising chickens will receive loans and training to sell eggs and meat for income.
- **Enterprise Loans:** Three families in the community will use small business loans to pursue income-generating activities such as ranching, handicrafts, baking, textiles and carpentry.
- **Community Bank:** Ten women will receive training on community banking to receive loans for their businesses and manage savings.
- **Fruit Trees:** Two families will receive support in building efficient irrigation systems to establish new fruit tree orchards.
- **Tilapia:** The community will make preparations in order to start a tilapia project, including construction of tanks and training on raising tilapia.
- **Hands-On Training:** Families will participate in a variety of trainings and field trips to learn new strategies for agricultural production, animal husbandry and commercialization.

## Community Education and Training

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

- **Spiritual Development:** Families will strengthen their values by attending workshops on self-esteem, spirituality and community vision. Youth will participate in cultural activities that are focused on incorporating spirituality in daily life.
- **Women's Activities:** Twenty women will attend workshops on developing skills to start their own enterprises, and fifteen women will be supported in accessing credit.
- **Education:** Forty children will receive educational materials to contribute to their learning process.
- **Health Promoters:** Two community health promoters will receive ongoing training to provide health attention to the community. The health promoters will conduct awareness and training workshops for the families on preventive care and basic curative health care.
- **Childhood Nutrition:** Two mothers will be trained as health promoters to focus on the nutrition of children under eight years old. Many families will plant backyard gardens in order to have a variety of vegetables in their families' diets.