

Village Update

Trapichitos, Guatemala



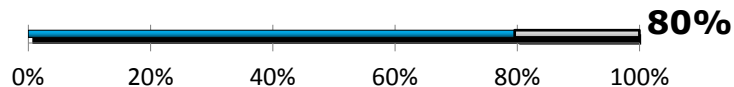
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Agros uses 20 indicators to measure the impact of our work in Agros communities. Indicators measure predetermined outcomes, such as improved access to water, that are hoped to be achieved through Agros' work and make up the greater vision of Agros, to restore hope to the world's poor. The eight indicators below are measured on an annual basis and are now included in each quarterly Village Update.

ANNUAL INDICATORS OF VILLAGE PROGRESS

(June 2010) Founded: 2000

Development Level: Progress through the Agros Development Model (100% reached when community has paid off their land loans)



Economic Indicators:

Diversification of income-generating crops:

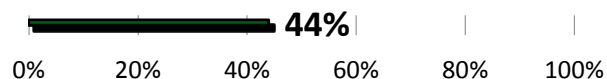
8 types of crops sold to provide income

86% of people have livestock

Participation in commercialization of products:

78% of people commercialize their products

Enterprise loan repayment rates:



Community Indicators:

Access to water for domestic use:

93% of families have water at 0-10 meters from home

**This goal has been revised from 0-100 meters to accurately reflect Agros' priority to ensure accessible water closer to the home.*

Presence of health promoters in community:

Yes

School-aged children attending school:

83%

Leadership Positions Held by Women:

32%

Don Roberto has used his organizational skills and business knowledge to help create a new type of income for the community of Trapichitos. In the past, he and his brother sold their crops in local markets, but soon they realized that much of their product was going to waste. With so few vegetables they were not able to sell their crops before they suffered from the heat on the way to the market. He has since improved several families' vegetable gardens and teamed with the families together to sell their produce in bulk to neighboring communities. As a larger group, they can secure larger markets and higher prices and maximize their income.

Community Organization

Some of Trapichitos' members, along with leadership from other communities in the region, attended workshops on conflict resolution and analysis last quarter. After the training, the participants shared what they learned with the rest of the community in an effort to build unity among all members.

Last quarter, Trapichitos' leadership attended seminars on using values for planning community development. Values-based planning is an important aspect in the Agros development model, ensuring the community's progress is rooted in the families' interests.

A new committee was formed to ensure community bylaws are being upheld, namely guidelines around rotating leaders through an election process.

Sustainable Economic Growth

The sixteen women involved in Trapichitos' Community Bank are excited to be entering their thirteenth loan cycle. This established source of credit in the community continues to be a place where families can seek low-interest loans to pursue income-generating projects of their own.

Ten families involved in the community's organic worm-composting project have recently purchased a new type of worm to improve the decomposition rate. With ten different composting bins families have developed this project into a beneficial enterprise for farmers. They hope to soon expand enough so that their compost can be sold to neighboring farmers.

Over the past few months, families are diversifying their production growing cabbage, broccoli, cauliflower and

tomatoes. These crops are sold in local markets as a source of income.



Establishing food security for all members of the community has been successful through vegetable gardens and chicken projects. Families growing enough for food have sold surplus to purchase other household needs.

Community Education and Training

Various seminars were held for Trapichitos' youth, covering topics such as values, responsibility, respect, and alcohol and drug addiction. Such topics are important to ensure youth develop into contributing members of their families and villages.

Last quarter, five sixth graders went on a field trip to visit educational facilities in the area where they could continue their studies. They were also taught the importance of taking advantage of opportunities through partnering organizations such as the National Institute of Basic Education.

Twenty-one mothers and twenty-three children have been attending ongoing training on comprehensive healthcare, especially for children under three years old. Pre-and post-natal support is crucial for the health of the child for the rest of their life. This workshop helped mothers learn how to detect signs of and prevent malnutrition in their families.



The first aid kit was monitored this quarter to ensure it was adequately stocked. This effort provides basic medicines and supplies to families at a reduced cost and conveniently located in the community.