



## **Villa Hortencia I, Guatemala** **Village Plan Fiscal Year 2012 (July 2011 - June 2012):**

*This Annual Village Plan has been developed by the women, men and children of Villa Hortencia I 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.*

- **Early Childhood Education:** Fifty children under four and their mothers will receive training on early childhood education and development.
- **Adult Literacy:** Twenty-five adult literacy students will receive materials such as notebooks, markers, and readers to aid in their learning process.
- **Health:** Families will coordinate with local health organizations to receive trainings in various health topics.
- **Nutrition:** Twenty-five mothers with children under five will attend cooking workshops to learn how to ensure adequate nutrition for their children.
- **Youth:** Thirty-five youth will participate in financial training classes in order to better prepare themselves for financial independence and community enterprise involvement.

### **Housing and Infrastructure**

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

- **Composting Latrines:** Twenty-five composting latrines will be constructed to improve sanitation and provide organic compost.
- **Efficient Cook Stoves:** The community will build twenty-five cook stoves to improve respiratory health and decrease the use of firewood.
- **Housing Improvements:** Twenty-five families will make improvements on twenty-five homes, including roofs, walls and floors.

## **Community Organization**

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

- **Environmental Leadership:** Twenty-five community leaders and committee members will learn about the importance of caring for the environment and the “Three R’s”: Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle.
- **Values-Based Planning:** The families will conduct an annual evaluation of their strategic plan using values to set new community goals.
- **Community Development:** New committee leaders will be elected and receive training on their roles and responsibilities.
- **Evaluation:** One hundred families will participate in an evaluation to assess the impact of the Agros development model in their community.

## **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 establish four new types of fruit trees, as well as five new varieties of vegetables in order to further diversify their production.
- **Basic Grains:** Twenty-five families will plant corn and beans using improved fertilization techniques to maximize output.
- **Community Bank:** Twenty-eight women in the Community Bank will begin their sixth loan cycle and receive business training. Nine members will participate in an educational tour to visit other women who have started successful businesses.
- **Field School:** A field school will be established in order to provide a training model for community members to learn about crop production.
- **Bee Project:** Five families will receive a beehive and learn techniques for managing and harvesting honey.
- **Sheep Project:** Five families will receive two sheep and technical support and training on proper care.
- **Chicken Project:** Ten families will receive ten chickens and the necessary food and supplies needed.
- **Tree Nurseries:** Twenty-five families will receive 25,000 saplings to transplant over 27 acres for reforestation efforts.