



Villa Linda, 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 Linda 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.*

- **Women's Community Bank:** Thirty-five participants will receive assistance and support in management, business administration, and entrepreneurship, enabling bank members to create successful small businesses, and encourage youth in entrepreneurship.
- **Plant Nursery:** Ten families will learn how to manage ten nurseries of 1,000 coffee plant seedlings each and will plant 1.74 acres of new coffee to increase income generation.
- **Coffee Project:** Twenty families will increase coffee production and income with training and technical assistance on effective production and commercialization strategies.
- **Cardamom:** Ten families will learn new techniques and plant 4.3 acres of cardamom for income.
- **Tilapia:** Eight families will learn how to effectively raise, reproduce and sell tilapia as well as construct new tanks.
- **Agricultural Training:** Ten families will receive technical assistance on planting and caring for their vegetable gardens.
- **Animal Husbandry:** Ten families will receive training and assistance to raise small livestock including new breeds of pigs.
- **Textiles:** Five women and youth will develop embroidery skills and learn to make clothing with a sewing machine to earn income.

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:** The families will conduct an annual evaluation of their strategic plan using values to set new community goals.
- **Committees:** The committee members will receive training in their roles, responsibilities and duties.

Community Education and Training

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

- **Education:** All school-aged children will have access to a formal primary education, as well as be encouraged to pursue continued technical and vocational education. Children will receive supplies and necessary learning materials.
- **Adult Literacy:** A literacy program facilitated by local partnerships will provide forty illiterate adults with the opportunity to learn how to read and write.
- **Health:** Families will attend workshops to improve community health and education by learning about sexual health, family planning and preventative health.
- **First Aid Kits:** Families will have access to first aid kits and medicine supplies to treat minor health problems.
- **Medicinal Gardens:** Community members will receive education, materials and plants for their medicinal gardens to treat common illnesses.