

Village Update

Xeucalvitz, Guatemala



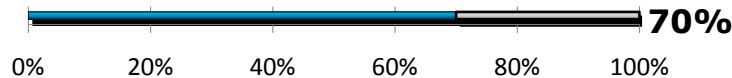
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Agros uses 20 indicators to measure the impact of our work in Agros communities. Indicators measure predetermined outcomes, such as improved access to water, that are hoped to be achieved through Agros' work and make up the greater vision of Agros, 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: 2004

Development Level—Progress through the Agros Development Model. Direct support typically ends at 70% and 100% is reached when land loans are repaid.



Economic Indicators:

Diversification of income-generating crops:

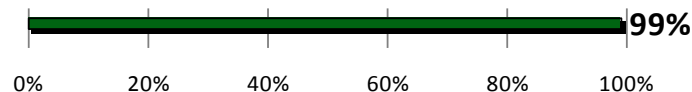
9 types of crops sold to provide income

81% of people have livestock

Participation in commercialization of products:

65% of people commercialize their products

Enterprise loan repayment rates:



Community Indicators:

Access to water for domestic use:

100% 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:

80%

Leadership Positions Held by Women:

36%

Two members of Xeucalvitz have taken on a challenge that will benefit their entire community. Petrona and Juan stepped forward to launch a sheep-raising project, something that has never been done in this zone. Although the community members like lamb meat, in the past they have always had to purchase it from other locations.

Now, Patrona's and Juan's ewes are having lambs, which will be passed on to other families to raise. These families will, in turn, give lambs to other families in this "pass it on" project. Thanks to Patrona and Juan, and their courage in taking on something completely new, in the future, families

will have ready access to meat and wool from their own flocks of sheep.



The raising of sheep is an exciting new project for the community.

Community Organization

This quarter, leaders and members of various committees in the community were trained in the establishment and operation of agricultural cooperatives and associations.

Land Ownership

Profits from the recent coffee harvest have enabled two more families in Xeucahvitz to completely pay off their land loans. Their accomplishment is a great motivation to the other families to complete their payments and achieve their own dream of being land owners.



Two families completed their land payments and are now proud land owners.



Sustainable Economic Growth

Agros staff began training this quarter in post-harvest care of coffee fields so that they will be ready for the next growing season. The families were also trained in caring for seedbeds and the proper fertilization of coffee plants.

The ten family gardens in the community flourished this quarter with a variety of vegetables, including cabbage, broccoli and cauliflower. These gardens are proving to be a great asset to the community's overall health, as well as a source of income for the individual growers, who sell their surplus in nearby markets.



Family gardens are a source of income as well as nutrition.

Monthly meetings during the quarter allowed Agros staff to review the progress of the 40 women involved in the two community banks and train members in the procedures of successful operation. Group A, including 22 partners, is in its 15th loan cycle and Group B, with 18 partners, is in its 11th cycle.

Community Education and Training

Mothers of pre-school children in the community attended workshops in early childhood development. About 20 to 25 mothers participated in the workshops, along with their young children. The workshops focused on how to prepare nutritious, balanced meals for children and activities to develop a child's motor and cognitive abilities. The training will help the community's children meet important development milestones and be better prepared to start school.

Three women in the community have been selected to serve as facilitators for early childhood training. This quarter, they were provided intensive training in the subject, which they will pass on to the other mothers. They were also provided a kit of educational materials and supplies to use in their training sessions. Although they don't get paid for their effort, they enjoy learning and sharing with others how to maximize their children's potential.

The youth who were being trained in basic financial literacy completed the course and received certificates of participation at a special ceremony. An important part of the program was to identify potential income-generating opportunities in the community. This training was conducted in partnership with Save the Children.

Conserving the environment and the region's natural resources was the topic of another training session attended by 23 community members. It was an eye-opening session for attendees who were unaware of the dangers that their environment faces. With help from Agros, they will carry out a reforestation project in areas of the community that have suffered deforestation.