

Village Update

Norwich, Nicaragua



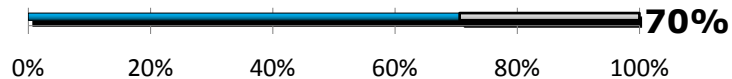
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Agros uses 20 indicators to measure the impact of our work in Agros communities. Indicators measure predetermined outcomes, such as improved access to water, that are hoped to be achieved through Agros' work and make up the greater vision of Agros, 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: 2002

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:

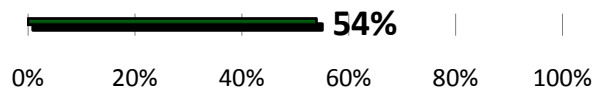
4 types of crops sold to provide income

100% of people have livestock

Participation in commercialization of products:

64% of people commercialize their products

Enterprise loan repayment rates**:



Community Indicators:

Access to water for domestic use:

64% of families have water at 0-20 meters from home (100% have water within 100 meters)

**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:

86%

Leadership Positions Held by Women:

67%

***Agros staff is currently reviewing Norwich's loan portfolio to restructure loans so that the families can repay, taking into consideration the climate's recent impact in the community.*

"I never sit down. I always have something to do," says Magdalena. It is such commitment to work that has enabled her and her husband to complete their land loan and finally achieve their dream of land ownership.

In addition to crops of corn, squash and wheat, the couple also raises chickens and cattle. Magdalena is not just a hard worker in her own home and parcel. She is also an active and popular participant in the community, a great example to the other women. She says, "I want to give thanks to God, because He has allowed us to get to this place, with the help of Agros."

Community Organization

The leadership of Norwich is well organized, and they work well with other local organizations in the effort to access additional resources. The women leaders, especially, are dedicated workers on behalf of the entire community.

The community as a whole also demonstrates a superior ability to apply critical analysis in different situations and make wise decisions that benefit everyone. They also are able to identify and resolve conflicts before they become big problems. Most of them are faithful church attendees, where their values of mutual respect and care are strengthened.

Overall, Norwich families are a determined and unified community. They steadfastly maintain their faith, hope and perseverance in working toward a better life.

Land Ownership

This quarter, another family finished paying off their land loan, bringing the total number of land owners in the community to six. They are excited that their dreams and goals have been fulfilled, and they believe that nothing in life is impossible.

With each family achieving land ownership, those still paying on their loans are more motivated to complete their commitments and become land owners themselves.

Housing and Infrastructure

Agros helped ten families install solar panels. They are very grateful to now have electricity.

Sustainable Economic Growth

The Agros team continues to follow up with families, basing their assistance on recent analysis of the community's crop production challenges. With the recent spring planting season, for example, Agros provided the extra resources needed to help ensure a strong yield.

Eight women in the community have started a pig-raising project. Their first goal is to produce and pass on piglets to three more families, enabling them to participate in this income-generating enterprise as well.

Because Norwich is scheduled to graduate from the Agros program soon, no further loans for income-generating projects are being provided. The families are working to pay off any previous loans, and are eager to reach the point of complete independence from Agros.

Community Education and Training

This quarter, a nephrology (kidney) specialist trained the Agros team and community members in the prevention, symptoms and treatment of kidney disease. Families were able to get answers to any questions they had about kidney health. And the specialist had an opportunity to review medical records and work with three residents who were determined to suffer kidney problems.



Frequent talks about good hygiene and health practices help community members keep their families healthy and strong.

Parents in the community continue to be dedicated to their children's education, encouraging them to stay in school and to do their best.