

# AGUA PARA LA VIDA 2011 ANNUAL REPORT



March 2012

# Access to drinkable water and sanitation in Nicaraguan rural communities

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## **Impact in 2011**

- 5 communities with access to drinkable water
- 209 latrines built
- 2,162 people benefited
- Total Investment 2011: \$234,002.00
- APLV Investment: \$12,886.00
- Donors' Investment: \$221,359.00
- Financial organizations: Rural Water Ventures; Global Waters; Ana Campana, Laird Norton; Res Publica; Peer Water; Boulder Valley Rotary Club, Longmont Twin Peaks Rotary Club, Rotary International; City Halls; Ayuda en Acción; and Agua Para La Vida
- Communities that have benefitted from these works: Lirio de los Valles, La Esperanza, Palan Buena Vista, San Felipe, Caño Seco, Palam Bilampi, and Barrio Nuevo.

# MORE AND BETTER WATER FOR RURAL COMMUNITIES IN NICARAGUA



What little water people could get access to had to be carried from the source to the home, a task typically performed by women and children, who had to walk for up to two and a half hours for this. And, of course, the water came from sources usually contaminated with coliform bacteria which affected people's health and reduced their productive and learning capacity.

The building process was carried out by the community itself, assisted and trained by APLV technical personnel. Water conservation has also been promoted through the distribution of informative materials to all participating families.





# Communities committed to the sustainability of their own water systems



The community members elected representatives to their **clean drinking water and sanitation committees (CAPS)** in order to ensure the proper functioning and maintenance of their system, as well as collecting and managing payments for the water. This will guarantee sustainability and promote conscious use of the resource.



# 88% of illnesses worldwide result from unhealthy water supplies and deficient sanitation and hygiene.

Shortage of water was one of the major problems affecting the benefited communities. The available water sources were highly contaminated. Many people, especially children, suffered from diarrhea and other gastrointestinal diseases. Families were forced to manage on their own and usually collected water from “ojos de agua”, springs or rivers, and drank it without any treatment. People did not follow hygienic precautions when handling the water either, so it was easily contaminated again.

“We are finally going to have clean water, people are going to feel safer, children will stop getting sick. Many thanks for your collaboration, APLV.”

**Omar Aguinaga**  
Beneficiary in Caño Seco







30 talks were given on the importance of water conservation, school and community hygiene, personal hygiene, handling of food, and use of latrines (especially focused on handwashing).





# Strengthening Community Management for Drinkable Water and Sanitation Projects

- 25 talks on committee organization, functions and legal matters
- 30 training courses in system administration operation and maintenance
- 25 project follow-up meetings
- 3 project monitoring activities
- 4 signed internal CAPS agreements
- 20 community assemblies
- 24 completed CAPS projects completed according to Law 722 (authorizing CAPS)



# CONSOLIDATING AND IMPROVING DRINKABLE WATER SYSTEMS

No	Community	Benefited population	N° of rehabilitated works	Catchment/ Water Source Capture	Underground crossings	Bridge	Tank	Inlet valves and control box	Distribution network improvement
1	La Isla	326	Meter instalation	0	0	0	0	0	Yes
2	Los Placeres	84	2	0	1	1	0	0	0
3	Wasayamba	435	3	1	0	1	1	1	Yes
	<b>Totals</b>	845		1	1	1	1	1	





# PROTECTION, CONSERVATION AND REFORESTATION

No.	Name of the community	Micro-watershed area	Controlled area
1	P. Buena vista	8	1.5
2	La Esperanza	60 mz	1 mz
3	Lirio de Los Valles	50 Mz	1 mz
4	Caño seco	8 mz	1 mz
	<b>Total</b>		<b>4.5 mz</b>



**Committee and community training**



**Reforestation activities**



**Building of the tank area fence**



## STUDIES AND DESIGNS FOR WATER AND SANITATION PROJECTS

No.	Community	Municipality	Level	Rejected	Project Approval
1	Wani 1 and 2( Danly, Sta Fe, Hormiguer	Siuna	Study		
2	Coperna		Study		
3	Bana Cruz Central	Rosita		Not feasible	
4	El Sombrero			Not feasible	
5	San Antonio de Yaro	Waslala	Proposal		
6	El Chile No.2				Negotiation of funds
7	Las Vegas	El Jicaró-Nueva Segovia		Not feasible	
8	Varillal				Approved
9	Las Mesas		Study		
10	El Quebracho	Esteli	Proposal		
11	El Zarzal	San Dionisio	Proposal		
12	Calderon	Paiwas	Proposal		
13	Santo Tomas			Not feasible	
14	San Luis	Rio Blanco		Not feasible	
15	Wanawas			Rejected	
16	Walana El Achoite				Approved
17	San Matias				Negotiation of funds
18	La Luna	Esquipulas	Study		
19	San Francisco Kuskawas	Rancho Grande			Negotiation of funds
20	Barrio Nuevo	San Juan de Rio Coco		Not feasible	



# 2011 Achievements:

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## **Communication and Public Relations**

- Friends of APLV
- "Ojo de Agua" bulletin
- New "La Alcaldía informa" radio program
- Press release
- 2 volunteer workers (1 French, 1 American)
- 1 volunteer worker (from Nicaragua)

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## NETWORKS AND ALLIANCES

Global Water Partnership GWP	International Mixed
National Network of Basin Organizations (RENOC)	National
International NGO Secretariat	National
Drinkable Water and Sanitation Network (RASNIC)	National
Wash Rural	International
Proyecto Mosaico	National
Grupo Caso Cocibolca	National
National Humanitarian Network	National
Interinstitutional Coordination Round Table (MARENA, MINSA, MINED, INAFOR AND MAGFOR)	Local
Health Committee Attorney	Local
Member of the Municipal Environment Committee	Local
Member of the Judicial Helpers Network – Rio Blanco	Local
Women's House - Rio Blanco	Local
Los Pipitos Association - Rio Blanco	Local



## **Internal APLV Organization**

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- APLV-USA Board of Directors, APLV France Board of Directors: highest international authority.
- APLV-General Assembly, highest Nicaraguan authority.
  - APLV Nicaragua Board of Directors

### **Operations and Assistance Level**

- National Coordinator (1)
- Administrative Division (3)
- Technical Division (14)
- Foreign Personnel (3)

## **Achievements:**

- Registration of Nicaraguan NGOs (MIGOB, DGI).
- Internal Operations Regulations for the Directive Board.
- Visit to Río Blanco and its community by the Directive Board.
- "Amigos de APLV" event.

# 2012 CHALLENGES

## STRATEGIC PLANNING

### General Objective:

To develop the process and build a Strategic Plan (2012-2014) for APLV Nicaragua that can help strengthen the organization. To define concrete objectives and actions for the next three years.

### Specific Objectives:

- To build a Strategic Plan for the 2012-2014 period.
- To develop an Annual Operations Plan for each year.

### Expected Result:

- To develop an Organizational Evaluation(FODA).
- To build an Institutional Development Framework.
- Declaration of Mission and Vision.
- Declaration of Institutional Values.
- To define strategic areas.
- To define strategic objectives.







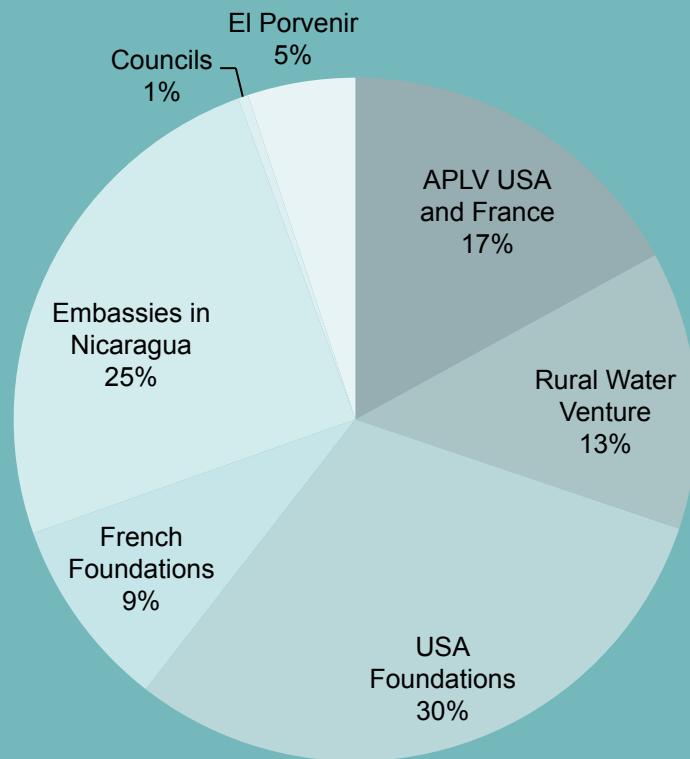
## “Taking our organization’s pulse” APLV NICARAGUA BOARD OF DIRECTORS



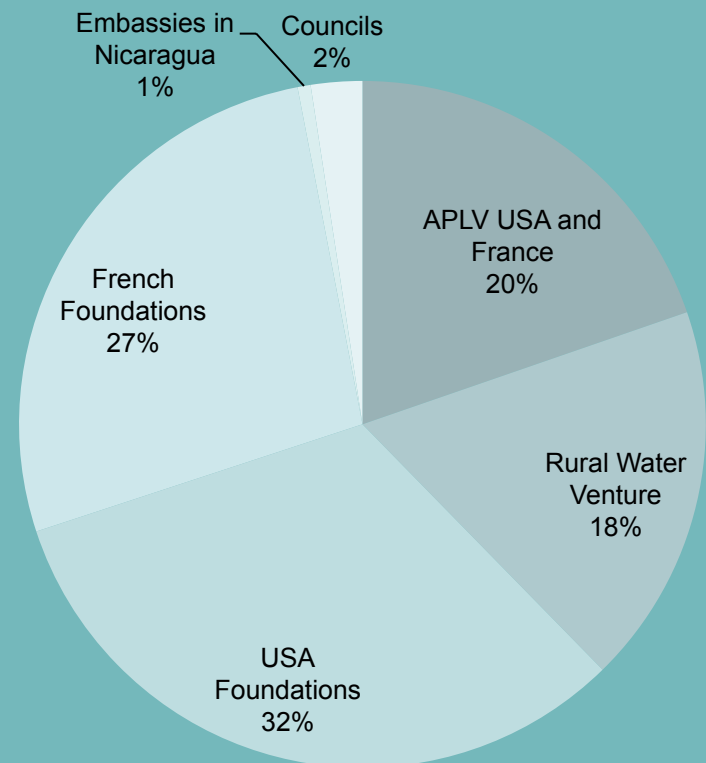
GENERAL VISION		
1	The social justification of our organization is adequate and fulfilled	YES
2	Our organization has specific objectives	YES
3	Our organization has defined its Vision and its Mission	NO
4	Our institutional values are put into practice and respected by all	NO
5	Strategic plan: Where is our organization going?	NO
6	Our organization enjoys a good reputation, prestige and internal legitimacy, starting with	YES
7	Our members are familiar with the organization's history	YES
OFFICIAL DOCUMENTATION		
1	Statutes, Legal status	YES
2	Agreement Memorandum between APLV Internacional's Directive Board and NICA's	-/+
3	Directive Board Internal Regulations	-/+
4	Politics, Manuals and Regulations	YES
BOARD STRUCTURE AND INTERNAL ORGANIZATION		
1	Clear and defined Board structure	-/+
	Election of new members for the General Assembly	NO
2	Description of the board's role and function: clear, well-known and functional duties and rights.	-/+
3	The board meetings are frequent, regular, location.	-/+
4	Vested interest policy. Is there a regulatory system to point out or prevent interest conflicts within the Directive Board?	NO
5	Agenda preparation and planning	YES
6	Executive Board's functions are well defined	-/+
7	Shared responsibilities between the Directive Board and the Executive Board are well defined	-/+
8	Roles and responsibilities of the Directive Board, the Executive Board and other staff	NO
9	The Board carries out fund raising activities	NO
	Sustainability policy	
	Monitoring and evaluation policy	
10	The board has clear objectives and planned actions	NO

# Funding sources

## Donors 2010



## Donors 2011



## 2012 BUDGET SUMMARY

DESCRIPTION	Project Budgets	Planned fixed costs 2012	Approved by donor	Difference (-)
TECHNICAL STAFF AND PROMOTERS	<b>\$145.374</b>	\$ 95.148	\$ 64.373	<b>\$81.001</b>
ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF	<b>\$13.266</b>	\$ 35.229	\$ 6.648	<b>\$28.581</b>
FOREIGN STAFF (STRENGTHENING)		\$ 7.266	\$ 7.266	<b>\$0</b>
APLV USA LIQUIDATION	<b>\$0</b>	\$ 16.000		<b>\$16.000</b>
ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS	<b>\$20.979</b>	\$ 25.011	\$ 10.000	<b>\$15.011</b>
RESOURCES AND PUBLICITY		\$ 2.275		<b>\$2.275</b>
PROJECT STUDY AND DESIGN	<b>\$22.213</b>	\$ 22.213	\$ 3.000	<b>\$19.213</b>
NICARAGUAN BOARD DEVELOPMENT	<b>\$0</b>	\$ 1.665		<b>\$1.665</b>
STRATEGIC PLANNING		\$ 6.500	\$ 5.000	<b>\$1.500</b>
TOOLS AND OFFICE EQUIPMENT		\$ 1.945	\$ 1.945	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 201.832</b>	<b>\$ 213.252</b>	<b>\$ 98.232</b>	<b>\$165.246</b>

ANNUAL GOAL: 8 DRINKABLE WATER AND SANITATION PROJECTS  
3 REHABILITATION PROJECTS

APPROVED PROJECTS: 3 WATER AND SANITATION  
1 LATRINE



**AGUA PARA LA VIDA**  
**GESTION ECONOMICA 2011**  
**(Expresado en Dólares)**

**Del 01-Ene-11 Al**  
**31-Dic-11**

**INGRESOS**

<b><u>Saldo Banco al 1-01-2011</u></b>	74,880.29
Contribuciones	2,000.00
Transferencias Recibidas de APLV	279,056.58
Otros Donantes	97,393.76
G/P en Moneda Extranjera	0.00
Otros Ingresos	8,718.07
<b>INGRESOS TOTALES NETOS</b>	<b>462,048.70</b>

**COSTOS DE PROYECTOS**

Proyecto ETAP	22,448.37
Proyecto Fortalecimiento Institucional	13,490.59
Proyecto Los Pinares	449.28
Proyecto Mongallo	5,251.75
Proyecto La Esperanza	23,726.87
Proyecto Palan Buena Vista	32,189.09
Proyecto Lirio Los Valles	36,491.93
Proyecto Caño Seco	98,237.92
Proyecto Barrio Nuevo	22,013.23
Proyecto P.Bilampí	7,298.15
Proyecto Casa de La Mujer	9,998.96
Costos Proyectos en estudio	23,965.02
Costos Proyectos en Seguimiento	5,713.97
Costos Proyectos en Rehabilitación	12,126.53
Otros Proyectos	978.24
<b>TOTAL COSTOS DE PROYECTOS</b>	<b>314,379.88</b>

**GTOS DE OPERACIÓN**

Gastos administrativos	47,380.02
Gastos area tecnica	59,693.97
<b>TOTAL GASTOS DE OPERACIÓN</b>	<b>107,073.99</b>

**RESULTADOS**

**40,594.83**

# THANK YOU!

