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PRESENTATION

Agua Para La Vida (Water for Life in English) has been helping rural communities build their own clean drinking water and sanitation projects for 25 years..

Each Project has one part water, one part sanitation, one part hygiene, and one part reforestation of the micro-watershed.

Our NGO also has a school (the ETAP), which prepares young people to be potable water and sanitation technicians.

2012 PROJECTS

Walana El Achioté (Río Blanco)

La Chocolate (San Ramón)

Mongallo-Negrowas (Siuna)

El Varillal (Jícara, Nueva Segovia)

Mongallo Now Has Beautiful Latrines!



In the community of Mongallo and Negrowás in the Municipality of Siuna, 75 families (415 inhabitants) are beneficiaries of new "VIP" latrines ("Ventilated, Illuminated, Perforated").

The donors were Peer Water with the May and Stanley Smith Charitable Trust. The project was executed from March 1 through April 30, 2012 by APLV. The team executing the Project was Julio Gomez, technician, Lilian Obando and Jancy Rayo as Health Promoters, Cipriano Suarez as Mason, and the members of the community water committee.

Each family was trained by the Health Promoters concerning the "Importance, Use, and Management of Latrines"; this topic was taught also to the 173 schoolchildren of the community. The families are very thankful and as APLV we also appreciate the support of the donor foundations for their work to improve the quality of life of these communities. This latrine project is having a positive impact in environmental, family, and community hygiene.

¡Viva la Higiene y la Salud!



Technician Julio Gómez of APLV with a beneficiary family.



Beneficiary reading recommendations on how to care for the latrine.

Yum! Tasty Water!

The new calcite filters have been installed in Los Pinares, Telpaneca and in Mongallo, Siuna. These communities had water more acidic than standards allow, and the acidic water was also corrosive to system components. The flavor of the water is much more agreeable now and the quality of the water is improved for all the inhabitants.

Just a little more... and they'll have water!

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The drinking water project at **La Chocolata**, San Ramón began April 18, 2012 and is already 40% complete. It's financed by the Japanese Embassy in Nicaragua along with the municipality of San Ramon, the community itself, and Agua Para La Vida.

Trenching early in the morning in La Chocolata



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Res Publica.

In **El Varrillal**, Jícaro, the water project began on April 17, financed by French NGO Res Publica, along with the municipality, the community, and APLV. It is also 40% complete; A dike, sedimentation settling tank, and 900 meters of trenching for the water pipe have been completed.

Preparing the land for treatment facilities in El Varrillal.



In Walana, El Achiote, thanks to the donation by US-based Rural Water Ventures along with the local municipality, community, and APLV, the physical construction is 60% complete.

Community members, water technician, and APLV mason gluing PVC pipe for the conduction line bringing water to Walana, El Achiote.

The process of training the CAPS (the community water committee), community members and schoolchildren is also well advanced. The water technicians, health, social, and environmental promoters have done many trainings with the objective of making sure that these three communities understand their system and its operation completely so that they can maintain it themselves for many years to come. (See photos on page 3.)



APLV Health Promoters Jancy Rayo and Lillian Obando training community members and schoolchildren in one of the project communities.



Hope Rising For Other Communities!



The APLV water technicians along with the recently-graduated class of the ETAP water technician school and several other APLV coordinators visited 122 communities in 16 municipalities of Nicaragua to test stream flows. Of these communities they chose the ones with adequate spring flows and community organization, the ones that really appeared to be likely candidates for a potable water and sanitation system.

Esteban Cantillano, Followup promoter, teaching community members how to measure spring flow..

Agenda

- Starting July 2, topographical and socioeconomic studies begin in 13 communities scattered among 6 municipalities.
- Thanks to the donation of the Laird Norton Family Foundation, rehabilitation projects will be undertaken in Caño de Agua and Santa Rosa in the RAAS Department.
- The Hygiene and Health promoters will execute "Project KIM", a pilot project to strengthen the capabilities of the local community health promoters in 6 comunidades of Rio Blanco: Santa Rosa, La Isla, Los Placeres, San Isidro, Buena Vista and Wilicón.

