

ABOUT US

Agua Para La Vida started operating in Nicaragua 28 years ago.

Every project brings together issues related to potable water, sanitation, hygiene, development and strengthening of technical local leadership; as well as protection and reforestation of the watershed.

Our NGO also supports a technical school for potable water (ETAP - Escuela Tecnica de Agua Potable), preparing high-school graduates to become professional water technicians.

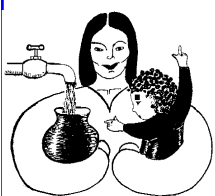
2015 PROJECTS:

- El Achiote - Kuskawas (Rancho Grande)
- Calderon (Bocana Pais, South Caribbean Coast Autonomous Region)
- Wany (Siuna, South Caribbean Coast Autonomous Region)
- JES RALEIG-APLVN Project

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The Agua Para La Vida family wishes you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

2015 - 2016

¡Agua Para La Vida recieves Award!

This year, the BID-FEMSA Water and Sanitation Award Ceremony for Latin America and the Caribbean was held on November 18th in Lima, Peru. The Water and Sanitation Award is given to organizations who address water and sanitation problems with innovative, effective and sustainable solutions.

Agua Para La Vida was given the Water and Sanitation Award for APLV's use and application of NeatWork. NeatWork is a software tool used in the design and simulation of water distribution networks in a rural setting.

"We take this Award with great pride. It renews our spirit and strength to continue working to bring clean, potable water to so many rural communities in Nicaragua.

We hope that the business and management model our organization is based on can be an example to other groups working in the water and sanitation field".



Carmen Gonzalez recieves the Award from Mr. Vidal Garza Cantu - FEMSA Director.

ETAP VI Graduating Class!!



On November 27th, APLV's technical school for potable water - ETAP (Escuela Tecnica de Agua Potable) celebrated the graduation of seven new young professionals!.

These graduates completed the 2.5 year program in order to obtain their Water Technician Diploma.

The graduacion was held in memory of Mr. Gilles Burkhardt (RIP), beloved Teacher, who always had words of hope

The ETAP VI Graduating Class and Instructor Mr. Francisco Romero.

2015 Projects Update.

Community Name	No. of Benefitted Families	Population	No. of Families with new letrines.	House connections	
Wany	219	1,093	166	219	on-going
Calderón	25	157	25	25	on-going
El Achiote	42	228	41	43	Completed
YES Project	157	781	6	126	on-going

The YES Project!

In September 2015, APLVN in partnership with Raleigh International, initiated the YES (Youth Entrepreneurs & Sanitation) Project.

The project is being undertaken in the communities of Palan Bilampi, Monte Cristo (or Palan Central) y la Isla, by 46 youth volunteers from different countries from around the world who are working, providing support to the communities around four themes:

- Research
- Raising awareness
- Training and
- Infrastructure



Girls from the community of Palan Bilampi are enjoying clean, potable water.



Water management forum in Monte Cristo, Municipality of Rio Blanco.



Building a suspended crossing in Danly in the Community of Wany, Municipality of Siuna, North Caribbean Coast.

Teachings from a Heroine!!

I Need Water

Salvadora Martínez
San Matías – Esquipulas-Matagalpa

When I found out that a water supply project was coming to the area of San Matias, I never missed any of the community assemblies or committee meetings.

I remember talking to my friend, Anatolio - who is the President of one of the local technical groups in San Matias and he said: "the Engineers indicate that houses farther than 400 metres will not be included"....And my house was more than 800 meters away, but I said "I need water!". I never gave up.

The APLV Director, Jaimito, told me in one occasion: "Salvadora, you should get the municipality to help you and we will help as well". I insisted and kept on saying, "But I also need water!".

I insisted and I persevered!! - with help from the municipality, APLV and my family, now I have access to clean, potable water. I even have a nice letrine!

Fuente: Agua para la Vida (APLV)

A Great Achievement in 2015!

The UN General Assembly has adopted as part of the 2030 agenda for sustainable development, Objective No. 6: "Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all".



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