

Village Update

Futuro del Mañana, Nicaragua



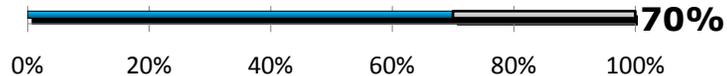
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Agros uses 20 indicators to measure the impact of our work in Agros communities. Indicators measure predetermined outcomes, such as improved access to water, that are hoped to be achieved through Agros' work and make up the greater vision of Agros, 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: 1999

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:

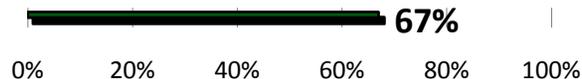
6 types of crops sold to provide income

90% of people have livestock

Participation in commercialization of products:

85% 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:

100%

Leadership Positions Held by Women:

55%

Soraida and her husband Haroldo have two children, Dany and Esmeralda, and live in Futuro del Mañana. They have completely repaid their land loan and are grateful for the support they have received through Agros. Soraida tells her story: "Before, we would migrate to the plantation as day laborers where we had very difficult times. Today, as land owners, it still feels like it isn't true that we've achieved our dreams. These lands are a gift from God and our home is like a palace to us. I remember the first day in the community as if it were yesterday, when there were just two spots left in the community. With great sacrifice, we've remained solid. My husband is planting beans for food for the year and we are more calm and able to mentally relax. We are praying that the other families can achieve this dream, too."

Community Organization

The community continues to meet monthly to review village issues in line with their bylaws. Conflict resolution is an important skill for the community as some families that have repaid their land are not following these bylaws and others are having difficulties in how the communal park is managed. For this reason, leadership is working closely with the families to resolve these issues. Leadership is also working closely with the community to reach their goals and ensure a clear vision for Futuro even after the direct support partnership with Agros has ended (June 2011).

Families are demonstrating their values, including unity, respect and harmony throughout the natural ups and downs of community life and value relationships with one another.

Women are showing strong leadership qualities in Futuro having participated in trainings on the importance of their leadership and participation for the good of the community. Members of the leadership committee have also received training this month on municipal law and the rights and responsibilities of the leadership committee and municipal authorities.

Land Ownership

Due to the strong rains of Tropical Storm Matthew in September, all of the families lost their basic grains harvests. Agros is supporting the families with bean seeds and supplies to replant, prioritizing families that have not yet paid off their land loan.

Thirteen families have repaid their land loans and the nine remaining families are working hard to complete their payments.

Housing and Infrastructure

Three families used household income to paint their homes and all of the homes are in good condition.

The access road was damaged due to the storm but the families made repairs using their own resources. They hope that the local government will also provide support to improve the road.

Sustainable Economic Growth

This quarter, Agros staff provided technical assistance to the families growing basic grains to improve their production. Families are also working to diversify their crops and have planted passion fruit, plantains and papaya. Several families' fields are watered using an irrigation system powered by an electric pump that draws water from the river. The community recently constructed two water storage tanks in order to irrigate more fields.

The economic situation is difficult and some family members have had to migrate to other parts of Nicaragua or outside of the country for work. Even so, the nine families with a land loan balance maintain their dedication.

The women's baking group is working together using their own resources to make baked goods to sell for income.

Community Education and Training

Medicine, vitamins and anti-parasite medication were purchased this quarter to improve the families' health. The families in Futuro will be de-wormed to improve their nutritional health.

The families received training in reproductive health, nutrition and early childhood education this quarter. The Health Committee administers the first aid and medicine supplies to provide access to these basic medical needs.

Children received school supplies this quarter to encourage them to continue their studies.