

Village Update

San Diego de Tenango, El Salvador



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Community Organization

To show their deep appreciation and build family relations, the families of San Diego celebrated Mother's Day and Father's Day participating in several activities with the other Agros communities in El Salvador.

To reflect the interests of the entire community, the Board of Directors will collaborate with all the members of San Diego in a process of values-based planning to develop together a community development plan.

In order to strengthen the educational opportunities available, the community is working to assess the level of education and drop-out rates within the community.

A group of farmers are organizing a group called the San Diego Association of Producers, with the purpose of facilitating productive activities and commercialization and extending partnerships to other members of the community.

Housing and Infrastructure

An irrigation system was planned to be installed in San Diego by the last dry season, however, due to insufficient water sourcing in El Papaturro, installation had to be postponed. The work agreement for this project is planned for October of this year, in order to have the system ready by the next dry season.

The families of San Diego recently participated in the reparation of the road leading to Tenango in collaboration with the community of La Esperanza. An improved road will facilitate transportation of agricultural products to the market and other materials needed in the community.

Sustainable Economic Growth

Sixteen farmers from San Diego are receiving hands-on training to grow tomatoes. Their goal is to be prepared to plant the crops through Agros loans during the months of August and September, harvesting in December when the market prices are best. The lack of water for irrigation limited what the farmers could plant during the dry season.

The families are planting a demonstrative parcel of a new variety of corn in coordination with the governmental institution CENTA. The objective of the program is to obtain an improved variety of corn for wide-spread use in farms throughout the region. Training has also been provided, such as a workshop regarding how to compost crops spending less money.



In coordination with IICA, the Inter-American Institute of Cooperation for Agriculture, farmers are learning how to plant fruit trees most acclimated to the region, per recommendations from a soil fertility study carried out in Agros El Salvador villages last year. Each farmer involved in the project will plant 50 cashew trees, a tree recommended to provide farmers with long-term, alternative agricultural products. With this crop, the farmers will be able to sell the cashews as well as other goods produced from the tree's fruit, such as wine, honey and preserves. In the interim, farmers will plant other vegetable crops around the tree saplings to supplement their incomes.

Community Education & Training

The Women's Group has begun training in community planning and leadership, executed on their own initiative along with women from the community of La Esperanza.



A community-wide census will be taken to determine the levels of schooling among adults in order to proceed with the organization of community literacy study groups. These groups are supported by the Adult Literacy and Basic Teaching program administered by the Ministry of Education.

The Youth Committee and the social reporters project will recommence this quarter.

A financial education program is being implemented in San Diego that will allow those interested to learn about basic accounting, managing incomes and expenses, and proper loan usage and repayment; subjects that all tie in directly with micro-loans and economic development.