



San Diego, El Salvador Village Plan FY2009 (July 2008 - June 2009):

This Annual Village Plan has been developed by the children, women and men of San Diego through the Values-Based Planning process, a process in which the entire community chooses the upcoming year's activities based on their commonly-held values, vision and goals.

Community Organization

Objective: *Facilitate and promote education and organization activities in local committees that allows for increased participation in communal decisions.*

- **Board of Directors:** Restructure and strengthen the Board of Directors and its sub-committees with Values-Based Planning workshops to solidify organization
- **Farmer's Committee:** San Diego's farmers will band together to find the best possible ways and places to sell their produce
- **Emergency Committee:** The families will create an Emergency Committee that will be trained in how to respond to crises that arise in the community

Housing and Infrastructure

Objective: *Provide the basic necessary materials to develop infrastructure in the community to improve the quality of life for its members.*

- **Improved Roads:** Provide the families with the materials to continue to improve and maintain the road leading into the community
- **Irrigation System:** Provide the families with the materials necessary for digging a well, and maintaining the irrigation pump and the water distribution system

Community Education and Training

Objective: *Strengthen the community development process through the use of educational and practical tools to involve more people in the community process.*

- **Health:** The families will strengthen their knowledge of health-related themes, including using and maintaining the composting latrines and efficient cook stoves
- **Youth:** The Youth Committee will receive training on personal development topics and will receive basic training in journalism skills

- **Children:** The Children's Committee will learn of their importance in the community. The families will also celebrate Mother's Day, Father's Day, and Children's Day and will begin a Vacation Bible School program for youth
- **Women:** The Women's Committee will be trained in a number of topics related to developing their potential for income-generating projects in the community
- **Men:** The Men's Committee will receive training in a number of themes aimed at strengthening organization, communal group work, and administration
- **Small Business Trainings:** The women will form small groups and receive training in how to begin and administer small businesses
- **Recycling:** The families will receive training in the importance of recycling resources and disposing of contaminated materials

Sustainable Economic Growth

Objective: *Improve the quality of life of the families, through programs focused on strengthening, in a responsible manner, the self-sustaining economy of the community members.*

- **Vegetable Projects:** The farmers will work together to grow and maintain a variety of vegetables that will provide them with a source of income
- **Livestock Project:** The families will work together to raise and fatten livestock throughout the year, which they will then sell for income
- **Farm Plans:** The farmers will receive training in how to use the methods of resource conservation outlined by their farm plans
- **Workshops and Training:** The families will receive training for each of their different agricultural and livestock projects in order to guarantee sustainability
- **Experience Exchanges:** The farmers will have the opportunity to meet and exchange the positive experiences that they have had with their productive activities
- **Product Commercialization:** Agros staff will encourage the farmers to sell their agricultural products in an organized, fair manner
- **Agriculture and Livestock Loans:** The farmers will take out small loans to cultivate various vegetables, buy and raise livestock, and set up an irrigation system
- **Women's Businesses:** The women will receive small loans to increase their incomes by raising chickens, hens and pigs, and starting a textile project