



# TWO YEARS REPORT

2021 - 2023



## INTRODUCTION

Dear friends, allies, and partners.

We are happy to share with all of you our report for the 2021-2023 periodo.

The communities from El Bajo Lempa and Bay of Jiquilisco Basin thank you for the generous support during this two years.

We have been doing a lot and want to keep doing more with the participation of the communities.

Since we are a small organization, we keep asking you and other friends to support through globalgiving:

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# LOCATION OF THE PROJECTS

## BAJO LEMPA AND BAY OF JIQUILISCO BASIN



**40 COMMUNITIES PARTICIPATED**

**MORE THAN 500 FAMILIES BENEFICIATED**

**SEE MORE!**





# ***Advocacy and Community Participation***



- Followed up the different projects of the Asociación Mangle, so the communities participate in de decision-making.
- Coordinated different advocacy activities with the "Foro del Agua" and "Foro de la Salud" to protect water resources and human rights.
- Selected the beneficiaries of the different projects with the participation of leaders to ensure the community has the power to choose the right people according to the criteria.
- Developed a new Strategic Planning according to the needs of the communities. This was evaluated, planned, and designed with the participation of 30 representatives of the communities from Bajo Lempa and the Bay of Jiquilisco.
- Participated as a member of ARPAS (An Association of Community Radios in El Salvador).
- Implemented fundraising through GlobalGiving, a crowdfunding platform that supports non-profits worldwide.





# ***Environment and Climate Change***



- Restored 1 Km of mangrove canal to improve the natural hydrology in mangrove areas of Montecristo Island and the West Sector of Bay of Jiquilisco. Also, we practiced the first Chinampas (floating islands) of Mangrove in the site called "Los Quemados".
- Colaborated and advised our partners the Halo Trust to build 360 chinampas and clean about 3 Km of Natural channels, which improve the tidal exchange. With this about 60 hectares of mangrove will be healthier in a few of years.
- Implemented of Impact Assessment of Mangrove Restoration in the Bay of Jiquilisco with the support of the Mangrove Action Project. With this, we documented the impacts of restoration we have after the first restoration work,
- Trained 50 collaborators in sea turtle conservation at Isla Montecristo.
- Improved a hatchery of sea turtles at Isla Montecristo Beach to implement the conservation of four species of sea turtle.
- Implemented beach cleanups with different communities and organizations.
- Incubated about 157,000 sea turtle eggs and released 148,926 little babies.
- Trained about 8 water committees about the administration of water systems and environmental topics.
- More than 1,000 meters of water conservation works were done in the Bay of Jiquilisco basin





# ***Agroecological Production***



- Supported 30 plots with an evaluation of their resources and planning for the transition to agroecology. Supported 30 farmers with resources for their plots.
- 30 farmers trained in agroecology and organic farming.
- Implemented 4 agroecological markets to promote healthier food growing and the exchange between farmers.
- 5 youth economic activities supported: Griffin Events, Kuky's, Esteban Sal3n, Pollos Carmen, and T-shirt printing ALEMANI. These youth also participated in training with El Salvador University (UES).



- 121 trained about agroecology by the first 30 people trained. This is a group of 61 women and 60 men.
- Establishment of 40 native chicken coops to support food security after pandemic. This includes also the support of the first coops established during the pandemic of covid-19.
- 24 family vegetable gardens established in 10 communities. At least 18 families obtained income from them. About 79 people get protein from healthy eating.
- 6 families obtained 6 cows for milk production, which translates into economic income.
- 25 plots of corn were established to support family nutrition and the sale of surpluses, which implied the production of 615 quintals of corn.
- Improvement of family infrastructure: 10 compost latrines working, 5 roofs repaired.





# ***Childhood, Teenages and Youth***



## **Childcare Centers**

- Supported the Childcare Center of Ciudad Romero with the salary of a woman. This is to support the education of children at early ages.

## **Radio Mangle**

- Implemented a school radio with the participation of 10 youths from 10 communities. This helped the youth to show their leadership and support other Mangrove Association Activities.



- Supported different community events: Cashew Festival at Isla Montecristo; Community Anniversaries: Amando López, Octavio Ortíz, San Hilario.

- Broadcasting of historical memory of communities: 41st Anniversary of Catholic Church Martyrs y Anniversary of Massacre of Quesera Community.



- Created journalistic material and programs for ARPAS, Red Medios Unidos de Oriente.

- Journalistic following up to the arbitrary captures within the framework of the exception regime for minors in the Amando López Community.



- Supported with communication to stop to the issues of “Land Theft of Normandía Cooperative” and eviction of an elderly person from their home in the La Bendición community.

- Supported the digital creation of material and footage for the Mangrove Association and other organizations in Bajo Lempa.



# ***Women for the Advocacy, Inclusion and Equity***



- Implemented training about Gender Mainstreaming in the communities with the participation of 16 women.
- Developed 5 forums called "Working in Community for Women's Rights" with 14 communities.
- Supported with \$515 to 13 women for the acquisition of cows, with a counterpart of \$200 per beneficiary.
- 70 women leaders trained on issues such as sexual and reproductive rights, health rights, gender violence, and citizen participation, as well as knowing the responsibility of state institutions in guaranteeing women's rights.
- Through these projects, women were directly benefited with 300 mammograms, as well as complementary breast ultrasonography exams, to rule out possible suspicions of cancer.
- 1 forum on Sexual and Reproductive Rights and Gender Violence.
- Training for young people on sexual and reproductive rights and gender violence (Salinas, Ceiba Doblada, and Usulután)
- Youth Festival on Sexual and Reproductive Rights and Gender Violence.





***Thank you so much!***



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