

Village Update

Villa Linda, Guatemala



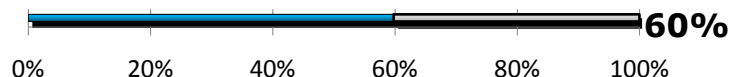
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Agros uses 20 indicators to measure the impact of our work in Agros communities. Indicators measure predetermined outcomes, such as improved access to water, that are hoped to be achieved through Agros' work and make up the greater vision of Agros, 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: 2005

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:

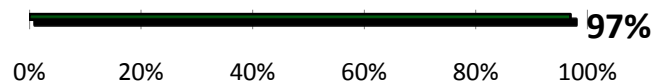
5 types of crops sold to provide income

100% of people have livestock

Participation in commercialization of products:

100% 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:

80%

Leadership Positions Held by Women:

54%

Bernardo is working hard to expand his agricultural production in the Agros village of Villa Linda, Guatemala. He has implemented a new half-acre of coffee, pledged to work three bee hives, and planted an acre of cardamom and two acres of coffee. When Bernardo first started, he did not even have one acre of corn, let alone all these other crops, on his own land. He used to work on someone else's farm for a living, but wasn't able to support his family enough to feed them. Taking on the responsibility of owning land to produce crops has led to a better quality of life for him and his family. He is now able to support his two children who are currently studying in school and hope to pursue a higher level of education.

Land Ownership

The entire community has done well with this season's coffee crop. Because of the revenue brought in from the coffee production, nine families have paid part of their land. Thus, with the 2011 harvest, 50% of the community has settled their land loans because they not only have coffee but also produce cardamom, raise sheep and four families raise tilapia.

Sustainable Economic Growth

Agros staff provided technical assistance and training in entrepreneurship, management, savings, and business administration for members of the Community Banks. This quarter, nine members of the bank entered the 8th cycle, each receiving \$154.

Youth and adults participated in a training session on baking techniques. They made cakes and pastries with yeast, whipped cream and other new ingredients. The participants were grateful for the support Agros had given them, saying they had tried to make this kind of bread but did not know how it could be made and sold in the community.

Ten women were trained in embroidery using a sewing machine. This group of women participated in a tailoring training earlier and now many can specialize in garment embroidery.



Agros gave support to four families in the production of coffee. Fertilizer was delivered to 20 families to help improve production. Families were trained on coffee pruning, fertilization and the proper way to establish plots for coffee in partnership with the National Association of Coffee.

Six family gardens were started and planted with spinach, cucumber, radish and cilantro. The twenty families of Villa Linda were trained in planting cardamom and establishing seedlings, and two pounds of seeds were delivered to each participating family.

Eight families that raise pigs received vaccinations for their animals, and 20 families were able to get vaccinations for their chicken flocks.



Agros gave assistance to families managing four tilapia ponds, helping with oxygenation, feeding the fish, and keeping the ponds clean.

One family launched a bee project to export honey. They received three hives to produce around 80 pounds of honey per hive. Each pound of honey has a value of around \$1.

Community Health, Education and Training

In February, 15 former students of the literacy program finished the sixth grade equivalent and received their diplomas. The village showed appreciation to Agros and the partnership with the government literacy program, CONALFA, for the support given to them over three years and for making literacy accessible to so many students.

A new group of 20 adults and youth started attending literacy class. Because of the success of others who participated in the literacy program before them, the new students know this is a valuable opportunity. Many of the students say that this literacy program is a great resource for obtaining better employment.

Many supplies were delivered to the community teachers who did not have the necessary resources to support proper teaching and learning activities for their students.

Agros staff provided assistance and support to the community by delivering medicine and keeping records of the community's medicine supply. An inventory was done, expired medicines were discarded, and volunteers were appointed to be responsible for maintaining the first aid kits and medical supplies.