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What difference does your gift make?

“We couldn’t turn on the pump or we could damage it. The repair cost us \$650, which we had in our savings account. Potable Water and Sanitation Committees have to be self-sustaining and have funds from what residents pay monthly. We then use that money to maintain and rehabilitate our system.”—
Eydrith Nadieska Cruz López, President, Potable Water and Sanitation Committee



“We didn’t have a latrine, so we used a latrine at the neighbor’s house. In the rainy season, it was difficult because we had to go out in the rain. I feel happy now because I no longer have to go at night to bother the neighbor about their latrine. When they didn’t let us use their latrine, we would go to the fields, in the open air. Now I’m content because I have my latrine, and my children and I can use it whenever we need to.”—Violeta Diaz Gudiel



“The water is now crystal clear. Before the water was brown, sometimes dirty, and now we have clean, healthy water thanks to El Porvenir and those who stuck with us, working hand in hand.”—Mario José López López



This is the difference you make.

Our largest fundraising campaign of the year, the 250k Challenge, runs August 1-September 30. Generous supporters have pledged to match the first \$125,000 in gifts to raise a total of \$250,000.

Give today and double your impact!
elporvenir.org/Donate



Women and children, on average, walk 3.5 miles daily for drinking water. You can change this by joining our Walk for Water September 21-29 to support clean water and safe sanitation in Nicaragua.

We walk so rural Nicaraguans don’t have to.

Bonus: Every dollar raised for the Walk is doubled as part of the \$250,000 Challenge!

Two ways to get involved:

1. Donate and support Team Nicaragua
2. Walk with Team Nicaragua and set up your own fundraising page.

More information at elporvenir.org/walk



Please join us September 10:

- See Nicaraguan community members and the life-changing projects they build
- Connect with the El Porvenir community
- Celebrate water, sanitation, and watershed successes over the last year
- Get a glimpse into life in Nicaragua

All donations received during the Fiesta are doubled as part of the \$250K Challenge!

When: Tuesday, September 10
Time: 8 ET | 7 CT | 6 MT | 5 PT
Duration: 45 minutes
Where: wherever you are!

Register at elporvenir.org/fiesta

HONORING OUR FOUNDER: CAROLE HARPER

To honor founder Carole’s legacy, supporters contributed to empower 280 people to build their own spring capture gravity flow water system in Caño Sucio.

Caño Sucio is 40 km from the town of Waslala. Community members and El Porvenir staff identified the water source, tested the water quality, and then the work began to protect the spring, install filters, build the storage tank, lay the pipes for the water distribution network, and install the home water taps.

Clean water now flows to all 55 homes in the community!

Freddy González Jarquín lives in Caño Sucio, Waslala. Before the new water system, Freddy shared, “Water was scarce here. People got water from ditches. Because there was a clear need for water, our community of 55 families came together easily,” said Freddy. “And, today we have water.”

Because they now have water in their homes, residents are getting out to their farm fields earlier, the children are not missing schools, and their homes and community are cleaner. All this means they’ll have more food, better education, and better health. “People, especially mothers, feel very grateful,” he emphasized.

“I want to especially thank Carole Harper; there are no words to express this to her because it is a great honor for us that this is a project in her honor,” Freddy concluded.



Carole Harper moved to Nicaragua in the 1980s to work with Habitat for Humanity. Then, Habitat didn’t include water & sanitation facilities, so Carole started El Porvenir to address the need for clean drinking water in rural communities. Carole spent 18 years as the Board President of El Porvenir, volunteering her time while she worked full-time as a judge.

“Carole has brought about awareness of needs, international friendships, and hope for this planet’s future to many gringos like me. More than that, she has put us to work in new ways—to the planet’s benefit, and our own! She’s a dear friend who I admire and love.”— Liz Specht, Founding El Porvenir Board Member



2023 ANNUAL REPORT

Our 2023 Annual Report is available at elporvenir.org/resources. Please check it out to learn more about our programs, our 2024-2030 Strategic Plan, and so much more!

El Porvenir worked with 15,949 Nicaraguans in 2023. From clean water flowing out of home taps to children having safe latrines and handwashing stations at their schools, we work with communities to change lives through water systems, watershed management, improved stoves, hygiene education, safe sanitation, and more.

Clean water is at the core of everything we do.

OUR STRATEGIES

- **Alliances** with communities, governments, and other organizations
- Community empowerment and ownership with strong **local leadership**
- **Long-term** community commitment
- Intensive **watershed** restoration
- **Connecting WASH** and watersheds

