



*Agua Limpia para el Altiplano
Occidental de Guatemala*

Clean Water for the Western Highlands of Guatemala

THE NEED

The indigenous people in the western Highlands of Guatemala have a *dire need for clean water*. Women and children fetch a less than 5 liters per day by having to walk 3 – 5 kms at high altitudes. Much of the water they can get is surface water which is contaminated and leads to gastrointestinal diseases. Children suffer from severe malnutrition. Guatemala has the highest rate of stunting in children under 5 years at 42.8% and is even higher at 58% in the indigenous population. This project will start them on the WASH ladder by building *tanks, pipelines, pump systems and latrines* for these communities to give them easy, & consistent access to abundant clean water.



Community Assessments

This project was conceived over a period of 17 months of discussions, evaluations and diligence between RC Cupertino, District 4250 (Guatemala) and World Vision (WV) – a RI Strategic Partner. WV has 378 employees in Guatemala and have Cluster managers and coordinators who are embedded within the target communities. WV has helped form COCODEs (Consejo Comunitarios de Desarrollo) – Community Development Councils - in each community to teach them to organize, plan and define their needs. WV has 15-year plans for each community.

Results:

- ✓ Total buy-in from the village COCODE
- ✓ Investment from the community
- ✓ Involvement and commitments from
 - Municipal Government
 - Department of Health

Partners

Host: RC Guatemala Sur (District 4250)
Int'l Sponsor: Cupertino Rotary (District 5170)
Strategic Partner: World Vision

World Vision has been a Strategic Partner of RI since 2002 and the relationship is governed by an MOU. World Vision partners with Rotary on large – scale projects. World Vision was Rotary's key partner on the first Program of Scale in Zambia. World Vision has over 40,000 employee worldwide and over 350 in Guatemala.



Groundwork accomplished

With World Vision's help and involvement in the target communities over 8 years:

- ✓ Community needs assessments completed
- Recruit reliable partners as Host Clubs
- ✓ Rotary Club of Guatemala Sur (lead club)
- ✓ Rotary Clubs of Los Altos Quetzaltenango, Quetzaltenango & Huehuetenango
- Address Sustainability
- ✓ Village Water Committees & COCODEs established
- ✓ Municipal Governments engaged and active
- ✓ Community commitment to contribute in cash and/or kind
- ✓ World Vision's 15-year commitment

Project Budget

Total Project Budget: US \$800,000

Rotary's share: \$400,000

World Vision match: \$400,000

Rotary Goal: \$400,000 (Project Value)

Your Support Will Make a
Huge Difference

\$227,125



80 percent of the indigenous population
survives on an income below the poverty line¹

Water scarcity and mismanagement, rain
patterns, and food insecurity catalyze the lack
of economic opportunity, human security, and
increases in violence that fuel irregular
migration to the United States.

Travel Opportunity
Cupertino Rotary will organize
visits to these communities as the
project progresses.