

## El Rodeo ADESCO's Activities Noviembre 2018

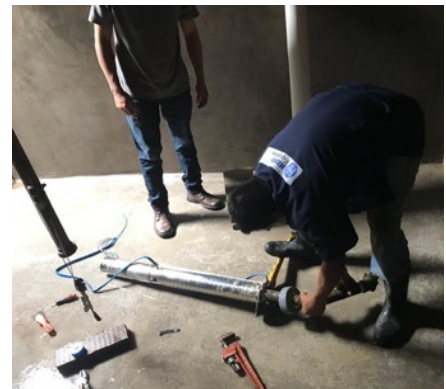
- Water Project's 1st phase finished
- Housing Project solicited and carried out
- Petition of Sheet metal to the Mayor
- Trash collection
- Re-forestation in zones of the community and delivery of fruit-bearing trees
- Training about organic fertilizers
- Funds from the mayor's office for Water System & ADESCO office
- Activity with Radio Victoria

### Water Project's 1st Phase Finished:

The Water Project's first phase is complete and we are satisfied because all that we proposed was carried out just as we had planned. After 5 months of hard work the water collection tank at the spring source, the pumping station, tubing to carry the water up to the distributions tank and part of the distribution tubing as well as the secondary residential tubing throughout El Rodeo. We did have some setbacks with the photovoltaic and pump system, it is very hard to find a place to buy a pump like this. Also things took longer because COCODA wanted Jerry to mount the system but after much discussion it was decided to contract a company to install these systems (hydro system & EPC) and eventually that is what was done.

The solar panels system provides more energy than is needed since the water system can function with 5,000 watts and the panels produce 9,000 watts which means our pumping system will always function in optimal conditions. The pump carries 30 to 37.5 gallons of water a minute up to the distribution tank.

Another important element is that the companies contracted to install these systems gave us a training on how to maintain the equipment, how to clean the solar panels and how to manage the pump system because if things are not done correctly the system can be damaged the system. Five people participated in this training.



*The pump and water flow at the top of the hill !!!!*



## Housing Project:

The ADESCO presented a request for a housing project for the most needy families in El Rodeo to a Canadian church group called Shelter Canada. Of the 9 families proposed 8 were approved as needing an urgent response and since the project has different phases, in the first phase 4 families are benefitted which are:

1 - María Hernández Gámez 2 - Verónica Alemán. 3 - Magdalena Gallegos. 4 - Carolina Membreño

These are the families that will have a more dignified house and next year we will continue to struggle to resolve this problem for the other families.



## Petition of sheet metal with the Mayor's office:

The ADESCO was called to a meeting with FMLN municipal council members in Victoria who represent Santa Marta and in this way we were able to get new roofing materials for 4 families in El Rodeo. The ADESCO selected the most needy families according to their level of economic income and none of them were families that benefit from the housing project.

**Trash Collection:** A collective effort by the El Rodeo & Santa Marta ADESCOS achieved an agreement with Victoria's mayor to send a trash collection truck once a month to these communities to pick up trash so now El Rodeo can collect all the trash on the assigned day.

**Reforestation and Fruit-bearing Trees:** Because of the water project El Rodeo was included in a project through ADES with FONAES (Environmental Fund of El Salvador) which consists in reforesting zones and this year about 600 trees were planted the majority being cacao. Also families received fruit-bearing trees such as guayaba, orange and lime among others that would cost \$5 each in a plant nursery.

**Training in Organic Fertilizers:** A large part of the community is participating in agro-ecological workshops which teach us how to produce organically so that our population moves toward a more healthy and sustainable way of production with the environment. Learning how to work with organic fertilizer through composting is part of this training.

**Funds from the mayor's office for Water System & ADESCO office:** The Central Government through ANDA & the FISDL (Social Investment Development Fund) identified \$40,000 for possible project associated with water systems in Santa Marta, Valle Nuevo and El Rodeo. At first Santa Marta and Valle Nuevo wanted to have all the money but El Rodeo did not just cross their arms and not do anything, we struggled so that we were taken into account! In the end the El Rodeo ADESCO will receive \$10,000 and have decided to use those funds

for a house where the ADESCO and water system can have an office, and the ADESCO's belongings can be there instead of in the President's house!

**Activity with Radio Victoria:** Radio Victoria coordinated an activity with the ADESCO in the community in which the whole community participated. There were games with children, a meeting with the ADESCO and other community sectors like the school, health promoter, national civilian police and through the radio podemos present to others the strengths and needs we have.



These are some of the activities that we have been doing in the community and we feel it is important to share them with you all in WES who are our important allies so that the El Rodeo community progresses in its struggle for prosperity and better life conditions.

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