



Nueva Esperanza Transition Report

Location: El Tuma, Matagalpa, Nicaragua

Established: 2008

Families: 33

Where Nueva Esperanza Is Today:

Over seven years, you have helped the families of Nueva Esperanza build a community that has fundamentally changed the life trajectory of every member.

We are proud of what the village has accomplished and mindful of the importance of conducting a careful transition that will reinforce Nueva Esperanza's progress.



Before	After
<p>Before moving into Nueva Esperanza, most families lived in tiny shacks, squatting on land they didn't own, and struggled to find work each day as laborers.</p> <p>Community members Carlos and Jaris told us that before moving into Nueva Esperanza, they wanted to start a family, but felt they couldn't since they had no home of their own. With Carlos's meager wages as a taxi driver, they also feared they wouldn't be able to feed children.</p>	<p>Today, families live in safe homes and produce basic grains as well as high value coffee. They've improved their harvests through agricultural training, and have learned to effectively manage their valuable natural resources with the next generation in mind. All families drink safe water and send their children to school. Recently, thanks to strong community leadership and your generosity, a preschool was built in Nueva Esperanza through our partnership with Build On.</p>

Accomplishments to Celebrate:

- 100% of families have benefited from our technical training & agricultural support
- 100% of families use new and improved resource management practices
- 93% of the families report to have enough food and diverse diet
- 25% of families are adopting new and improved agricultural practices
- Strong community governance by board, water committee and health brigades
- 86% of the families report to have adopted good hygiene practices
- 100% of school aged kids are currently enrolled in school
- No malnourished children in the community
- 27% families have introduced new crops
- 100% families have life plans
- The preschool was built

Proposed Transition Date: June 2015

Plan for a Sustainable Transition:

We will continue to provide technical support to these families (once a week agricultural support and twice a month for both health and market access) in the months after June 2015. The idea is that our Matagalpa regional team will continue to work with these families at a much smaller scale because of their close proximity.

Additionally, we will individually restructure land loans, taking into account families' business plans, business viability, and cash flow to ensure that their loan is appropriate for their capacity to pay. Although we are transitioning out of the

community, we will still have staff in Nicaragua to collect loan repayments. Our priority is for every family to receive their title, a monumental achievement during their lifetime and a significant inheritance for their children.