



Project Schoolhouse 2024 Progress Report

A message from our Executive Director

Dear friends,

As we wrap up 2024, I wanted to express my sincere gratitude to the supporters of this project.

It's been a big year which we're thrilled to highlight in the following pages.

Our projects make such a difference in the lives of the families with whom we partner. The community development we witness after these projects includes the expected - better health, improved school attendance, community volunteers learning key building skills, and also the unexpected.



We witness:

- **Access to more qualified teachers:** More highly qualified teachers now work in the new schools because they can teach in a dry, functional schoolhouse.
- **Expanded educational opportunity:** Secondary school classes have been introduced on Saturdays by the Ministry of Education, thanks to the flexible partitions we include in the school design to support smaller class sizes.
- **Increased education access for young girls:** Young teen girls are now able to attend secondary school because it has been added in their own community when previously families had been hesitant due to travel safety concerns.
- **Economic opportunities:** The clean water that comes directly to their homes makes small home businesses possible.

All is possible because of the schools and fully-distributed water systems that we partner to build.

To all of you who believe in this work and support it so generously, please know how grateful we are.

Selina Serna
Executive Director

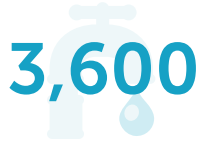
Progress to Date

Since 2007 we have transformed 20 communities, building 19 new schools, 14 water systems, and hundreds of latrines.



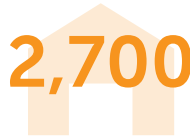
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Communities in rural Nicaragua transformed



3,600

Individuals who now have clean water in their homes



2,700

Students who study in schools we've helped build



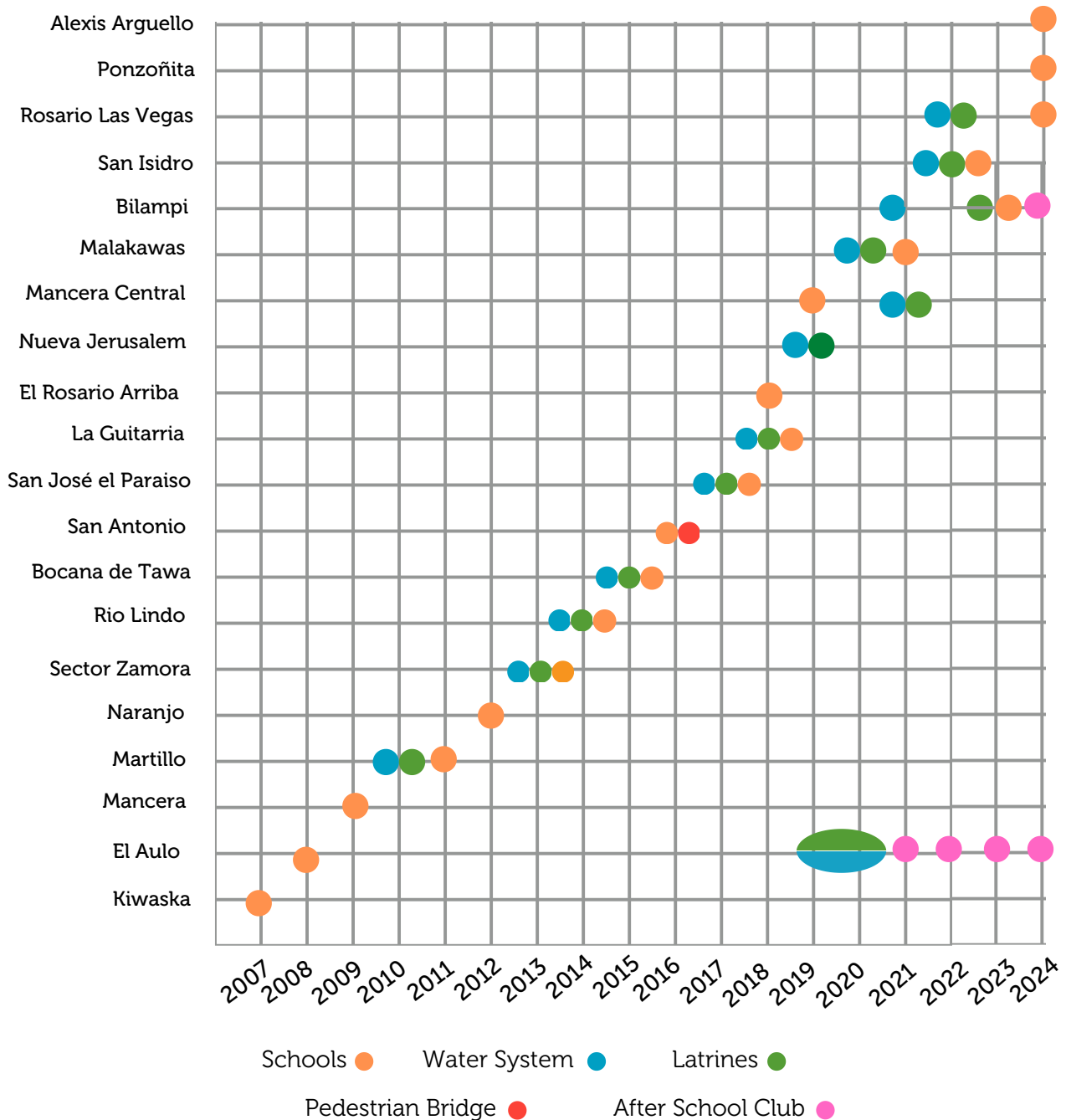
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Students who benefit from after school programs



500

Families who now have dignified latrines



After-School Programs

In 2024, we expanded the After-School Club program into a second community, doubling the number of children with access to extracurricular programs and homework help. Like all of our initiatives, this program is volunteer-led.

Local dedicated volunteers, often high school or university students with aspirations of becoming teachers, spend time providing much-needed tutoring to the primary school students in their communities.

Through creative and engaging activities, they make reading, writing, and mathematics more accessible, fostering a love of learning and academic confidence.

As mentioned by their teacher, "The progress of the students can be seen day in and day out as they are more engaged in their studies, can keep up with the curriculum, and are more confident in class."



From left to right, Program Coordinator, Norma Valdez helping a young student



After-School program student participants

*"I love the days we have our after-school club! Math is challenging for me, but now I am getting help with homework and understand it much better."
- Nelson M.*

Schoolhouse Projects

Record-breaking year for schoolhouses built

In 2024, we completed work on 3 schools, more than ever before, providing a record number of functional schoolhouses to 118 students in three communities.

We built a new schoolhouse in the community of Rosario Las Vegas, where we finished a water project last year. We added 2 classrooms and renovated the existing classroom in a deteriorating school, Escuela La Ponsoña, where the growing student population had outgrown the small building and a colony of bats had moved in, posing considerable health risks for the students and teachers.



Inauguration of La Ponsoña schoolhouse

Finally, we remodeled the school and playground area of Escuela Alexis Arguello. We are thrilled students, teachers, and the community can now learn in a safe, welcoming space designed to support their education and future success.



Students at the inauguration of El Triunfo schoolhouse

"Last year we built more schools than ever before, creating safe, welcoming spaces for students to learn and grow. Each new classroom is more than just a building — it's a foundation for opportunity and a brighter future. We are deeply grateful to our partners, donors, and the communities who make this impact possible."

- Sara Wagner, Board President

Water & Sanitation

Transformative 7 community school and water project

In 2024, we launched the largest project in our organization's history—a multi-community water and school project in the La Ponsoña region of Matagalpa, Nicaragua. This project has been in our pipeline for years due to the clear need for clean water in the region, combined with the availability of one spring capture large enough to serve seven communities at once.

Community members have been incredibly engaged, working long hours to complete trenching and install PVC pipes. Once completed, this project will provide safe, potable water, new latrines, handwashing stations, and functional schoolhouses to over 2,000 people!

We are grateful to have the trust of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and the Latter-day Saints Charities of Australia for seeing the success of the projects we have led for the past 17 years and investing in this multi-community project. We are also grateful to the Municipality of Rio Blanco for partnering on this project.



Community members passing boulders to build water capture



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FY 2024 Financials

| FY2024 Source of Funds | | | FY2024 Use of Funds | | |
|------------------------|------------------|-------------|-----------------------|------------------|-------------|
| Foundations | \$405,000 | 72% | Program Costs | \$251,260 | 87% |
| Municipal Govt | \$56,480 | 10% | Wages & P/R Taxes | \$27,385 | 9% |
| Individual Giving | \$96,651 | 17% | Fundraising Exp | \$6,611 | 2% |
| Corporate Giving | \$2,997 | 1% | Other Admin | \$4,667 | 2% |
| Total Revenue | \$561,128 | 100% | Total Expenses | \$289,923 | 100% |

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education and sanitation to rural Nicaragua

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