



NICARAGUA – COMMUNITY PROJECT 2024 STOVES & WATER PURIFYING FILTERS

Canada has been a donor twinning partner with Nicaragua, a Central America country, for many years. Vincentians have also funded seven twinning projects in that country since 2016.

An eighth community project is proposed for 2024. The objective of this project is to improve the health conditions and quality of life of peasant families by the installation of **improved kitchen stoves** and donation of **water purifying filters** to families of the “Los Limones” and “La Danta” communities, municipality of Somotillo, Nicaragua. The project was prepared and will be executed by FUNDACCO – Nicaragua (Fundacion Accion Comunitaria) under the supervision and approval of Roots of Change, a Catholic charity based in Alberta and linked to the Society. The National Council of Nicaragua - SSVP as well as the beneficiary families are participating in this project.

The strategy for installing improved stoves, called “ECO STOVE”, is aimed at guaranteeing sustainability with good practices in a way that is friendlier to the environment and healthier for



families. This is because many families lack access to firewood, as well, they cannot pay the high price to buy butane gas. The ECO



STOVE will contribute to the reduction of illnesses caused by the daily exposure to smoke in the family home, mainly women, boys and girls. Both communities are the most deforested in the Somotillo area. The new stove uses wood more efficiently and is equipped with a chimney, which evacuate smoke outside the home, contrary to the current cooking stoves.

Likewise, FUNDACCO has developed an expertise in supplying water purifying filters to families that daily consume water not suitable for human consumption. A significant number of families fetch water with buckets directly from a well as they do not have the resources to purchase purified (bottled) water. The well water is not suitable for human consumption, but when necessary, families are forced to use it. The use of FILTRON type filters will bring health benefits to the families served.





Like many rural communities, families dedicate themselves to agriculture as the only means of living by growing beans, corn and wheat. Production is used mainly for family consumption and the surplus is sold at the local market to acquire other family consumption products. A few families are involved in livestock farming.

This project, once completed, will have a positive long term impact on the peoples of Los Limones and La Dante villages. **The project will improve the health and living conditions of 43 families (200 persons) with the installation of 18 ECO STOVES and 25 FILTRON type water purifying filters.**

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THANK YOU, dear brothers, and sisters.

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