

Agua Pura para el Mundo (APPM)

Executive Summary: November 2023

VISION:

The people of Honduras have the opportunity to thrive because their fundamental safe water and sanitation needs are fulfilled.

MISSION: (draft)

Partner with the people of Honduras until all are empowered with sustained access to safe water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH), supporting their overall health and wellbeing.

APPM's approach to reaching the mission:

- Cultivate and integrate safe water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) programs across Honduras that strengthen local WASH capacity, contribute to improved health outcomes, and support greater opportunities for prosperity.
- Provide WASH educational training and consulting programs, at the local, regional and national levels, targeted at building and strengthening WASH in institutions (i.e. schools and health care facilities) and homes.
- Deliver customized, targeted WASH capacity building training programs to reach community leaders, teachers, healthcare providers, and government officials/agencies.
- Help Honduras achieve WASH goals, as defined in the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) for the WASH sector by 2050.

NEED FOR WASH IN HONDURAS

There is an urgent need for comprehensive Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH) training programs that target various institutions, including schools, health care facilities, homes and churches. Access to safe water, sanitation facilities, and proper hygiene practices remains a critical challenge in many regions of the country, particularly vulnerable, underserved communities.

- **Schools.** The secretary of education, through their department of communication and environment (DECOAS), continuously demands support of APPM team (*formerly PWW*) to reach more schools with WASH resilient to climate change training for teacher program for schools. UNICEF and the Secretary of Education still need to reach > 4,000 schools in the Francisco Morazán and Danlí regions. Schools are an ideal platform for instilling good hygiene habits among children. It's also critical to ensure and maintain good WASH infrastructure to support school attendance, which leads to greater future opportunities and healthier generations.

NEED FOR WASH IN HONDURAS (continued)

- **Health Care Facilities.** According to the World Health Organization and UNICEF, health care facilities must adhere to strict WASH standards to prevent the spread of infections and diseases. Providing comprehensive WASH training is essential for staff and patient health and safety and prevents environmental contamination. In partnership with UNICEF, APPM/PWW is currently piloting the WASHFIT program (WASH in health care facilities training program) with an initiative to replicate the program with a targeted 1,058 health centers.
 - **Community Homes.** Because Honduras lacks national infrastructure capacity, in rural communities that lack WASH infrastructure, it falls wholly on residents to address and manage water resources and sanitation. These communities lack the necessary knowledge and resources to effectively establish sustainable WASH programming.
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APPM STRATEGY: Achieve a broad impact related to WASH in Honduras

- National Level - Create awareness and provide education that leads to governmental intervention and national requirements by the Ministry of Health and Ministry of Education related to WASH-in-schools and WASH-in-HCF (health care facilities) throughout Honduras.
 - Build/grow relationships with leaders.
 - Maintain a seat at the national WASH table – CONASA.
 - Collaborate with partners/others to establish and execute WASH plans with Ministries to achieve SDGs by 2050 (as defined by Honduran government).
- Regional/Local Level – Strengthen local WASH capacity
 - Involvement: Leaders of Community, HCF leaders, municipality water/environment people, business leaders, water boards.
 - Establish Community WASH Committees to oversee, manage and support programs and initiatives.
 - WASH resilience to climate change: plans and governance to establish comprehensive, community-expansive WASH programs.
 - Collaborate – work in partnership others.

APPM GOALS:

- Establish sustainable systems of governance related to WASH in institutions and homes (at the local, district/regional, national levels) to achieve SDGs in alignment with defined government initiatives
 - Governance: include WASH infrastructure, training, maintenance/management, growth plans, investing/financial planning.
 - Local Community WASH Committees established to oversee and support initiatives
 - Provide WASH trainings for implementation in institutions (schools, healthcare facilities), homes, businesses, churches
 - Outcome: reduction in water-related illnesses/deaths, improved waste management, improved hygiene practices, increased levels education, higher number of girls consistently attending and completing school
 - Work in collaboration with Honduran government, leaders and other organizations toward the UN's SDGs in Honduras: by 2050 all schools, families & HCF in Honduras have WASH
 - Provide foundation to sustain the communities (not the NGO) - work our way out of a job!
 - Longer-term goal: incorporate direct implementation of WASH programming in communities and institutions.
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APPM DIFFERENTIATORS:

- Under Pure Water for the World, APPM has 15+ years of experience successfully implementing WASH programs in >275 communities in Honduras.
- APPM team is comprised of native Hondurans with strong, established relationships with local, regional and national leaders based on established trust and proven impact.
- Expertise in the development, implementation and monitoring of effective Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) solutions in rural, dispersed communities.
- High quality education & training programs:
 - a. Certified by independent agencies.
 - b. Experience providing field implementation experiences with trainings.
 - c. Provide consulting support and share experiences of implementing projects with other WASH organizations, government institutions and individuals.
- Well established relationships with CAWST & UNICEF.

ESTABLISHED APPM PARTNERSHIPS:

- **CONASA** - Honduras governmental organization responsible for strengthening and modernization of the drinking water and sanitation sector in Honduras; works with NGOs to determine progress toward Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).
- **Centre for Affordable Water and Sanitation Technology (CAWST):** WASH Training and Consulting Services + Water Board Trainings
- **UNICEF:** Training & infrastructure for WASH in schools and healthcare facilities
- **Honduras National Government:** Involvement in clusters of WASH & government institutions that are working in WASH
- **World Vision:** Menstrual Hygiene Management (MHM) in Danli (*Strong Woman* program); Water Board Community Training in Trojes
- **Kinder nôt Hilfe** (German org): child-driven humanitarian/ Capacity building
- **Honduras Rotary Clubs** – training & consulting services for teachers and WASH projects
- **CEPUDO:** Special needs family homes – funded by Food for the Poor
- **Rotary Clubs** – Many Rotary Clubs across the United States.

APPM WASH PROGRAM OVERVIEW:

COMMUNITY-BASED WATER SECURITY PLANNING TRAINING PROGRAM:

- Resilience to Climate Change
 - Providing plans and governance to establishing comprehensive, community-expansive WASH program
- Water Safety Plan for Homes/Communities
- Involvement:
 - Community Leaders
 - Health Care Facility Leaders
 - Municipality Water/Environmental Leaders
 - Business Leaders
 - Water Boards (if established, plan to create one if not); plumber (with Water Board)
- **Opportunity:** World Vision is expanding work into Trojes, with the goal of reaching many of the 36 water system communities in Trojes and 42 water boards. APPM will be in a position to assist with historical data and water board training.

WASHFIT IN HEALTH CARE FACILITIES (HCF):

- **Opportunity:** UNICEF and WHO are working toward training more health centers using WASHFIT (Water and Sanitation for Health Facility Improvement Tool) to achieve the UN goal that all health care facilities in Honduras are reached by 2050.
- WASHFIT is a risk-based management tool for health care facilities the covers key aspects of:
 - water (includes water supply chain), sanitation, hand hygiene, environmental cleanliness, waste management, climate resilience, gender equity, building & facility management.
- Follows a cycle of five (5) steps to implement: organize a WASHFIT committee, use WASHFIT tool to collect baseline information, evaluate risk, prioritize and progress planning and adjust and monitor. It includes minor WASH related repairs to health care facilities.
 - PWW/APPM team has received WASHFIT training
 - In partnership with UNICEF, planned implementation with five (5) health centers in Tegucigalpa and five (5) in San Pedro Sula
 - Momentum and commitment from leaders to move to national level

APPM WASH PROGRAM OVERVIEW (continued):

WASH-IN-SCHOOLS - EDUCATION AND TRAINING:

- **Opportunity:** Build upon the success of PWW (since 2020) working with > 42 schools to incorporate WASH resilience and climate change, in collaboration with Honduras' Secretary of Education.
 - Honduras National Government Endorsed.
 - Opportunity to reach all Honduran schools with advanced support and training.
- School Water Safety Plan
- Climate Resilience Plan
 - Includes Menstrual Hygiene Management (MHM) training
 - Currently working (as PWW) in 4 schools (1 in Trojes, 2 in Danlí, one in Tegucigalpa) reaching 2,010 students.

PWW MONITORING:

- APPM will assume M&E responsibilities of PWW through 2025.

WATER EXPERTISE TRAINING CENTER (WETC):

- In partnership with Centre for Affordable Water & Sanitation Technologies (CAWST), continued WASH & Water Board training program
 - CAWST has expressed interest in maintaining a similar relationship with APPM as it had with PWW.

WASH FOR EMERGENCIES (NEW PROGRAMMING TO BE DEVELOPED):

- **Opportunity:** Train organizations on WASH in Emergency response.
- Many organizations in Honduras now working in WASH humanitarian aid, including: GOAL, CARE, RED CROSS, ADRA, EN WITHOUT BORDERS, CARITAS, Norwegian Consulate, ASONOG, Action Against Hunger, Secretary of Health and municipal staff.

COMMUNITY-BASED WASH IMPLEMENTATION PROGRAMMING WITH CEPUDO

- CEPUDO has expressed interest in expansion to Danlí and would like to continue to partner with APPM for the water and sanitation components in family homes.

ABOUT APPM:

Agua Pura para el Mundo (APPM) is a Honduran nonprofit governmental organization (NGO). APPM was launched as a local NGO, doing business for Pure Water for the World, Inc in Honduras in 2007.

From 2005-2007, PWW implemented WASH programs in collaboration with local rotary clubs in Honduras. It had no legal status in Honduras. Funds covering direct projects costs were mainly through grants, district grants or rotary grants.

PWW contracted a country director and his assistant (a local Rotarian) to manage projects. The country director was a program consultant in charge of supervising project progress and financial management, monitor implementation of all rotary programs in Honduras (included Trujillo, Choluteca, Ceiba, Danlí, Copan and Santa Barbara regions). Together, with PWW volunteers for each project, programs were primarily financed by individual donors.

PWW needed to hire employees in Honduras but did not have recognition as an NGO. In 2007, Agua Pura para el Mundo (APPM) was established as a Honduran entity to conduct business in Honduras and was assigned legal representation both in PWW 501c3 by-laws and in Honduras. APPM was managed by PWW's Executive Director and the Board of Directors of PWW. APPM had a local NGO board (representative only; non-working/non-voting) to fulfill national requirements.

In 2017, PWW gained international NGO status and was able to obtain a Honduran bank account allowing funds to go directly to PWW's US headquarter office in Vermont. Since that time, APPM has maintained its Honduran NGO status, operated with a board of Maria's family and friends.