

# Nuevo Amanecer Project, Honduras

In this special update, see the progress you've helped make happen in your sponsored child's community.

# **Project overview**

When the project started, the community was facing challenges in areas including education, access to clean water, healthcare and agriculture.

Nearly half of all children were not enrolled in school, and those who were often dropped out or failed their exams. Many teachers were poorly trained, classrooms lacked furniture and learning resources, and parents were unaware of the importance of sending their children to school.

Many families did not have access to clean water or hygienic toilets. Half of all children were not immunised and nearly half were malnourished. Incomes were low due to limited farming skills, a lack of access to credit to invest in new machinery, and a lack of financial and business knowledge.

To address these challenges, we worked with the community to:

- upgrade classrooms and learning resources and support teacher training;
- improve access to clean water and hygienic toilets;
- conduct nutrition training and immunisation drives;
- train farmers how to improve food production and increase their incomes; and
- train community leaders to manage local development.

The project worked closely with parents, teachers, churches, government agencies and community groups to ensure that child wellbeing remains a priority in the community now and in the future.



## Achievement highlights

90 percent of children were enrolled in school in 2016, up from 57 percent in 2004,

and the rate of dropouts, grade repetition and exam failure fell to two percent, down from 55 percent in 2004.

92 percent of families had home toilets in 2014, up from 70 percent in 2004,

which has helped to lower the incidence of diarrhoea and waterborne diseases.

Child malnutrition fell from 46 percent to 18 percent between 2004 and 2016.

Corn harvests increased in size by 53 percent and coffee harvests by 54 percent between 2004 and 2015,

after 800 corn farmers and 290 coffee farmers were trained in improved farming methods.

# Nuevo Amanecer's journey of change

Thanks to your support, your sponsored child and other children in the Nuevo Amanecer community have access to quality education from preschool through to vocational, agricultural and business training. Parents are also more aware of the importance of education for their children's future.



"We feel so happy because World Vision supported us with new seats in our school," says Maynor, aged 11. "We used to have classes with no proper seating and some classmates sat on the floor."

"Thanks to the supportive tutoring program that World Vision started, I have improved my grades at school because I feel more confident to ask questions of my classmates and my teacher."

 Alejandro, aged nine, sponsored child



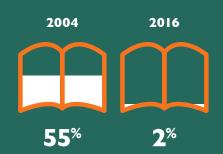
#### Education

Only two percent of children failed school, dropped out or repeated grades in 2016, down from 55 percent in 2004, after a major education project addressed a shortage of schools and classrooms, trained teachers and helped parents understand the value of educating children.

**90** percent of children were enrolled in school in 2016, up from **57** percent in **2004**, and 70 percent of children were attending pre-school, up from 55 percent in 2004.

30 schools were upgraded with new teaching materials, along with furniture, paint, flooring and ceilings to improve the educational environment for children. Teachers were trained and children supported with extra tuition.

The ministry of education began monitoring the quality of education in local schools, and school governments were trained in good management to ensure that improvements to education are sustained into the future.



Children dropping out of school, failing exams or repeating grades



### **Child protection**

Community members, children and leaders have been trained how to address and report child protection issues and this has contributed to increased understanding of child rights, abuse, neglect and exploitation.

12 child protection committees were formed and trained. They are now monitoring children in the community and have a system in place to address abuse cases. Such cases dropped significantly between 2009 and 2014 after 90 percent of families were trained in child rights and child protection.

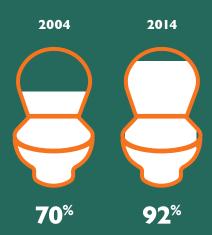


## Water and hygiene

75 percent of the community had access to clean water in 2014, up from 57 percent in 2004,

after six major water projects were completed to repair boreholes, install water tanks and lay pipes to bring fresh water to more families.

92 percent of families had household toilets in 2014, up from 70 percent in 2004, which has helped to lower the incidence of diarrhoea and waterborne diseases. 120 houses were upgraded to fix roof leaks, improve sanitation and reduce health hazards.



Households using hygienic toilets

"Thanks to the help
World Vision gave us, we
have accomplished one of
our dreams: to finish the
water project.."

Marcos, aged 53, president of the water board



### Health

The rate of child malnutrition dropped from 46 percent to 18 percent between 2004 and 2016. A number of activities contributed to this success. These included an agricultural project that helped families grow more food; a nutrition project that taught parents and caregivers about child nutrition and supplied over 600 children with deworming tablets and micronutrients; and a water and sanitation project that decreased the incidence of diarrhoea caused by drinking dirty water.

87 percent of children were fully immunised in 2014, up from 50 percent in 2004, following an awareness campaign about the importance of child immunisation.

95 percent of neighbourhoods now have trained health committees that oversee health, nutrition and immunisation programs, which will help ensure the health of community members into the future.



Mothers have learned how to prepare nutritious meals for their children.



### Livelihoods

63 percent of families increased their incomes through an agricultural project that led to better crop yields, along with training in finance, marketing and business management.

Corn harvests increased by 53 percent and coffee harvests by 54 percent between 2004 and 2015 after 800 corn farmers and 290 coffee farmers were trained in improved farming methods, increasing their incomes and ability to provide food and education for their children.

55 percent of families have a home vegetable garden, up from 16 percent in 2004, after 681 families were trained in vegetable production, increasing the availability of fresh vegetables and boosting child nutrition.

12 savings groups formed, helping families to save money, access financial training and take out small loans. 28 percent of families now have access to credit through financial institutions, up from zero percent in 2004, allowing them to invest in starting or expanding small businesses.

"If I had not been trained through World Vision, I would still be planting [only] corn and beans and would never have dared to boost my fish production project on a larger scale."

- Gregorio, aged 53, farmer



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