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A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Dear Friends,

Your generosity does more than fund programs; it strengthens communities and helps families build healthy, hopeful futures. Every dollar you give supports locally-led solutions, from access to clean water to stronger households and more resilient communities.

We see your impact in every village we serve: in parents and caregivers who are better equipped to support their families; in neighbors who come together to identify challenges and shape solutions; and in community members whose voices guide the decisions that affect their lives.

Thank you for believing in the knowledge, leadership, and potential of rural Guatemalan communities. Thank you for investing in participation, shared decision-making, and lasting change. And thank you for standing alongside families as they work together to create healthier households and build their own futures.

Your partnership makes this progress possible.

With gratitude,



Sonya Fultz
ALDEA Board President



COMMUNITY PERSPECTIVE

ANTONIO SAQUIQUEL GÓMEZ - PAQUIXIC, SAN JUAN COMALAPA

After more than 70 years without access to running water, Antonio Saquiquel Gómez and his wife finally welcomed water into their home in June 2026. **“Now we see that we have water. It is a great joy for me, truly. It is a wonder, it is a blessing.”**

The Paquixic water project was made possible through three years of collaboration between community members, ALDEA, ABPD, and the municipal government. Families dug trenches, helped install connections, contributed funds to purchase land, and created a sustainability plan. Residents also elected a nine-member Water Committee to guide the system’s future.

Today, the system serves 272 households. For Antonio and his wife, the change is especially meaningful: **“After more than 70 years of life, being able to turn on a faucet and find water in our own home represents so much. The day that the water arrived will not be forgotten.”**



Antonio and his wife María (center, wearing a blue shirt and red güipil, respectively).

2026 RESULTS

JULY 2025 THROUGH JUNE 2026

During the 2026 fiscal year, ALDEA and ABPD worked with a total of 1,300 families in 8 rural Guatemalan communities to improve their health and well-being. These are the results they achieved.



COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP & EMPOWERMENT

- **355** women participated in empowerment workshops.
- **38** women program participants are now members of community leadership groups.
- **98** men participated in Positive Masculinities workshops.
- **60** young people participated in youth engagement workshops.



HEALTHY HOUSEHOLDS

- **355** women received nutrition training.
- **140** families began household agriculture projects.
- **334** children received vitamin supplements.
- **355** women received training on family planning methods.



WATER, SANITATION, & HYGIENE

- **2** water systems installed, benefiting **341** families.
- **100** gray water filters installed.
- **55** sanitary latrines installed.
- **133** safe, efficient, vented cookstoves installed.

2026 FINANCIALS

AS REPORTED ON FORM 990

ALDEA: Advancing Local Development Through Empowerment and Action, Inc.
July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026

REVENUE: $1,125,517

EXPENSES: $1,240,208

2026 DONATIONS BY SOURCE

INDIVIDUALS: 31%
FOUNDATIONS: 69%
BUSINESSES: 1%



2026 EXPENDITURES

PROGRAM: 82%
ADMINISTRATION: 9%
FUNDRAISING: 9%



We are deeply grateful to everyone who has supported our mission. Your generosity and encouragement give us the strength to move forward and expand our impact. Every contribution reflects a shared commitment to the values that guide our work and the communities we serve. Because of you, we can support meaningful change that improves lives. Thank you for being an essential part of this journey and for helping make progress possible.

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