



Association of Communities for the Development of Chalatenango (CCR) Projects update

CCR has worked in the department of Chalatenango since 1989. Today, the CCR is made up of 113 communities in 22 municipalities. Together, these communities promote grassroots community organizing, education and leadership training, social struggle, civil participation, and empowerment of women and young people.

They seek economic, social, political, and cultural development of the organized communities, also the protection of natural resources, and training in gender equity; and the democratic transformation of the country.

In the last two years, SHARE supports the following projects with the CCR:

- University scholarship program of young women
- Half University scholarships for young people oh Hacienda Vieja
- Improving the integral health of women in the municipality of San Jose Las Flores
- Empowering women in the production and consumption of healthy food working in their home gardens (food sovereignty)
- Introduction of the potable water system in the communities of Las Minas, Los Alas and Las Lomas in the municipality of Chalatenango.
- Introduction of the potable water system in the community of Cumbres del Gramal in the municipality of La Palma.
- Accompaniment to the CCR in Political, and Social Advocacy; and the women and youth organization from the sistering communities.



Training workshops sand follow-up activities that CCR has carried out in the Teosinte community

- Accompaniment in the restructuring of the Community Board of Directors (ADESCO)
- Coordination with the ADESCO in different processes developed by CCR in the region
- Participation in the bi-monthly sistering community meetings
- Analysis workshops of El Salvador reality in a community Assembly.
- Creation of the Teosinte Youth Association and monitoring the community committees.
- Leadership training school
- Accompaniment to the anniversary of the repopulation
- Exchange with young people from other CRIPDES regions to learn more about the social organization.
- Forums, talks and workshops on the prohibition of metal mining and the constitutional reform of El Salvador
- During the COVID -19 emergency CCR supports with hygiene and cleaning kit during the home quarantine, as well as food for the most vulnerable families during the home quarantine.

(You can see photos of the activities at the end of the report)



Projections

The projections of CCR are to continue the organizational work in the communities it works, to follow up the Teosinte Youth Association, and support the ADESCO in the reform of their statutes, as well as the coordination of the organizational work beneficiating the community development. In the women's area, specifically, the food sovereignty project will begin, in which women, in addition to growing their food without the use of any chemical, will learn to consume it and use its properties for natural medicine, support women in the food sovereignty area is with the purpose of guarantee an improvement in the economy and the quality of life of women and their families.

Due to the issue of the COVID-19 pandemic, young scholarship recipients have had difficulties for the lack of signal and internet connection to take their classes and upload assignments, which has implied making changes to adapt to new forms of study. The search for funds to support high school and university scholarships continue, as well as funds to support the payment to the monthly internet fee; that in addition to benefiting young students, also benefit the women's and youth committees from nearby communities.

On the other hand, the SHARE Foundation and CCR are working at the launch of the campaign "Sowing Seeds of Hope" in order to benefit 300 women from the organized communities with kits for organic production, the kits include training, seeds for the garden, and basic agriculture tools.



woman taking care of her radish crop



Edith from Guarjila, is preparing the land for sowing

Photos of the activities developed in the community of Teosinte.

Leadership training school in Teosinte community







Closure of leadership training schools



bi-monthly sistering community meeting



Assembly for the constitution of the Teosinte Youth Association





Analysis workshops of El Salvador reality in a community Assembly





 Exchange with young people from communities of UCRES-CRIPDES and Teosinte





Talk about the prohibition on metal mining



