

## **Work of Masaya Without Frontiers (MASINFA): A History 1990 — 2003**

### **Introduction**

MASINFA is a non governmental, non-profit organization for development legally recognized as such since April 16, 1990. MASINFA's main goal is to promote human participation and personal development.

MASINFA's Mission: Promote the Development of Programs aimed at the promotion of the Sustainable Human Development of the Habitat, based on gender, participation, and the environment, strengthening the skills of those involved through technical, financial and consulting assistance in the carrying out of various projects.

### **Economic and Social Impact of MASINFA**

The 13 year history of MASINFA's work (1990-2003) can be summed up by the following points:

**RURAL AREAS:** MASINFA has reached out to 53 communities in 33 localities (as identifiable by INITER's official territory map), having benefited up to 40,000 people in the amount of approximately \$1,600,756.81.

**URBAN AREAS:** MASINFA has reached out to 21 different outlying sectors in the city of Masaya, benefiting 14,514 residents with an investment of approximately \$1,400, 600.00.

A financial summary of investments made over the past 10 years both in rural and urban areas totals \$3, 001, 356.81. This amount has benefited 54,514 residents which represents 45% of Masaya's population. This does not take into account material aid delivered to hospitals, schools, health centers, schools, etc.

Main projects of greatest degree of assistance:

### **1. POTABLE WATER PROJECTS — FULLY EQUIPPED SYSTEMS IN THE FOLLOWING LOCALITIES:**

- Pilas Orientales and surrounding localities: Los manguitos, Los Lopez, Los Mercados and Las Conchitas.

- Pilas Orientales, Belen, El Cielo, Santa Teresita, Los Garay and Matildina
- La Poma locality
- Southern localities: Pacayita, Pacaya, Diriomito, El Mojon y Nandayure
- El Comejen locality: Palenque, La Piedra, Los 24 and Las Cortozas
- El Capulin — San Blas

### **2. EXPANSION OF POTABLE WATER NETWORKS in:**

- Community of La Estrella de Niquinohomo
- Community of Los Cocos in Masaya
- Community of El Corozo
- Los Martinez of Llano Grande
- La Montañita No. 2
- Santa Rita in Niquinohomo
- El Pochote in Masatepe
- Francisco Aleman de Nindiri Cooperative
- Monte Grande of Nandaime
- Piedra Menuda of Nindiri
- Pica-Pica of Niquinohomo
- Communities of Luis Ferndando Carballo, El Tempisque and Los Medinas of Catarina
- Community of Monte Fresco

Installation of 1,400 domestic connections to the network in 19 neighborhoods of Masaya.

**3. SANITATION PROJECTS:** 1,900 toilets distributed in urban and rural areas

**4. HOUSING PROJECTS:** MASINFA has built 420 housing units, awarded credit for 106 Home Improvement projects and has delivered 6,561 zinc sheets to 600 families, in addition to building 122 roofs for low income families.

### **5. HEALTH PROJECTS:**

- Construction of a Neonatal ward at Masaya Hospital
- A Health outpost in the neighborhood of Jardines de la Barranca

- Construction of the Pedro Antonio Guevara Clinic in Monimbo
- Instalation of the Cancer Research and Prevention Center
- Delivery of medical equipment and medicine throughout a decade to the Masava Hospital and other Health Centers

#### 6. EDUCATION PROJECTS:

- Construction of classrooms in the following schools: La Ceibita, El Pochote, Los Velasquez, El Eden, La Montañita, Llano Grande No. 1, Ulises, Tapia Roa, Jose de la Cruz Mena Institute, Santa Rosa, Montessori Preschool of Catarina, God's Hearth in Monimbo, Sacuanjoche, Pilas Orientales, Ariel Darce de Nindiri, and La Reforma.
- MASINFA has delivered 672 desks to urban and rural schools.

**7. ENERGY PROJECTS:** MASINFA has brought electricity to 11 communities benefiting 1,071 residents.

#### 8. AGRICULTURAL PROJECTS

- 98 farmers from different geographic areas have benefited from agricultural subsidies.
- 11 grain processing mills have been distributed via the Self-Help Community Program
- Credit grants and training for Community Credit and Savings Committees in Quebrada Honda.

**9. ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECTS:** Distribution and training in the use of 400 Energy Efficient Improved Stoves/Kitchens

**10. CHILD CARE PROJECTS:** Construction and support provided to 5 child feeding centers in the urban neighborhoods of Los Barrios, Santa Teresa, El Repliegue, Cailagua, German Pomares, and La Reforma and Valle La Laguna.

#### 11. TRAINING PROJECTS:

- Construction of the Bamboo Crafts Training Workshop for the disabled in the neighborhood of Santa Teresa
- Founding of the NAMBUE School of languages and computing

**12. HUMANITARIAN AID MATERIALS TRANSFER TO DIFFERENT AREAS OF MASAYA:** MASINFA has welcomed a total of 37 shipment containers from PeaceWorks containing medicine, medical equipment, school supplies, bicycles, sports equipment, clothing, office supplies, wheelchairs, crutches, stretchers, toys, etc, all of which have benefited hospitals, schools, disabled people, rural communities, etc.

#### 13. AID TO VICTIMS OF HURRICANE MITCH

Locations	Description
Malacatoya	700 packs clothing
TOLA	600 packs of clothing, etc.
RIVAS/GRANADA	\$4,000.00 in food
POSOLTEGA	551 families/food, clothing, medicine, Land Purchases
	Mental Health Services
EL VIEJO	215 families/tools, food, medicine, clothing, etc.
TELICA	36 Toilets
SAN IGNACIO	113 families/food, tools, etc.
Well	Land Purchases, Housing, Legalization, Food Safety
MANAGUA,	
Bo. Nueva Vida	medical supplies, food, clothing, etc.

In Summary, thanks to International Solidarity, MASINFA delivered 8 Peace Works shipment containers to various populations throughout the country affected by Hurricane Mitch.

At the same time, MASINFA has created a settlement in San Ignacio TELICA where 25 families have benefited, land purchased, apportioned, legalized, housing built, well constructed, and where there is ongoing activity involving Domestic Economy (in support of generating subsistence resources).

MASINFA HAS NOT ACTED ALONE IN THESE PROJECTS BUT AS A LINK IN A CHAIN COMPOSED OF VARIOUS DONATING AGENCIES, LOCAL GOVERNMENTS OF SISTER CITIES AND THE VOLUNTEER WORK OF RESIDENTS OF RECIPIENT COMMUNITIES.