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## EL CENTRO CLINIC



**Ilobasco, Cabañas,  
El Salvador**

## Project Goal

Provide access to a quality healthcare facility for the impoverished residents of Ilobasco, Cabañas, El Salvador.

## Project Description

The **El Centro Clinic** project aims to construct a health clinic for the community of Ilobasco.

The project will include:

- Construction of a 48-square-meter clinic
- Installation of four washable sanitation facilities to include toilets, septic tank and electrical installations
- An elevated 5,000 liter water tank system with a metal support structure
- Furniture and equipment for the clinic

The new facility will provide a wholesome setting where the 1,118 residents (approximately 338 families) of the community can receive quality health care in dignity.

The completion date of this project may be extended for issues related to weather, natural disaster or civil unrest to the extent that such events exceed normal conditions and impede the project's progress.

**Total Project Cost: \$78,649.05**

## El Salvador

El Salvador is one of the smallest, poorest and most densely populated nations in the Western Hemisphere. The country's large population and limited amount of land stretches natural resources to their breaking points and contributes to housing shortages. Education is a major concern as well, as many children do not attend school. Only about half of the people living in rural areas can read and write.

Unlike its neighboring countries, El Salvador does not border the Caribbean Sea, and it has no new frontiers into which people may move. With an estimated 800 people per square mile, El Salvador's population is up to 10 times denser than that of other Central American nations. An estimated 32.7 percent of the population lives below the poverty line.

Food For The Poor has been actively working to help the poor of El Salvador since 1996.

## Ilobasco, Cabañas

Ilobasco is an impoverished municipality located in the department of Cabañas. With a population of approximately 1,118, most residents are dedicated to subsistence agriculture, cultivating crops such as corn and beans. Others are informal vendors, relying on street sales in popular centers or markets.

Basic education from first through ninth grades is also available to children within the community.

Twice a month, a healthcare professional visits Ilobasco and conducts examinations. These visits used to take place in an old building, which became too deteriorated for safety.

Currently, these clinics operate out of one room in a local resident's house, kindly donated for this purpose. However, there is no sanitary bathroom facility, furniture or proper equipment. Instead patients utilize old tables and chairs donated by the community.

Unfortunately, this is the only local clinic for patients in the area. Families rely heavily on this service, as most are afflicted with illnesses such as respiratory, gastrointestinal and parasitic diseases. For more serious health cases, they are forced to travel outside of the municipality, incurring travel expenses that create an even greater financial burden on them. For already hard-pressed residents, traveling long distances outside the area is not always an option.

Governmental support is weak, as the Ministry of Health only assists with salaries for health professionals and basic medicines. The people of the community help, whenever possible, with small donations to cover utility expenses, but are unable to undertake such a project on their own.

For some families, a comfortable and equipped clinic in the area can be the difference between life and death for their young ones.

Johana del Carmen Torres Flores was born on November 30, 2017. During her first week after birth, Johana was enrolled in child controls - a program that monitors height and size. However, by the time she was four months old, she started to develop various issues. Blindness and the inability to support her own head means that Johana has to be closely monitored and requires constant follow up visits to the clinic. Now that Johana is scheduled for corrective eye surgery, a comfortable and sanitary clinic in her community is an urgent need.

Emily Sofia Rivera Guerra was born September 1, 2018. She had difficulty breathing. At a routine newborn checkup, she was diagnosed with esophageal atresia and tracheoesophageal fistula. At only three days Emily had to undergo surgery to remove fluid in her lungs.

Discharged at 16 days old, her mother, Flor Estefany Guerra, now continues with follow up appointments and evaluations until her medical issues can be completely resolved.

An independent, equipped clinic in the area will be a saving grace for many children like Johana and Emily, as well as peace of mind for families. Please consider helping us to bring light and hope to the community of Ilobasco, Cabañas, El Salvador.



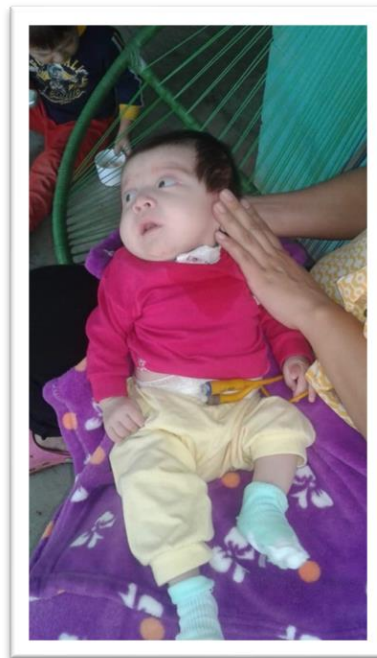
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like Johana and Emily.*

*Johana del Carmen Torres Flores*



*Emily Sofia Rivera Guerra*



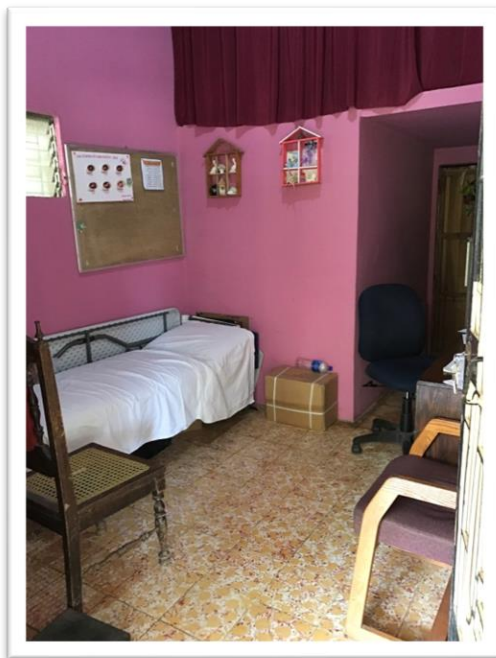
*This dilapidated building was previously used as the community clinic.*



*Sandra Argelia Pocasangre, promoter of health care in the community, stands at the door of the current makeshift clinic*



*Operating out of only one room, the clinic lacks adequate space and equipment to treat patients.*





*The proposed area for construction*



*The area of construction is marked in red.*

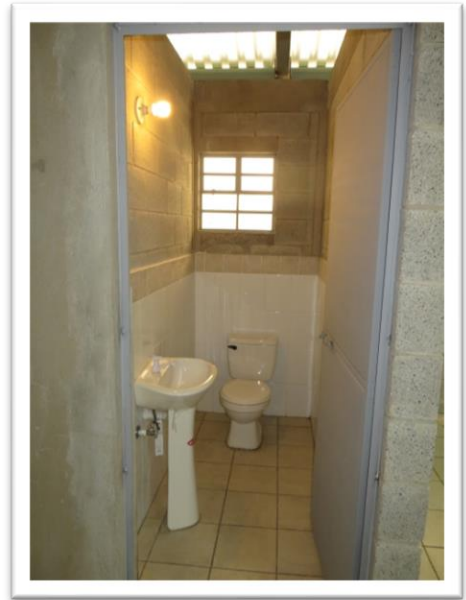


*Families in Ilobasco, El Salvador, desperately need access to a new health center.*





*Through the generosity of donors, Food For The Poor has successfully completed similar projects.*



## Budget

QTY	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	TOTAL
1	Construction of the clinic - building materials and labor	\$42,853.82	\$42,853.82
1	Construction of the bathrooms - sanitary septic tank, includes construction materials and labor	\$15,297.12	\$15,297.12
1	Elevated tank - includes tank, sand, iron, cement, PVC pipes, other materials and manpower	\$3,286.92	\$3,286.92
1	Furniture and equipment - includes secretarial chairs, filing cabinets, work tables, computer and printer	\$7,334.00	\$7,334.00
<b>Direct Costs total</b>			<b>\$68,771.86</b>

<b>Indirect Costs</b>	
<b>CORPORATE, NETWORK &amp; FIELD OPERATION</b>	
In-country project management expenses	\$3,000.00
Food For The Poor, Inc. fulfillment, project management and monitoring expenses	\$6,877.19
<b>Indirect Costs total</b>	<b>\$9,877.19</b>
<b>TOTAL PROJECT COST</b>	<b>\$78,649.05</b>

*The funds you generously contribute to Food For The Poor will be used toward completion of your project of choice. If any of your kind donation exceeds budget cost, rest assured that it will be used to fund other Food For The Poor projects designed to meet the urgent needs of the poor.*

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