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## **EL TABLON PHASE IV HOUSING AND TREES**

*The Ingrid Aracely Pérez Ramos  
de Ramos family*



**El Tablón, Villa Nueva,  
Guatemala**

## Project Goal

Improve the quality of life for impoverished families in El Tablón, Guatemala, by providing sturdy houses with water and sanitation.

## Project Description

This project is the latest installation of a comprehensive program being established to develop this area for marginalized residents.

The **El Tablon Phase IV Housing and Trees** project entails the following:

- Legalization of property documents
- Construction of 60 two-bedroom houses with water and sanitation
- Repair of dilapidated, unfinished houses provided by the government
- Provision of fruit trees

Each home will be built with concrete block and reinforced with iron rebar and zinc sheet roofing. The beneficiary families will have a sturdy place to live protected from the harshness of adverse weather conditions. Each home will be equipped with furnishings, including a dinette set for four, a latrine and laundry sink.

Beneficiary families will also benefit from a variety of fruit trees, such as avocado, orange, peach and lemon. The trees will not only provide nourishment, but will contribute to reforestation and provide shade in the area.

Finally, 34 homes will be repaired through the placement of new roofs with metal structure, installation of aluminum windows and metal doors and installation of concrete flooring. These homes will also be coated with fresh paint.

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: \$571,320.00**

## Guatemala

The largest country in Central America, Guatemala is home to more than 15 million people. An estimated 59.3 percent of Guatemalans live below the poverty line. A sad result of this widespread poverty is that Guatemala has one of the highest rates of chronic child malnutrition in the world.

Less than half of all rural Guatemalans have access to running water, only a quarter have access to electricity and only about 1 in 10 have access to modern sanitation facilities. Guatemala's severe food insecurity and lack of accessible, affordable medical care has led to high infant, child and maternal mortality rates.

## El Tablón

El Tablón is an impoverished village of 1,400 residents – approximately 300 families – in the municipality of Villa Nueva. It is located 16 kilometers south of Guatemala City.

Most families in El Tablón live in one-bedroom, dirt-floor houses made of sheet metal and wood pieced together. Often, more than one family lives in each house, enduring unhealthy, overcrowded living conditions.

Most residents work in agriculture or in informal trade, earning very little to provide for their families.

Through the generosity of Food For The Poor donors, a total of 40 two-bedroom homes have already been built in the area, along with the distribution of fruit trees and animal husbandry farms, impacting the lives of countless beneficiaries for decades to come.

This project will continue in its mandate to improve the lives of these residents by building homes and providing initiatives that can enhance their nutrition in a sustainable way. Additionally, repairs to unfinished homes will ensure more families are living in safe, comfortable dwellings.

Please consider joining us, as we seek to better the lives of residents living in El Tablón, Guatemala.



**GPS Coordinates: 14° 32' 29.6" N, 90° 39' 07.3" W**

*The Alba Marilis Lobos Méndez de Gómez Family*

*Their home was built by the government over 10 years ago and has been left unfinished.*



*These unfinished homes will be repaired.*



*The María Encarnación Méndez and Méndez de Ruiz Family*



*Left unfinished by the government, their roof will be replaced and the home will be freshly painted.*



*The María Germana López Lobos de Lobo and Eligio Lobo Pérez Family*

*Behind them is their unfinished home.*



*Homes previously built will also have new windows and doors installed.*



*The María Teresa Hernández Ramos de Rui Family*



*María's home was also constructed by the government and has no flooring.*





*Children of the Ignacia Heraldina Miranda Castro and Revolorio Morales Family  
Their home is made of adobe, with rotting ceilings and walls.*



*The Pantaleona Lobos Gómez Family*



*The Estéfana Ramos Sajché de Méndez Family*

*The one-bedroom home is made of oxidized zinc sheets and is in a bad condition.*



*The Estelvina Méndez Ramos de Pérez Family*



*Caring Food For The Poor donors have graciously constructed sturdy homes for families in the area.*

*The Maria Ciriaca Hernández López de Gomez Family*



*The María Antonia Gómez Rámos Family*



*The Elza Marleny López Lobos Family*



*Latrines and laundry sinks contribute to the overall hygienic environment.*



*The planting of fruit trees will aid in reforestation of the area.*



## Budget

QTY	UNIT	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	TOTAL
60	Units	Two-bedroom houses including furnishings, water and sanitation	\$7,600.00	\$456,000.00
94	Units	Legalization of the property document	\$120.00	\$11,280.00
34	Units	Repairs and painting of existing houses	\$2,650.00	\$90,100.00
94	Units	Fruit trees including two avocado trees, one orange, one peach and one lemon tree	\$10.00	\$940.00
<b>Direct Costs Total</b>				<b>\$558,320.00</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	\$10,000.00
<b>Indirect Costs Total</b>	<b>\$13,000.00</b>
<b>TOTAL PROJECT COST</b>	<b>\$571,320.00</b>

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