



Project Profile

Honduras

Cholusnate and Sosoal

In the past, the residents of Cholusnate and Sosoal spent hours collecting water every day. Now, thanks to funding from Ethos Water™ and the Rainbow World Fund, community members have water from a clean, potable source that they collect right outside their homes.

Overall, the project took almost two years to complete. Before construction could begin, residents participated in community-wide workshops that educated them on the link between proper hygiene and sanitation and improved health for themselves and their children.

Because of the devastating deforestation in the area, education on sustainable watershed management was also crucial to the long-term success of the project. Through a school-based program, every child learned about protecting the natural resources and the environment. These classes emphasized the role reforestation would play in resupplying the ground water basin and their water source.

Finally, with the community fully engaged and committed to the long-term success of the project, construction could begin. The construction of the new system was a difficult task. Several miles separated the closest safe water source and the villages. Overall, bringing the pipe down from the spring to the main distribution point relied on more than 3.9 miles of pipe and thousands of man-hours, provided by the residents.

Both Sosoal and Cholusnate, with help from our partner organization, elected a water administration board to oversee the maintenance of the new water system. Throughout the project the water board played a critical role, choosing the water point site, and overseeing the training of local technicians who now operate and maintain the water system.

In November, our partner organization officially transferred the watershed ownership to the Water Committee Boards of Cholusnate and Sosoal.

Project Completed in 2004



New pila at Marta Munoz Portillo's home in Cholusnate.



Ethos Water™ co-founder, Jonathan Greenblatt, talking with children of Cholusnate during a recent visit.