The WASH Program: Pouring out Hope in Nicaragua



Chontales: A Region in Urgent Need

Nicaragua remains the second poorest country in the Western Hemisphere, with deep social inequalities, especially in rural areas. In many communities of Chontales, access to clean water and sanitation is a daily struggle for families. Many rely on contaminated surface water or poorly managed wells, exposing them to serious health risks. Without proper sanitation and hygiene, preventable illnesses like diarrhea and parasitic infections continue to threaten lives—especially those of young children.

- Nearly 90% of all water sources are contaminated with E. coli, making them unsafe for drinking.
- Almost half of households (47.09%) do not treat their drinking water at home, increasing exposure to disease.
- Thousands of families bear the financial burden of medical treatment and transportation to clinics due to preventable waterborne diseases.



The Challenge

For families in this region, access to clean water is a daily challenge. Contaminated drinking water continues to fuel the cycle of preventable diseases, malnutrition, and financial hardship. Without proper intervention, children under five remain especially vulnerable to diarrheal diseases, one of the leading causes of malnutrition and death in young children. To combat this crisis, AMOS is implementing a targeted WASH (Water, Sanitation and Hygiene) initiative to prevent disease and help improve wellbeing of families living in poverty.

The Impact of Your Generosity



- **Safe water access for 860 people** with the distribution of 200 long-lasting water filters.
- **Five community water and sanitation networks** will be strengthened, equipping local leaders with the skills to manage and maintain clean water solutions.
- 200 families (860 people) will receive training in safe water management and hygienic practices to reduce diseases.
- Water quality testing will be conducted on local water sources to identify and address harmful contaminants.

Clean Water for 200 Rural Families \$22,000