



Newsletter
September-December
2022

01 | We walk with the groups

We carried out our **tenth and last day of follow-up to anemia and malnutrition** with the communities of Pinabetal, Guaquitepec, Capulín, La Fortuna, San Pedro Tulijá and San Jerónimo Tulijá. 192 children and teenagers participated in it, and despite the generalized decrease in anemia, we still detected 72 with this disease.



During this period we completed the installation of **40 greywater treatment systems, 22 rainwater collection systems and 5 new water purification filters** in homes. The families have contributed with their work during the installation and acquiring accessible materials such as gravel and aquatic plants. With these eco-technologies, families have water during the dry season, drink clean water and discard water to the earth with fewer pollutants such as detergent residues and fat.

10 workshops were held to continue strengthening the **entrepreneurships**, where they learned about teamwork, the distribution of tasks and the setting of strategic objectives.



The entrepreneurial group **Yo'tan Te'** (heart of wood), from San Jerónimo Tulijá, **visited cooperatives with extensive experience of the Tosepan group, the Qualli cooperative and the Technologic Innovation and Design Institute of Ibero University**, in Puebla. This exchange of experiences will strengthen and inspire the group.

We started the itinerant toy libraries, where 80 teenagers work on recreational activities with 128 girls and boys to improve their fine motor skills, their reading comprehension and develop their creativity. Additionally, children are learning about saving.

In San Jerónimo Tulijá the first cycle of savings finished, with excellent results: 7 people exceeded their goal and 7 managed to exceed 70% of their goal. Additionally, **what was collected by the group as fines for delays or replacement of materials, was used to deliver groceries to sick people in the community.**

Motivated by these results, 16 of 17 members of this group began a second savings cycle in December. At the same time, we continue following up the 5 ongoing savings groups in the communities of Pinabetal, Guaquitepec, Capulín, La Fortuna and San Pedro Tulijá.



Through the 2022 Christmas Campaign, 220 **scented candles** of **Hi' lum Antsetic** (women of sand) and 220 jars of honey of **Ajaw Chab** (lord of honey), result of the ventures of the communities Pinabetal and Capulín, respectively.



In this semester we have formalized the accompaniment with 3 new communities:

- San Marcos Tulijá
- San Miguel Canxanil
- San José Pathuiz

In 2023 we will be starting to accompany 99 new families, during the next 6 years.

They say...

I think this [the savings group] has brought change in the community, because we help each other. When the members of the group had a problem, they were lent the money and that is a help; Even some people in the community, who have relatives in the group, took out loans.

I have thought about maintaining the ecotechnologies that were installed in my house months ago, when there is money [...] If the filter breaks down, “the comal” or other things, little by little we will buy it with these savings

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Jerónima Guzmán
San Jerónimo Tulijá,
Chiapas



Even though my daughter cries because she doesn't want to be pinched for the blood sample, I know I must bring her. It is important to detect anemia, as one lady from the community died of anemia.

Teresa Pérez Méndez
Guaquitepec, Chiapas

02 | We strengthen alliances

We work together with Joy Joy to teach the children, teenagers and women we work with about sexual health care, the importance of HIV/AIDS detection and break myths that discriminate people who has it.



We received the visit of Sertull Foundation, to visit some communities in which they co-finance the takeoff of productive entrepreneurships, the equipment of homes with ecotechnologies, itinerant toy libraries and the beginning of this model with 3 new communities.



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ADO Foundation and One Equal Heart Foundation reaffirmed their commitment to us and will continue financing the program "Transitioning to the social and solidarity economy from the healthy Tselal Home" throughout 2023.

03 | We get professionalized

Casa Gallina provided the operational team training on dynamics for the work of environmental issues with children and women.



04 | Special Events

Thanks to your support and Global Giving's, we managed to raise \$ 4689 USD for the project "Little path to school: Itinerant toy libraries" that is underway.

Within the framework of the funding provided by USAID and FHI360, we completed a course on "Strategic Communication" in which we fine-tuned our audiences, communication channels and designed a campaign.



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Thank you



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