



SCHOOL STUDENTS DESKS PROJECT – EL GUAYACÁN COMMUNITY, GUATEMALA



THE CONTEXT AND THE NEED: El Guayacan is a remote rural community of La Libertad municipality, in the department of Peten, Guatemala. It is located at the northern border of Guatemala and Mexico, half an hour away from the El Ceibo border post, and 116 miles away from Flores, the Peten departmental capital. The community has a population of 1,500 inhabitants that live basically out of agriculture and small-scale cattle raising. It is a marginalized community that lacks basic services like water and electricity. In order to access basic health services, they need to travel long distances to the nearest public clinic. The lack of public transport makes this and other economic activities harder than in other regions of Guatemala. Its location, within the borders of the Sierra de Lacandon National Park, is used by public institutions to justify their failure to allocate more resources for community development projects.



The community has a school with 380 students from preschool through sixth grade and 12 teachers. The infrastructure condition is very poor. But the most urgent need in this moment is students' desks. The community has raised funds by themselves to mitigate this need and have purchased 83 desks recently. However, 80 more are required. This project will provide the funds to procure these desks and move them from El Naranjo to El Guayacan. Part of the transport expenses will be covered by the community.

More photos of the school available at:

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/Sn9r4v46PqBpXnDg7>

BUDGET:

DESCRIPTION	UNIT COST	QUANTITY	TOTAL
Metal and wood students desks	\$25.00	80	\$2,100
Transport from El Naranjo to El Guayacan	\$133.00	1	\$133
Administrative costs	\$54	1	\$54
SUB TOTAL			\$2,287
Community contribution			\$133
Project management			\$431
TOTAL REQUESTED			\$2,585

