



## SCHOOL STUDENTS DESKS PROJECT – LA PAZ COMMUNITY, GUATEMALA



**THE CONTEXT AND THE NEED:** La Paz is an extremely isolated and marginalized rural community of the San Andrés municipality, in the department of Peten, Guatemala. It is located right at the northern border with Mexico’s state of Chiapas, 190 miles away from Flores, the Peten departmental capital. There is no direct road connection with the municipal capital and people need go around a very long journey through El Naranjo, in La Libertad Municipality, through dirt roads in terrible conditions. Many times it is easier to cross the border with Mexico to travel to Guatemala! The community has a population of 120 inhabitants that live basically out of agriculture and other small businesses. People use to sell their produce in Mexico where they receive Mexican Pesos, which affects their purchase power, since the Peso has lower value than the Guatemalan Quetzal. The community lacks electricity and fetch water from a community water well . To access health services they cross the border and go to Mexican health centers. The lack of public transport makes this and other economic activities harder than in other regions of Guatemala. Most of the time they have to ask the coyotes traveling with immigrants for transportation to El Naranjo.



The community has a multi-grade school with a single teacher who teaches 20 students from preschool through sixth grade. The infrastructure condition is very poor. But the most urgent need in this moment is to procure 20 students’ desks. The existing desks are in very bad condition. This project will provide the funds to procure these desks and move them from El Naranjo to La Paz. The community will look for a way to take them to the school. More photos of the school available at: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/zDCUdAARdxF3gzL49>

**BUDGET:**

DESCRIPTION	UNIT COST	QUANTITY	TOTAL
Metal and wood students desks	\$25.00	20	\$500
Transport from El Naranjo to La Paz	\$100	1	\$100
Administrative costs	\$50	1	\$50
<b>SUB TOTAL</b>			<b>\$650</b>
<b>Community contribution</b>			<b>\$150</b>
Project management			\$100
<b>TOTAL REQUESTED</b>			<b>\$600</b>

