



## LAGUNITAS PRESCHOOL CLASSROOM MATCHING FUNDS REQUEST LAGUNITAS, PETEN, GUATEMALA

### Background and description:

Lagunitas is a rural community of the La Libertad Municipality in the Guatemalan department of Peten. It is located along the road from Flores to El Naranjo, 72 miles away from the municipal capital and 97 miles, from Flores, the departmental capital. The community has 45 years of existence and 1,500 inhabitants. The main economic activity of the community is agriculture, with a small part of the population dedicated to cattle raising and small and medium businesses in areas like services and commerce. The community has access to basic services, including electricity, water supply and telephone. Most houses have latrines as the primary sanitation facility.

### The Problem and the Project

One of the main providers of education services in the community is the Fe y Alegría Foundation who manages a school that serves 332 students in three different school systems: initial, elementary and secondary education. 90% of the school resources is provided by the government, which ensures the students receive a free service. Government funding includes the teachers' salaries and access to all the additional public programs, like school meals, school repairs and distribution of free school supplies.



Although the school has come through a process of school infrastructure improvements, there are still some shortages of space for 21 different classes. Maybe the most affected class is the group of 39 preschool students who are currently sharing a single classroom with high school students. For safety reasons and considering the nature of initial education, which requires space for more dynamic academic activities, it is recommended to have a space separated from other older

students. The school and community authorities, together with the parents, have started the construction of a classroom for initial education students. The building measures 31 x 23 foot and has a completion of 75%. However, the school needs support to complete the floor, the roof and

the doors. This project is aimed at supporting the community to complete this parts. The community will provide the labor.



More pictures of the school available [here](#)

**Budget:**

<b>Description</b>	<b>Quantity</b>	<b>Unit Cost</b>	<b>Total</b>
Cement bags (50 kg)	45	\$9.00	\$405.00
Sand (Cubic meter)	10	\$27.50	\$275.00
Gravel (Cubic meter)	10	\$26.80	\$268.00
Medium size doors	2	\$242.00	\$484.00
Main door	1	\$392.16	\$392.16
Zinc roof (lineal meters)	95	\$9.38	\$891.10
Metal purlins 4x2" (lineal meters)	108	\$4.98	\$537.84
Roof screws 2"	300	\$0.30	\$90.00
Project management & reporting			\$668.60
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$4,011.70</b>