



Mesas de Acicaya LRC bathrooms 2025

Tipitapa, Nicaragua



The community

Mesas de Acicaya, a rural community in Tipitapa, Managua, is located 25 miles from the municipal seat, with the last 5 miles along a poorly maintained dirt road. Its 856 inhabitants (198 families) rely on traditional agriculture and small-scale cattle raising, supplemented by small businesses and informal commerce. The community has an elementary school for 100 children,

including 18 preschoolers, with limited resources. To improve educational quality, Seeds of Learning (SOL) built a Learning Resource Center (LRC) in 2017. This center offers free services, including a library, internet connection, audiovisual and IT equipment, educational games, art supplies, and school supplies. Daily, between 30 and 40 children participate in activities such as language and math reinforcement, English classes, chess tournaments, dance classes, and workshops on topics like healthy eating, disease prevention, and domestic violence prevention. Teachers also receive resources to enrich their classes, and LRC facilitators visit the school to conduct reading sessions, including dramatizations and storytelling. This center received 3,215 visits in 2024.

The need and the project

Although the center enjoys great facilities for the children's and community activities, attendants miss bathrooms right in the center. Sometimes they need to go home for sanitation needs, which cause interruptions.

This project will add two latrines and a shower space for the center.

For this purpose, a small construction made with cinder blocks, metal roofing and prefabricated doors will be built. The construction dimensions will be 9.25 x 3.60 foot with two division walls to create space for two latrines and a shower. The walls will be made with cinder blocks and concrete reinforced with rebars. The roof will be made with purlins and galvanized roofing sheets. It will need three doors and door frames.



Total project cost

\$2,725.24