



STUDENT SCHOOL DESKS PROJECT

Santa Clara, Ciudad Darío, Nicaragua



The Context and the Need:

Santa Clara is an outlying barrio of Ciudad Darío (a municipality of the southern Matagalpa region in Nicaragua) with an approximate **population of between 280-300 families**. The Santa Clara School is located in the middle of this barrio and is less than one mile away from SOL's main Learning Resource Center in Ciudad Darío. The original school infrastructure was designed as a community kitchen and dining room for local children. Eventually, this structure was transformed into a temporary classroom space and in 2012, SOL partnered with the community and international volunteers to build 3 new additional classrooms for the growing student population.

Due, in large part, to the improved educational conditions that the additional classrooms have afforded, enrollment at the Santa Clara School has more than doubled in recent years, reaching a **current enrollment of 195 primary school students (1st-6th grades) and 37 preschool students**. The school has a total of **9 teachers and 5 classroom spaces** where students receive their lessons both during morning and afternoon turns.

The population served by the Santa Clara School has lived under marginalized conditions in many respects over the past several decades, although in recent years the majority of families now has access to basic community services such as potable water, electricity and several of the main streets are now paved. Most families in this barrio make a meager living in such economic areas as the trades, the informal service industry, sales and/or small-scale family businesses.

The current school infrastructure is in great need of over all maintenance (including interior and exterior painting, door, window, classroom partition repairs and more) but the most urgent need at this moment (expressed by the schools director, parents, students and teachers) is the **procurement of 50 additional student desks**. Currently, the lack of sufficient student desks requires many of the schools students have to sit on the floor or in desks that are in dire need of repairs.

The Proposed Project Elements

This Project proposal would address the expressed need for additional student desks, as well as, the repair and re-painting of all salvageable existing desks and school furnishings (given the over all poor condition of the majority of the current existing school furnishings). This proposal seeks the funding to procure the necessary materials (steel tubing, welding rod, wood, screws, painting supplies and more) for the **rehabilitation of the school's 100+ existing school furnishings**, as well as, **providing 50 refurbished student desks** from SOL's existing stock of repaired school furnishings at our main wood shop facility in Ciudad Darío.



Assumptions and the Budget

This project proposal assumes that SOL-Dario staff will guarantee the success of the proposed project elements described above by providing the necessary leadership and coordination with the parents, teachers and director of the Santa Clara School. SOL will also provide all tools, equipment and skilled labor implied in the rehabilitation of the school furnishings described above (which will take place in SOL's wood shop facility and/or at the Santa Clara School site). Parents and teachers will also be engaged in painting and other lesser skilled tasks to further this projects successful fruition.

Link to Photos of Student Desk need at the Santa Clara School:

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/nL3D2utsz6rNtCpL7>

Link for More photos taken at the Santa Clara School available at:

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/noDyabRBHkSt1imJ9>

BUDGET:

DESCRIPTION	UNIT COST	QUANTITY	TOTAL
Supplies to refurbish metal/ wood student desks	\$20.00	50	\$1000.00
Additional painting supplies (15 gal. paint, thinner, brushes)	\$350.00		\$350.00
SOL-Dario skilled labor & utility (estimate costs)	500.00		\$500.00
Community labor (estimate value)	150.00		\$175.00
Administrative expenses	\$100.00		\$100.00
SUB TOTAL			\$2,125.00
<i>Community labor contribution (estimate value)</i>			<i>- \$175.00</i>
<i>Project management & reporting</i>			<i>\$390.00</i>
TOTAL REQUESTED from TGUP			\$2,340.00