



FAINC
BRIDGES OF HOPE

Annual Newsletter



2025

FIRST STEPS PROGRAM

65 educational sessions through prenatal clubs, and **702 services** provided to **240 pregnant women**.



88 early stimulation sessions in 6 communities, providing **2,231 services** to promote the holistic development of girls and boys.



A total of **116 PAIPI volunteers**, including 8 men, strengthened their capacities to implement nutritional monitoring and early stimulation through **25 workshops** and sessions.



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5,547 nutritional services delivered through **284** nutritional monitoring sessions or posts, benefiting **849** children under the age of 6.



19 female volunteers strengthened their capacities across key developmental areas, including **socio-emotional, cognitive, fine motor, language, and gross motor** development.

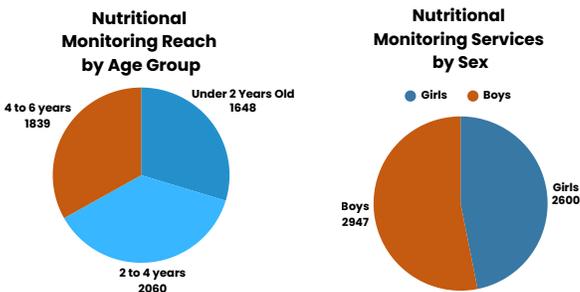


FIRST STEPS PROGRAM

76 postpartum women received a Safe Motherhood Kit, which includes baby clothing and hygiene products.



The **Agua Agria** community inaugurated important **infrastructure** with the primary goal of serving **early childhood**.



1,112 sessions were delivered to **60 children** ages 3 to 5, providing **early stimulation (school readiness)** in 3 communities.



232 underweight children received **home visits** with counseling, and **274 Incaparina** nutrition packages were distributed.



14 preschool centers were equipped with materials that enrich learning activities—especially those focused on gross motor development, language, creativity, and logical thinking—through kits provided to **240 children**.



Anthropometric measurements were taken for **258 of the 327 children** enrolled across the **14 preschool** centers.



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HEALTHY FAMILIES PROGRAM

Dengue prevention campaigns were carried out in **18 communities** in coordination with health authorities, implementing key actions with 10 community committees, including the elimination of mosquito breeding sites, application of BTI, and fogging.



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164 people with disabilities in four communities received physical rehabilitation care and counseling through two medical brigades carried out with **Clínica Mayo and the National Autonomous University of Honduras (UNAH)**, with support from HOI.



Through **34 educational talks** on cervical cancer prevention, **1,657 employees** were reached (**926 women** and **731 men**).

161 Pap smears were performed for the early detection of cervical cancer.



90 families were able to diversify their diets through production in their home gardens.

3 health committees were involved in delivering talks on sexual and reproductive health for adolescents and youth.



HEALTHY FAMILIES PROGRAM

100 producers (67 women and 43 men) were trained in the production of organic inputs, integrated crop management, and hands-on application of the products they developed.



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12 health committees received ongoing support in the implementation of their work plans.



48 eco-stoves benefited 46 families across 9 communities and one educational center, who also participated in educational sessions on proper use of the stoves and the care of natural resources, in alignment with environmental health.



68 families participated in food fortification workshops, linking produce from their home gardens with the incorporation of IncaParina.



23 families now have latrines connected to septic systems.

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THRIVING IN SCHOOL PROGRAM

53 first-cycle classrooms (1st to 3rd grade) across **14 schools** received pedagogical kits with teaching and learning materials.



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90 school-age children were supported with school supply kits to facilitate their reintegration into the education system, in partnership with TESCO.



In **18 communities**, community awareness campaigns were carried out with the participation of Parent and Family Associations (APF) to promote the enrollment of all children.



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75 students from middle and upper grades were trained as tutors across **14 schools** and provided tutoring to **306 students** to strengthen literacy and mathematics skills, with support from Fundación Terra's Tutoring Scholarship Program.



143 middle and upper grade students were trained as child facilitators in **self-esteem, hygiene, and healthy eating**, and went on to share their knowledge with more than **1,900** preschool and primary school students.



A total of **605 adolescents** and youth ages 12 to 17 were served; **408 registered**, 60 enrolled in courses (with a 42% completion rate), and **329 participated** in Sexual and Reproductive Health talks.



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THRIVING IN SCHOOL PROGRAM

Nutritional assessments were conducted for **1,797 preschool** and early primary school children across **28 schools** during **14 assessment days**. In schools showing higher trends toward overweight and obesity, feedback was provided to parents and teachers, and physical education was strengthened with additional resources.



11 schools with school gardens received supplies and technical assistance to ensure production, six of which are equipped with shade houses.



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With the presence of the **Ambassador of Japan**, CEB 12 de Octubre inaugurated **3 new classrooms**, along with other facility improvements.



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Across **13 schools**, the educational community and members of local community leadership conducted evaluations of the indicators of the Together for Education Program.



28 capacity-building workshops were conducted with the participation of **91** members of Parent and Family Association (APF) boards and sustainability committees across **8 schools**, the majority of whom were women.



Infrastructure improvements were carried out in 5 schools, including roof repairs and the construction of two eco-stoves in the kitchen; full painting in two schools; water and sanitation upgrades; support for roofing a sports court; and the provision of 10 computers to strengthen two schools.



7 students received scholarships for upper secondary (diversified) studies through partnerships with the **Luis Landa School of Agriculture** and **El Sembrador School**.



EDUCATION FOR ALL PROGRAM

29 adolescents and youth were enrolled in two alternative education centers at the 3rd cycle level, with **4** currently completing ninth grade.



34 youth were enrolled in two alternative secondary education centers, and **14 students** (12 women and 2 men) successfully **completed a Bachelor's degree in Sciences and Humanities**.



14 individuals over the age of **15** were made literate, and **13 adolescents** and youth were enrolled in leveling programs, including **5** who are being reintegrated into seventh grade.



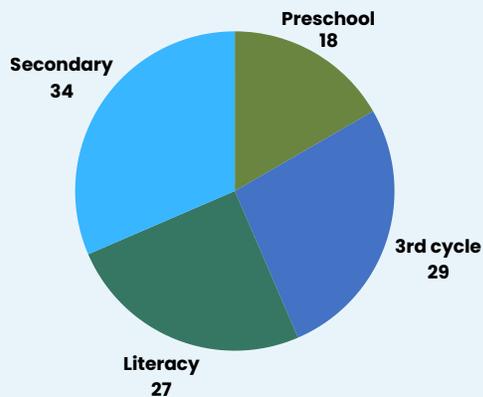
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18 children were enrolled in three community-based preschool education centers.



Alternative Education Beneficiaries by Level



CONSCIOUS LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

Leaders from **2 communities** began the process of taking ownership of their Comprehensive Community Development Plans, using them as the guiding tool for their pathway toward sustainable development.



In **3 communities**, local community organizations advanced analysis sessions of their Comprehensive Community Development Plans to identify current and future potential.



In the community of San Jerónimo, Namasigüe, **18 women and 2 men participated** in four working sessions, successfully integrating all neighborhoods into the community's Comprehensive **Community Development Plan (PDIC)**.

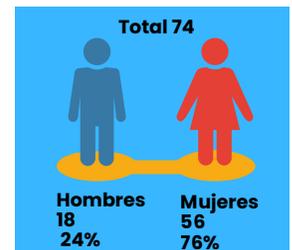
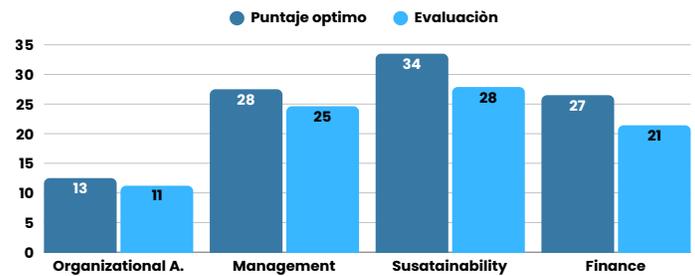


6 communities received ongoing support in implementing their **PDIC** through project profiling sessions.



12 Rural Savings and Credit Groups, with the participation of **56 women and 18 men** in leadership roles, underwent their 2025 evaluations, and the results were later shared with **77 members** during **12 outreach sessions**.

Performance of Rural Savings and Credit Groups



14 rural savings groups received an average of three support visits during the semester to strengthen their organizational structure and expand investment areas to stimulate the local economy.



An exchange of experiences was held between **10 visiting rural savings groups** and **2 host groups** to share best practices and lessons learned that foster economic and social growth in their communities.



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CONSCIOUS LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

6 community nurseries were established under the leadership of **6 water boards**, engaging 104 women, men, and children.



Five of the nurseries produced **1,350 native fruit trees**, which were planted by families in the communities of Laurelada and Agua Agría #2 (El Corpus), San Agustín (Namasigüe), and Tamarindo (Apacilagua).



The community of Altos de Estiquirín received ongoing support to continue implementing the management plan for the **water source recharge area**.



A total of **109 leaders**, including **24 teachers**, progressed through three of five workshops focused on developing their personal well-being plans, launched under the theme "Renew Yourself by Healing Body, Mind, and Spirit," through learning and promoting contemplative practices.



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15 women serving on the governing bodies of rural savings groups in the communities of Altos de Estiquirín and Tamarindo participated in the workshop "Weaving Hope," which focused on personal well-being. The workshop was facilitated by Fundación Quintanilla and also included technical staff from Fundación Agrolíbano.



DESARROLLO INSTITUCIONAL

Once again, **FAINC Bridges of Hope** proudly participated in the **Annual We Love Gala**, hosted by the **We Love Foundation**—an iconic event that brings together partners committed to development. This celebration not only highlights the power of collaboration, but also **helps fund the First Steps program**, a transformative initiative that changes lives from early childhood in southern Honduras.



Jenny Molina, President of FAINC Bridges of Hope, officially launched the **“Spark of Light”** campaign—an inspiring initiative that invites people to ignite their inner light to illuminate the world around them. The campaign aims to continue supporting the most vulnerable families in southern Honduras through the high-impact programs led by Fundación Agrolíbano.



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Fundación Agrolíbano Inc. was one of the **principal donors** who made possible the **historic Hispanic Women’s Day Proclamation**, held in Miami—an initiative that recognizes the power, leadership, and contributions of Hispanic women.



FAINC Bridges of Hope hosted a beautiful afternoon of **breathwork and movement as part of the Spark of Light campaign**. This event was a meaningful gesture of connection and solidarity, bringing a spark of light to southern Honduras and supporting five comprehensive development programs that directly contribute to reducing multidimensional poverty.



On February 11, 2025, **FAINC Bridges of Hope and Fundación Agrolíbano** hosted a pre-gala cocktail in Miami, where they shared the impact of their work in southern Honduras, grounded in the Oxford Poverty Index, setting the tone for an evening of hope and community inspiration.



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On December 4, 2025, **FAINC Bridges of Hope** hosted the **“Art Basel Drinks with Purpose”** event in Miami, where art and solidarity came together to bring light and hope to southern Honduras during the holiday season.



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