

ANNUAL REPORT



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ESPERANZAS UNIDAS

PROJECT BAMBURAS

During 2025, Esperanzas Unidas launched a number of programs that utilize bamboo as a launching point to generate revenue for women from the villages we work with in Dulce Nombre de Copan, Honduras. Our team met with Tono Aguilar, of the Guatemalan-based sustainable construction company, CASSA, to discuss incorporating our organization's bamboo into the Climate Cleanup Foundation and the global carbon credit program. Participating in this program will provide Esperanzas Unidas with crucial funds to maintain and care for our bamboo as it continues to mature.

Additionally, during 2025 Esperanzas Unidas conducted a number of market-based studies throughout Honduras to investigate areas of opportunity for the bamboo-based products we will be creating once our bamboo crop is ready to harvest.

Esperanzas Unidas continues to work with the Architectural Department at the National University of Honduras in Tegucigalpa (UNAH). Now in our third year of collaboration, the students from the sustainable construction program have finalized their professional architectural designs for the future infrastructure on our organization's land, using bamboo as the primary building material. Once funding for these projects are fulfilled, we will be

working together with the professors and students at UNAH to begin building these projects on our organization's land.

PROJECT ROSA

In 2025, Esperanzas Unidas began repairs on a building that is on our organization's land that will serve as a temporary workshop for the women from the villages to use when working with the bamboo. While we hope to find sufficient funding to construct a more ample workshop built out of bamboo, this space will function well to allow the women to store their tools, and to work on their projects over time.

Additionally, our team met with Fredy Torres, professor at the CUROC University in Santa Rosa de Copan, to discuss future collaborations. Mr. Torres provided our team with a tour of his university laboratory, demonstrating the incredible work he and his students are doing by utilizing discarded organic materials to create marketable products. The hope is that we will be able to discover a way to innovatively use unused organic materials from the harvested bamboo to convert into a new marketable product.

One final exciting note about Project Rosa in 2025 was that our Team had the opportunity to travel to Guatemala to meet with professional bamboo artisans and bamboo product designers. This trip had the stated purpose to learn about how to weave bamboo threads into products, as well as develop new and innovative designs for working with bamboo.

LEADERSHIP AND SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Esperanzas Unidas welcomed three new Leaders to our youth scholarship and leadership program – Alejandra, Nayely and Allison, all from the village of Dulce Nombre de Copan. After extensive interviews with numerous candidates, our team was so impressed by their enthusiasm and energy towards pursuing their academic and professional futures. They are also very talented artists, and during the summer of 2025 our team met with them to begin developing new prototypes for the Bamboo Artisan Cooperative. Alejandra, Nayely

and Allison will begin their first year of high school through our scholarship program in February of 2026.

Another highlight of our Leadership program is that Esperanzas Unidas welcomed our first graduated Leader to join our team in Honduras through a new Internship program. Valeria has been so impressive not only with graduating from high school with honors two years ago, but also in demonstrating leadership skills when organizing events and activities. Valeria is also a very talented artist, and she will be coordinating the logistics for the Bamboo Artisan Cooperative. We are excited to continue to collaborate with Valeria, developing her already impressive leadership skills. This new Internship program is also a very exciting development for our organization, as our larger vision is for our graduated Leaders to eventually begin taking over the leadership roles.

VOLUNTEERS

Due to unforeseen circumstances, Esperanzas Unidas was unfortunately unable to bring a group of volunteers to Honduras in 2025. Nonetheless, our team used 2025 to refine our current volunteer program, identifying new opportunities and ways in which our volunteers can be both most effective in their service and also at the same time benefit from the enriching cultural experiences we can offer them.

ADMINISTRATION

During 2025, Esperanzas Unidas received three boxes sent from our sister organization in the U.S., Light of Esperanza. These boxes included school supplies, computers, soccer balls, and other donations.

FINANCIAL TRANSPARENCY

The total amount of expenses for Esperanzas Unidas in 2025 was \$3,309

90% of the expenses were Programming (Project Bamburas, Project Rosa, Project Lideres)

10% of the expenses were used for Administrative purposes