Global Communities in Nicaragua

Strengthening Local Governance and Promoting Citizen Participation

Global Communities is working in Nicaragua through the USAID-funded Municipal Governance Program to respond to the complex and changing governance environment in Nicaragua. The main components of this approach are local governance, fiscal transparency, and citizen participation in elections and political processes. Global Communities helps to improve local governance by promoting the exercise of citizens’ rights and responsibilities in governance and local development, building the capacities of local civil society organizations and community-based organizations to successfully advocate on behalf of citizens, and placing an emphasis on conflict resolution and dialogue.

PAST PROGRAMS

Combating Trafficking in Persons

With support from the US Department of State Bureau of International Narcotics & Law Enforcement Affairs (INL), the program aims to raise awareness, prevent and protect against trafficking in persons (TIP) in the Caribbean Coast of Nicaragua, particularly in Bluefields, Bilwi and Waspam and build capacity with a focus on anti-TIP efforts with local NGOs, developing victim identification systems and immediate victim’s assistance services within local NGOs and alliances.

Improving Regional Health Facilities

Global Communities rehabilitated and expanded the Medical Supplies Warehouse of the Dr. Ernesto Sequeira Blanco Regional Training Hospital in Bluefields, Nicaragua. Activities included rehabilitation and expansion of the existing facility, provision of furniture, upgtaded flooring and temperature and humidity control equipment as well as training on proper storage. The project improved storage conditions of medical supplies and medicine that supports a population of close to 150,000 people.

Global Communities is an international non-profit organization that works closely with communities worldwide to bring about sustainable changes that improve the lives and livelihoods of the vulnerable. Development is not something we do for people; it is something we do with them. We believe that the people who understand their needs best are the people of the community itself.

Please visit our website at www.globalcommunities.org for more information.