



Futuro del Mañana, Nicaragua Village Plan FY2009 (July 2008 - June 2009):

This Annual Village Plan has been developed by the children, women and men of Futuro del Mañana through the Values-Based Planning process, a process in which the entire community chooses the upcoming year's activities based on their commonly-held values, vision and goals.

Community Organization

Objective: *Create and strengthen the organization of the community to permit positive development, under principles of equity and love of God.*

- **Values-Based Planning:** The families will participate in a workshop on values-based planning
- **Leadership Training:** Community leaders will be trained in their roles and responsibilities as directors
- **Evaluations:** Families will actively participate in mid-year and yearly evaluations

Land Ownership

Objective: *To acquire land with good potential for farming, animals and forests, that will allow the families to use the natural resources in an environmentally sustainable way and pay back their land within 10 years.*

- **Environmental Stewardship:** The families will be trained on the importance of land conservation

Sustainable Economic Growth

Objective: *Increase incomes of the families, through training and active participation in diverse production projects that will permit self-sustainability and allow the families to repay their loan obligations.*

- **Livestock Project:** The farmers will plant better pastures, fix the corral fence, and acquire better food and medicine for their livestock
- **Reforestation:** The families will begin reforesting their land with fruit trees and will plant over 200 acres of forest trees with neighboring communities
- **Small Loans:** Farmers will take out loans to grow a diverse variety of crops such as papayas, yucca, chayote and other vegetables

Community Education and Training

Objective: *Facilitate the necessary development tools to enhance the collective and individual potential that will allow just relationships, holistic health and spiritual growth.*

- **Community Groups:** The children, teens and women will gather in their respective groups and participate in art, handcraft and agriculture projects
- **Leadership Development:** Community leaders will be trained to develop leadership skills
- **Youth Education:** Children and teens will continue to learn to read and write by attending classes in the community center. They will also participate in recreational activities in the community
- **Gender Equality:** The men and women of the community will participate in workshops and social events aimed at strengthening respect and unity among the families
- **Health Education:** Parents will learn more about proper nutrition, good housekeeping skills, and personal hygiene. Teens and adults will receive training in HIV prevention, birth control, first-aid, reproductive health and natural medicine
- **Emergency Funds:** The families will have an emergency fund that will be reserved for crises and health problems