



*Our Lady Of Pilar Church Sonsonate, El Salvador*



*Leaders from Petaca, San Julián, Sonsonate  
present at community assembly*

# **Active citizenship based on faith**

## **REPORT JUNE 2024**

# COFOA LEADERSHIP TRAINING JUNE 2024



## TRAINED LEADERS

Number of Leaders formed in  
the paracentral zone, central and  
western:

2 2 3 5

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## IMPACTED FAMILIES

Number of families benefited: III

6 5 4



## AFFAIRS

Electricity



Street paving



Drinking water



Purchase of land for cemetery



toilet train  
production

## Community Assembly held in La Libertad

Saturday, June 8th. A total of 70 leaders of the hamlet Plan del Amate, Tacachico, La Libertad, participated in a community assembly, where they prioritized the issue: Paving of the access road to the hamlet.



*Leaders participate in voting to define issue in community assembly Caserio Plan del Amate, San Pablo, La Libertad.*



*Research committee, Plan del Amate hamlet, San Pablo Tacachico, La Libertad*

Of the 70 leaders present at this assembly, 60 voted for this issue. Six voted for street lighting and four for the improvement of the community house.

Subsequently, the Research Committee was formed with 15 leaders.

The Plan del Amate hamlet is a community made up of 100 families, who have already managed to resolve one issue. Which was: Forging of the access road.



## Community assembly held in Santa Ana



*Election of the subject matter, community assembly, Jerusalem subdivision, Los Planes*

Thursday, June 13th. A total of 40 leaders participated in the community assembly, which was held in Lotificación Jerusalén, canton Planes de La Laguna, Santa Ana, where the issue was prioritized: Streets in poor condition.

This community is made up of 54 families. More than half of those attending the community assembly agreed to work to improve the community's streets. The lack of street lighting and the introduction of electric power to an area of the community were other needs expressed by the leaders.

Subsequently, the Research Committee was formed. The committee was made up of 25 leaders.



## More than one hundred leaders participate in Community Assembly in Sonsonate

Sunday, June 9th. A total of 120 leaders gathered in a community assembly, which was held in Petaca, San Julián, Sonsonate. Where they prioritized the issue: Improvement of the drinking water system.



*Leaders from Petaca, San Julián, Sonsonate present at community assembly*

This community is made up of 80 families. Most of the leaders who attended this community assembly decided that the main need they have is the improvement of the drinking water system. In second place is the repair of the main street and passages, and in third place is the construction of a community house.



*Local Organizing Committee (LOC) leaders leading the community assembly agenda.*

Subsequently, the Research Committee was formed with 20 leaders, who made a commitment to participate in the leadership training provided in that community.



## COFOA leaders demand attention for their communities in San Salvador Sur



*Leaders of San Salvador Sur waiting to deliver letter to Mayor Mario Vasquez*

Thursday, June 13, 2024. A total of 76 leaders of 11 communities belonging to the municipality of San Salvador Sur, requested a meeting with Mayor Mario Vasquez and his council to demand attention to projects in their communities.

The leaders made this request by means of a letter, which was delivered to the Mayor's Office of San Salvador Sur. The letter was received by the Mayor José Canales.

For his part, Canales explained that this request will be followed up. However, he mentioned that they are still in the 100-day transition stage.

Finally, the leaders said that they will wait for a response to their petition. If necessary, they will return to the municipality.

Paving of streets, lack of potable water, formation of gullies are some of the main needs faced by the leaders of: Brisas del Sur and Miramar in Santo Tomas, Las Neblinas in Panchimalco among others.



*Leaders in meeting with Trustee José Canales*

## El Paisnal community celebrates electric power achievement!



*Community leaders with local authorities in Sitio Viejo, La Cabaña, El Paisnal.*

Saturday, June 08, 2024. A total of 76 leaders of the Sitio Viejo community, La Cabaña, El Paisnal, held a religious celebration for achieving the introduction of electric energy in that community.

Sitio Viejo is made up of 25 families, who had been without electricity service in their homes for several years.

The celebration was attended by community leaders, representatives of CAESS, SIGET, and the Municipal Mayor's Office, among others.



*Local authorities perform ribbon cutting for electric power in the community*



*Community leader shows that*

In mid 2023, Sitio Viejo began an organizational process with Communities of Faith Organized in Action (COFOA), where they learned to work together to achieve an improvement for their community.

***your home now has electricity***



## Leaders fight for street paving in La Paz

Thursday, June 06, 2024.  
Leaders of the Lotificación Ostuma, Santa María Ostuma district, La Paz. They met with Elsa Guevara, District Director. The leaders expressed their concern about a gully that is forming in the area.



*Leaders with Elsa Guevara,  
Ostuma District Director*

The meeting was held at the housing development. The leaders took the official on a tour of the streets so that she could see the poor conditions in which they are located.



*Leaders showing the poor condition of the  
streets  
to Elsa Guevara, Ostuma District Director*

For his part, Guevara committed to a to accompany the request for a meeting with Amilcar Arias, Mayor of La Paz Centro. Finally, he expressed his willingness to accompany the leaders to the National Directorate of Municipal Works (DOM) to deliver the street paving project.

## COFOA's expansion continues in Chalatenango

Sunday, June 2nd. As part of the expansion in the department of Chalatenango. A meeting was held with nine leaders of ADESCOS and 31 inhabitants of the community Brisas del Paraíso, Chalatenango Centro.

During this meeting, COFOA's community organization methodology was shared, as well as some of the achievements obtained in other communities that belong to this department.



*Community leaders in attendance  
a meeting of Brisas de El Paraíso, Chalatenango, Chalatenango.*



Subsequently, an evaluation was carried out with the leaders. In which, they expressed their willingness to work together and organized to improve their communities. Finally, the Local Organization Committee (LOC) was formed.



## More communities learn about COFOA's organizational process in La Libertad



*Members of the Montimar community, Zaragoza, La Libertad.*

Saturday, June 15. Eight leaders of the Montimar community, located in Zaragoza, La Libertad, decided to learn about COFOA's organizational process. This community is made up of approximately 60 families.

Members of the Montimar community made this decision after the ADESCOS meeting in the area. The community has existed for more than 40 years, and among the concerns expressed by its members are: Drinking water, the poor state of the streets, among others.

The leaders learned about some of the achievements of the communities that are part of COFOA in 2023. They also committed to dialogue with more leaders to give continuity to these meetings.



*Members of the Montimar community, Zaragoza, La Libertad, discuss COFOA 2023 achievement report*



## COFOA's expansion continues in Sonsonate



*La Florida, Ishuatán, confirmation by show of hands for the formation of the Local Organization Committee (LOC).*

Thursday, June 13, 2024. A total of 47 leaders from La Florida, Paso de Canoas, Ishuatán, Sonsonate, decided to be part of COFOA's community organizing methodology.

This community is made up of 65 families. Most of them attended the meeting to learn about COFOA's work. The leaders explained that among the main problems of the community is the poor condition of the streets, which greatly affects them during the winter season.

The Local Organization Committee (LOC) was created, with 22 leaders, who committed to work for the development of their community.



*La Florida, Ishustan, creation of the Local Organizing Committee (LOC)*



## **COFOA leaders organize to achieve sewage project in Honduran community**

Friday, June 14, 2024. COFOA leaders from Yoculateca, San Ignacio, Francisco Morazán in Honduras, are ready to receive the first technical visit from a group of engineers from the National Autonomous Service of Aqueducts and Sewerage (SANAA), who will conduct a study for the design of a sewage project in the area.



*Leaders of Yoculateca, San Ignacio, Francisco Morazán*



*SANAA offices in Honduras*

SANAA representatives explained to the leaders that this visit will take place on July 8.

This project will benefit 204 families and 710 inhabitants of this community.





## Leaders continue to organize for construction of Catholic church in Honduran community

Monday, June 10, 2024. Leaders of Cedros Abajo, Francisco Morazán, Honduras, continue working on the planning of activities to finish the construction of the roof of the temple in that community.



*Photograph of the church being built by the leaders of Cedros below Francisco Morazán, Honduras.*



*Photograph of the small church they had in the community.*

As part of these activities, the leaders agreed to purchase a television and raffle it among the members of the community, and to begin collecting funds to advance in the construction of the temple.

Cedros Abajo is composed of 44 families and 173 inhabitants. In this area, the leaders only had a small church, where a maximum of fifteen people could meet inside. The rest had to stay outside due to lack of space in the area.





## COFOA continues to expand in Guatemala

Thursday, June 20, 2024. As part of COFOA's expansion in Guatemala, a meeting was held in Patzicia, municipality of Chimaltenango, Guatemala, with Pastor Marcos Mactzul. During the meeting, COFOA's community organization methodology was discussed.



*Parish Priest Marcos Mactzul, municipality of Patzicia, Chimaltenango, Guatemala*



*Church of Patzicia, Chimaltenango, Guatemala*

The religious leader proposed to initiate leadership training with the group of 50 youth leaders in his parish.

It was agreed to schedule this meeting for next Friday, July 19. The meeting will be held in the parish.