



## Las Cabezas, Honduras

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The residents of Las Cabezas faced an ongoing crisis of water scarcity and inadequate sanitation. Mila Cristina, a 57-year-old teacher and school principal, shared: “Our community—and especially our school—faced a severe water shortage. At school, we only had water access every 15 or 20 days, depending on factors like the economic situation. We had to buy water because the community well couldn’t meet the needs of the homes or the school. Often, children came to class without clean uniforms due to the lack of water.

“We managed this scarcity through the local water board, with strong support from the school’s parent association. Parents, organized by grade level, were responsible for bringing water in small containers when supplies ran low. If they couldn’t buy water, they found alternative solutions in the afternoon to help mitigate the problem at school. It was a complicated process, especially to supply the bathrooms and water the plants.”

Hoping for a sustainable solution, community leaders reached out after hearing about Living Water International’s work in the area. Living Water Honduras responded swiftly by assessing the situation, drilling a new borehole, and installing a hand pump on school grounds. At last, the 300 students and residents of Las Cabezas now have reliable, sufficient access to safe water for all their needs—opening the door to a brighter future.

“Now that we finally have reliable safe water access, we have high expectations,” said Mila. “Reforestation, for instance, depends on water. Our projects are visionary, and we have always promoted creating school gardens because water is essential to produce the fruits nature offers us.”



These women, were elected by their peers as part of the water committee, tasked with ensuring the well’s sustainability.



Living Water staff hold sanitation and hygiene workshops, equipping residents with key disease-prevention skills, like handwashing with soap.