



## Flor de Azalia, Nicaragua

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The residents of Flor de Azalia were in a difficult water crisis. The hand-dug well the community depended on had dried up, leaving residents without water. For years, women had no other choice but to walk more than 2 miles to the river just to fetch water for all their daily needs. Even though the community had access to water, contaminants such as insects, animal feces, dirt, and debris still seeped into the water—making it unsafe to drink. Children were particularly vulnerable to the waterborne diseases, and their young bodies weakened by frequent bouts of diarrhea.

Dora Maradiaga Hernandez, a resident of the community, shared about the water crisis: “All who have lived here have suffered. We walked for many years to the river, more than 2 miles for a bucket of water to drink. Our children were sick because of the contaminated water from the wells that we dug by hand.”

Community leaders knew that something needed to change. When they heard about the work that Living Water International was doing in the area, they reached out.

Living Water Nicaragua responded by drilling a borehole and installing a hand pump. Now, thanks to your generosity, the residents of Flor de Azalia will flourish for years to come!



Dora says, “Our situation will change a lot— because we have a new well, safe water, and guidance on sanitation and hygiene.”



Reaching an underground aquifer at 61 meters, the Living Water staff ensures water safety through testing and treatment, then finishes by installing a hand pump.