



Cerro del Trapiche Community

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Residents of Cerro del Trapiche battled a dire water crisis each day. Women bore the primary responsibility for collecting water. Walking for hours to the nearest hand-dug well, they used buckets to gather its contaminated water. Residents also drew water from a nearby spring, which remained exposed to insects, animal waste, dirt, leaves, and other bacteria that spread waterborne diseases.

Jose Lainez, the community's 46-year-old president, shared: "We faced many challenges because we had to haul water from hand-dug wells, and we didn't know if the water was safe to drink. Sometimes, we had to go far because the hand-dug well and the spring that supplies us from a neighboring community didn't provide enough water for us. We've suffered here. I remember when there was only one well. We had to collect water in shifts, and each family was only allowed two buckets. That had to be enough for everything: drinking, bathing, and washing. It was truly heartbreaking to live with such scarcity."

Even as residents showed remarkable resilience, community leaders pressed urgently for a long-term solution. As soon as they learned about Living Water International's work in the region, they reached out for support.

Living Water Honduras drilled a borehole and installed a hand pump in the community. For the first time, all 150 residents now have reliable access to safe water just a short walk from their homes!



Jose (left) shares with a Living Water team member about his community's experiences living through the water crisis.



The Living Water staff drills 88 meters to reach an underground aquifer. After treating and testing the water for safety, they will manually install PVC piping and a new hand pump for easy access.