



Where We Work

Bridges to Community

Dominican Republic At a glance...



- 20% of the country lives in extreme poverty
- Half of the rural population lives in poverty
- 30% of 15-24 year olds have not completed primary school
- In rural areas, only 60% of students enter high school
- 78% of forest land has been deforested

Bridges to Community began working in the Dominican Republic in 2012 and currently partners with local NGOs and brings volunteers to work with rural communities in two municipalities located in the southwest province of San Juan.

Derrumbadero and Caimonial (Municipality of El Cercado)

Located in the southwest near the Haitian border, the two communities we work with there struggle with deforestation, lack of safe housing, and high teen pregnancy rates. Bridges focuses on youth development, housing repairs and reforestation.



Founded in 1992, Bridges to Community develops poverty alleviation strategies with local communities in Nicaragua and the Dominican Republic in four distinct, but overlapping, program areas: health, education, housing and economic development. The development projects Bridges works on provide over 800 volunteers with service learning opportunities each year.