



Where We Work

Bridges to Community

Nicaragua At a glance...



- Second poorest country in the Western Hemisphere
- 30% of country lives in extreme poverty
- Less than 50% of children go to high school
- Infant mortality rate is 200 times higher than in the US
- 1/2 of rural population has no access to clean water or improved sanitation
- Over 1 million people need housing

Bridges to Community began working in Nicaragua in 1993 and currently partners with local NGOs and brings volunteers to work with rural communities throughout four municipalities: Jinotega, Masaya, Nindiri and Siuna

Jinotega The mountainous area of Jinotega is made up of 75,000 people, 60% of whom live in extreme poverty. Here, Bridges builds latrines, schools and homes, and focuses on economic development.

Masaya An hour south of the capital, Masaya is a densely populated semi-rural province with many vibrant cultural traditions, but faces a housing shortage and lacks access to basic resources. Bridges has built over 500 homes here.

Nindiri Located next to the town of Masaya, Nindiri is made up of 17 communities where unemployment is high and secure housing is sparse. Bridges continues to build housing, schools, and clinics in this area.

Siuna Over 200 miles east of the capital are 51 rural communities plagued by deforestation and isolated from social services. Here, Bridges targets dire needs in education, health, and economic development.



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.