



FINAL REPORT
WATER SOURCE OF LIFE PROJECT

STAGE 1
PASSIRA, PE

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The project is part of the programme Água para Vidas (Water for Lives), and its objective is to improve access to water and, consequently, the health and quality of life of the families in the Semiarid Region of the State of Pernambuco, through repairs in the roofs for rain water catchment and construction of cisterns for families living in conditions of poverty and extreme poverty.

The families whose roofs are repaired are forwarded to the Programa 1 Milhão de Cisternas (P1MC) (1 Million Cisterns Programme), led by ASA - Associação do Semiárido (Semiarid Association), to receive plate cisterns. A total of 400 families (around 2000 people) are being benefited by Habitat Brasil with ceiling repairs. Although P1MC benefits a large number of families, there's still many that can't be helped. People who live in areas where P1MC still doesn't act or in areas where the waiting time is high can take up to 2 years to receive a cistern. Families that don't have access to water can't wait that long. In order to serve these people, Habitat para a Humanidade Brasil (Habitat for Humanity Brazil) allied with national and international partners, such as Igreja Metodista, with the objective of water collection and storage.

CONTEXTUALIZATION



Every year, thousand of people suffer with the drought in northeastern Brazil. Families living in that region work mainly with agriculture, receiving less than minimum wage a month. The economic and social vulnerability situation aggravates with the arrival of summer, when, because of lack of rain, the plantations lower and, consequently, so does the available work.

The population lacks in infrastructure in every way, mainly in quality water. The lack of water availability forces women, children and the elderly to walk long distances, several times a week, to supply their homes. In many cases, the walk takes around 2 hours, round trip.

Due to this situation, it is very common that the women and children of this region don't get access to education, severely lowering their chances of having a prosperous future. Women who dedicate their days to this labor don't have the possibility to work and, therefore, can't contribute with the family's income.

This reality puts them in dependence of their husbands, and that raises the amount of cases of domestic violence and aggression. In many cases, the water used by the family is not treated, because it comes from dams and lakes. These places are also used by animals; for community laundry; for bathing; for waste. The inadequate use of water raises the appearance of diseases and other health issues.

THE PARTNERSHIP



The partnership with Igreja Metodista is fundamental that these families have, in their homes, a 16 thousand litres cistern for rain water storage or brought by water trucks.

This simple intervention guarantees that women and children don't have to walk for hours to bring, daily, water to cook, shower e and do the family's laundry. With this, women can do other activies that raise the family's income and the children can study, seeking, this way, to break the cycle of poverty they live in.

THE COMMUNITY - PASSIRA



Passira is located in the rugged region of the state of Pernambuco. The name of the county in tupi-guarani means “smooth wake”. Passira was a part of Limoeiro’s county and was considered a district from this year to 1963, when it was elevated to the city’s category. Known in Pernambuco as the land of embroidery, Passira is a city with good attractions for visitors. The city is welcoming and offers relaxing rides on the Mirante da Serra, the Cachoeira do Tancão and the Povoado da Pedra Tapada.

The beginning of its settlement happened for it being the transition zone between the sugarcane zone and the rugged region, connecting the cattle areas with the sugarcane areas. This way, some populational cores began to appear with the displacement of herds of cattle, later being forced by the cotton expansion in the beginning of the 19th century to the mid 20th century.

Its population is around 28.000 habitants, half of it living in the countryside.

EXECUTING PARTNER



The Centro Sabiá is a non-governmental organization with its headquarters in Recife, Pernambuco, founded in 1993, that works for family agriculture promotion inside the agroecology's principles. One of its acting pillars is the Programa Convivência com o Semiárido (Familiarity with the Semiarid Programme), where this partnership is inserted. Like it, seek promoting the development of the familiarity actions with the environment for coping with climate changes, recuperation and management of agrobiodiversity, production and use of renewable energy and access to natural resources, having as a base the work of the agricultural agroflorestal families. They're the ones who execute the field activities of the project.

ACTIVITIES AND RESULTS



FAMILY MOBILIZATION

Stage 1 Results:

50 families visited
20 famílias selected

Held in May I 2015

- Visit to the community with Mr. Frank Aichele, from Germany's Methodist Church.
- Visit to the community with Pastor Aglaílsson, from Varjada's Methodist Church.
- Meeting with the communities leaderships for project's disclosure.
- Home visits
- Family selections

ACTIVITIES AND RESULTS



FORMATIVE EDUCATIVE PROCCES IN HYDROUS RESOURCES MANAGEMENT

Stage 1 Results:

12hs workshop completed
25 capacitated people



Held in June | 2015

- This capacitation is essential for development of the families, its familiarity with the Semiarid and also for the maintenance and adequate use of the cistern.
- Included spaces of formation and information, with the themes: how and for what means the water in the cistern must be used, prioritizing its use for showering and cooking, and also treating environmental issues, citizenship and income generation, taking in consideration contents that allow adequate reflexion about: how to perform the maintenance of the cisterns built; how to take care of the stored water; the semiarid climate and its consequences; environment and citizenship; income generation and local opportunities; appretiation of the care of the place you live (environment); importance of knowledge about the place of living with the aim of identifying problems and their possible solutions; participation and communitarian involvement as elements of improvement in the localities.

ACTIVITIES AND RESULTS



CONSTRUCTION OF CISTERNS

Stage 1 Results:
20 cisterns built



Held in July , August and September | 2015

- 16 thousand litres plate cisterns
- Family involvement in all the building parts
- Initially, it was going to be 20 roofs and 20 cisterns in this stage, but it was renegotiated that the roofs would be substituted for 5 additional cisterns, as it was noted that there was no need for improvement in the roofs, and with that, we could benefit more families that needed cisterns.



ACTIVITIES AND RESULTS



CAPACITATION WORKSHOP IN FINANTIAL EDUCATION

Stage 1 Results:

4hs workshop completed
12 capacitated families

Held in September I 2015 in the Methodist Church's Saloon in Varjada (Passira, PE)

Objectives: Capacitate families in notions of domestic budgetary control (family income, necessary and desnecessary expenses, investments, priorities, savings etc) making them reflect on their income and their expenses in the perspective of balanced budget.



ACTIVITIES AND RESULTS



FIRST STAGE DELIVERY EVENT

Held in November 1 2015 in the Methodist Church's Saloon.

Objective: Formalize the delivery of the cisterns, give visibility to the partners and to the project, and strengthen the relationship with the families and the community.



BENEFITED FAMILIES



In this first stage, 20 families that received up to half of a minimal wage (R\$339) were included. None of them owned cisterns.

Next we present each one of these families, with the result obtained with the construction of cisterns in their homes.

With the cisterns, they gained quality of life through the access to potable and healthy water, lowering the incidence of diseases and time spent on captation.



BENEFITED FAMILY

#1

Danilo Bezerra Correia Pereira's Family

Danilo is 23 and is married with Debora Correia, 21. They don't have children and live off of agriculture in Tanque do Vieira's community.



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BENEFITED FAMILY

#2

Tiago Virginio do Paraiso's Family

Tiago is 26, born and raised in the community of Varjada. Married with Paula Virgíneo do Paraiso, 21, his wife is pregnant and works in a county's school with a administrative support role. Tiago is a farmer, but also works in other services as a mason's assistant and as a vigilant.



BEFORE



AFTER

BENEFITED FAMILY

#3

Josilene Maria do Paraíso's Family

Also known as "Mocinha", lives in the community of Varjada for many years. She's 46, has a 19 year old son, Ednaldo. She's a widow and lives off of agriculture.



BEFORE



AFTER

BENEFITED FAMILY

#4

Fabiana Fernandes de Lucena's Family

She's 25 and her husband is 28, Edmilson Jose de Melo. They live in the community of Varjada, where she takes care of two twins and her husband works as a mason's assistant during the week and only coming home to see family on weekends.



BEFORE



AFTER

BENEFITED FAMILY

#5

Jaciara Marcolino Silva do Paraíso's Family

She's 20 and her husband's 24, Edson Jose de Melo. The couple has a 1 year old son, lives in the community of Varjada since kids. They're farmers.



BEFORE



AFTER

BENEFITED FAMILY

#6

Ana Josefa de Barros' Family

She lives in Serra do Quixo, an area of difficult access, next to the community of Varjada. Ana is 25 and lives with an 12 year old only child.



BEFORE



AFTER

BENEFITED FAMILY

#7

Lucielma Barbosa da Silva's Family

She's 29 and her husband Silvanio, 30. They live in Varjada, having 2 young children and working as farmers. They receive Bolsa Família (Family Allowance).



BEFORE



AFTER

BENEFITED FAMILY

#8

Cristine Elza Dantas da Silva's Family

Also known as 'Miúda', and Sir Severino Clemente, with ages of respectively 30 and 35, are farmers and have lived in Sitio Paulina for a long time. They have 2 children and receive Bolsa Família.



BEFORE



AFTER

BENEFITED FAMILY

#9

José Erivaldo Sobrinho Silva's

José Erivaldo is 33, he's a farmer and mason's assistant when the job is available. He's married with Aldeni Celerino, 26, also a farmer. He has 2 young children, and together they live in the community of Paulina.



BEFORE



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BENEFITED FAMILY

#10

Lucielma Ramos Silva do Paraíso's Family

Lucielma is 25, married with Givanildo, who's 3. They have a 1 year old child. They're farmers and she also rims.

Community: Varjada



BEFORE



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BENEFITED FAMILY

#11

Correia de Sousa's Family

She's married with Severino José and doesn't have children. She's 22 and he's 26 and both live off of agriculture and Bolsa Familia. They live in Tanque do Vieira.



BEFORE



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BENEFITED FAMILY

#12

Juliana Tavares do Prado's Family

Married with Damião de Lima, both respectively being 21 and 24, they still don't have children. They live in the community Sitio Tanque do Vieira and live off of agriculture and manual rim, typical regional handicraft. They receive Bolsa Família.



BEFORE



AFTER

BENEFITED FAMILY

#13

Isabela Carla Elpidio da Silva's Family

Isabela is 19 and her husband, Mauricio, 22. They make a young couple, with no children and live off of agriculture. They live in the Barbosa community, one of the poorest regions of Passira.



BEFORE



AFTER

BENEFITED FAMILY

#14

Rafaela Medeiros Silva's Family

Rafaela and Marcelo make a young family. She's 19 and he's 25. they're farmers and live in the Tanque do Vieira community.



BEFORE



AFTER

BENEFITED FAMILY

#15

Monica Severino da Silva's Family

Monica and Silvio Santos make a young couple that lives in the community of Varjada, Passira. She's 19 and he's 36. They're farmers, but Silvio also cuts the hair of local dwellers. They seek the Água para Vidas Project because, recently married and living in a house made by them, they still don't own a cistern.



BEFORE



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BENEFITED FAMILY

#16

Edjane Pereira da Silva's Family

Edjane is 34 and her husband, 36. A young couple that lives with 2 children, one is 6 and the other is 12. They're farmers and receive Bolsa Familia. Community: Sabão



BEFORE



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BENEFITED FAMILY

#17

Jacilene Pereira de Albuquerque's Family

Jacilene is 21 and her husband, Roberto, 31. The young couple lives in Sitio Sabão, in the city of Passira. They were practically born in this village, where they live as farmers, and the family is also composed of 3 more children. Jacilene rims and also receives Bolsa Família.



BEFORE



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BENEFITED FAMILY

#18

Maria José da Silva Albuquerque's Family

Maria José and her husband Eraldo, she being 50 and he being 52, have lived for a long time in Sitio Sabão. They've always demonstrated the desire and need of having a cistern. They're farmers.



BEFORE



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BENEFITED FAMILY

#19

José Barbosa de Santana's Family

José is 36 and his wife Leandra Baracho Amorim, is 28. They have a 2 year old child. They receive Bolsa família, but live off of agriculture. Community: Sabão



BEFORE



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BENEFITED FAMILY

#20

Marlene Barbosa de Santana's Family

D. Marlene and her husband have lived for many years in the community of Tamanduá, Passira's population. She's 55 and her husband, José Barbosa, is 64, retired as a farmer.



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TESTIMONY



“Since I was little, I’ve always dreamed of having a Habitat cistern. My mom was one of the first benefited with the old project that happened here in Varjada and I always saw that pretty cistern and thought: when I have my own house, I want it to be like this! Because the plate cistern is like this: The person dies and the cistern stays. It’s too good! It doesn’t get damaged with sun or heat, preserves water and helps not just my family but my neighbours’ families too. It’s a blessing for everyone!”

Paula Paraíso
Project’s Beneficiary

FINANTIAL REPORT



Please, find the financial report attached.



As a social organization with no lucrative means, Habitat para a Humanidade Brasil can only benefit families in inadequate housing situations thanks to the support of partners, like the Methodist Church.

We immensely thank the Methodist Church for its partnership and commitment with our cause.

Together, we change lives!

Thank You!



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