

5 DROPS FOR AGUA PURA PARA EL MUNDO

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I. How U.S. Foreign Aid Cuts are Impacting Agua Pura para el Mundo (APPM)

You might be wondering how the suspension of U.S. foreign aid on January 20, 2025 has affected organizations like ours. The reality is that the impact has been profound—especially in countries like Honduras, where many communities rely on humanitarian aid just to meet basic needs.

When the U.S. government significantly reduced funding to NGOs and abruptly dismantled agencies like USAID and BPRM (Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration) is the humanitarian bureau of the U.S. Department of State, countless humanitarian and food aid programs were shut down—leaving a noticeable void across the globe.

At Agua Pura para el Mundo (APPM), we felt the consequences immediately. We were forced to lay off 22 temporary staff and shut down our humanitarian aid program, which we had been running alongside five partner organizations in a joint consortium. Sadly, these partner organizations also had to let go of team members. The ripple effect of these cuts has made existing challenges in Honduras even more severe.



Photo 1. After the suspension of the program, the Agua Pura team took responsibility for dismantling the infrastructure used for the latrines and hygiene station that had been providing humanitarian assistance in El Pescadero, El Paraíso.

In addition to job losses and aid for those in need, the sudden end to funding left us with unexpected financial burdens. We had to absorb operational costs originally covered by the program, which were budgeted for a five-month period.

One example of this is that our inventory of hydraid filter is low since In the past, these filters were delivered through U.S. military humanitarian missions. But now, with cuts to the military's

budget for such missions, those deliveries have been put on hold indefinitely or the local distributor will need to find a private custom agency to bring them in which will lead to the increase of price

In response and despite this setback, and thanks to the generous support of our donors, APPM will continue to serve communities, schools and health centers in Honduras and remain committed to provide families the knowledge and skills to maintain their own water, sanitation and hygiene solutions. Our existing training and consulting services remain intact with CAWST as our partner.

Thanks to you, our dedicated supporters, we were able to say with certainty and still stand, yes with some challenges but with resilience.



2. LA CONCEPCION IN ALLIANCE WITH CEPUDO HOUSING PROGRAM AND AWT ASSOCIATION OF WATER TECHNOLOGIES WASH PROGRAM.

An update on the Housing Project "Concepción" in Maraita, Honduras. As we were fortunate to witness a true miracle during the grand inauguration of the "La Concepción" neighborhood in the community of El Chagüite, Maraita. Fifteen families were blessed as they received their own homes, each fully equipped with the necessary amenities and basic WASH services.

This incredible achievement was made possible thanks to the support of our donor organizations, including AWT and your organization, WET Solutions. The homes now have access to clean water, safe water storage, a water board, biodigesters, and the necessary resources to meet their daily water, sanitation and hygiene needs.

This project was a collaborative effort with CEPUDO, Food for the Poor, the Municipality of Maraita, and Pure Water for the World.

We were also honored by the presence of Father Patricio Larosa and Father Mario, who blessed this wonderful work and called it a miracle as it was the result of many prayers of the families.

Additionally, we were graced by the participation of Mayor Moisés Antonio Vargas, along with the municipal corporation and all the members of the 15 families who have already moved into their new homes, many children and single parent families that you met during your visit to Honduras.

This project became a reality thanks to the collective effort of each and every one involved. We are deeply grateful for your support and contribution to this life-changing initiative. We look forward to continuing our partnership with you, as Agua Pura para el Mundo which is a local organization with financial sponsors in the USA (Global Giving and CAF), allowing us to provide tax-exempt status for all of your valuable donations, we are continuously searching for partners.

Thank you once again for helping us make these miracles happen!



Photo 3 and 4. Safe Water Storage Tank and connections from the water source to each of the 15 homes.



Photo 4. Families in the official opening of the housing project and photo 5. Invited to the opening from left to right Moises Vargas the Mayor of Maraita and his wife Xiomara Montana, Maria Inestroza (**Executive Director of Agua Pura para el Mundo**), **Jovahnka Peña**, priests **Patricio Larrosa** and **Mario Mejia**.



3. Celebration of World Water Day

The celebration of World Water Day, titled "Song for Water", was a truly majestic event. The celebration featured cultural performances, environmental education workshops, art exhibitions, and the formation of environmental committees committed to leading water conservation efforts at the local level. Children, youth, teachers, and community leaders participated enthusiastically, showing that together, we can create a more sustainable future.

Special thanks were given to Agua Pura para el Mundo and volunteers who supported the events but because thanks to a project together with a German Organization AGA they now had safe water storage and sanitation at their school, helping to amplify the message of responsible water use and environmental stewardship. In places like Tatumbula, the spirit of unity and hope was evident, as the community reaffirmed its dedication to caring for the environment and ensuring clean water for generations to come. Congratulations to each and every teacher who made this celebration possible. Well done!



Photo 6 and 7 messages creating awareness of how to protect water sources.



Photo 7 and 8: More than 200 students participated in this event and they even worked on very lovely murals that they exhibited to create awareness of the importance of water conservation.



4. Kicking Off the Water Treatment and Safe Storage Workshop in Linaca!

Agua Pura para el Mundo launched an exciting two-day workshop on Household Water Treatment and Safe Storage in the beautiful village of Linaca, Tatumbula, Francisco Morazán.

The workshop brought together 15 enthusiastic participants, including members of local water boards, teachers, and municipal education authorities — all ready to dive into the world of safe water!

Throughout the sessions, we covered key topics like water safety risks, the multiple barrier approach, TANDAS (House Hold Water Treatment and Safe Water Storage) options, and how to choose the best methods for treating drinking water at home. Participants learned to spot potential sources of contamination and explored practical solutions for keeping their water clean and safe.

The energy and engagement were amazing! Everyone got involved, shared ideas, and asked great questions. In fact, the group was so motivated that many requested a future workshop focused on Climate-Resilient Water Safety Plans.

We love seeing communities come together to protect their water — and we can't wait to keep the momentum going!



Photo 9 and 10: Participants presenting during the workshop.



5. Water and Sanitation for the Health Center of La Palillera, Escuapa

At **Agua Pura para el Mundo (APPM)**, we are committed to improving health, dignity, and opportunity by providing access to safe water, sanitation, and hygiene education. Our projects empower communities with sustainable, community-driven solutions that reduce waterborne diseases and create healthier futures.

We are proud to partner with **GlobalGiving**, a trusted crowdfunding platform that connects nonprofits like ours with people around the world who want to make a difference. Thanks to Global Giving, we can share our mission, raise essential funds, and expand our impact across Honduras. **We are deeply grateful to all of our supporters** — your donations, encouragement, and belief in our mission make everything possible, thanks to the donations you provided through the Gloval Giving platform for the WASH project for the Health Center we have launched the project.

A **very special shoutout** goes to **Paul Sofka**, whose generosity and fundraising efforts helped launch most of the construction of the new sanitation facilities **Health Center in La Palillera**,

Escuapa plus all the safe water storage and hand washing station. Thanks to Paul's dedication and heart, the community is one step closer to having vital access to healthcare and safe water.



Photo 11. Paul Sofka is driven by a deep passion for helping communities in need and a lifelong love for birds, inspiring his dedication to both humanitarian work and nature conservation.



Photo 12. Sanitation facilities under construction in Health Center of Palillera, Escuapa in Danli Honduras.