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BLUE MISSIONS

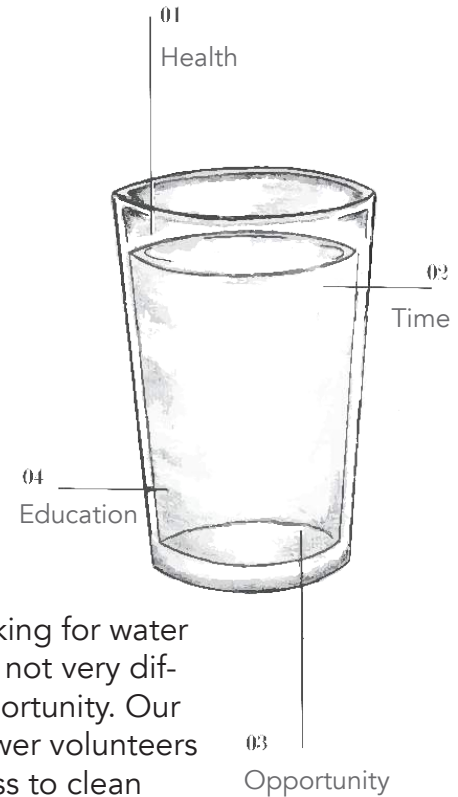


WATER

it's our most basic human need and yet an estimated 663 million people live their daily lives without access to it. Since BLUE Missions was founded in 2010, we have met many of the people that fall under this overwhelmingly large number. They are mothers who are tired of walking for water, young girls who want to be at school, and leaders who want to see their community grow in

opportunity. We realized early on that each person in this statistic has a story, a family, and higher aspirations.

Meeting these people face to face, and walking for water alongside them, we can confirm that we are not very different. All that sets us apart is access to opportunity. Our goal from the beginning has been to empower volunteers and communities through service, and access to clean water and sanitation.



OUR MISSION

to connect families with access
to clean water and sanitation
while inspiring a generation of
global citizens.



FOR
ALL

**IN 2018,
WE COMPLETED OUR**

100th Project.

Over the course of 100 projects we have grown to impact more lives than we ever expected when we embarked on this journey eight years ago. From the thousands of volunteers' lives that have been shaped by the BLUE experience, to the countless friends we've made in rural communities, to our growing international team. Together, we have built more than a charity, we have built a community who believes that giving is living. With no intentions of slowing down, here's to 100 projects more!





Highlights

PROGRAM REVENUE

\$1,290,000

WORKED IN

29 Communities

EXPANDED TO

3 Countries

IMPACTED

4,960 People

VOLUNTEERS

527

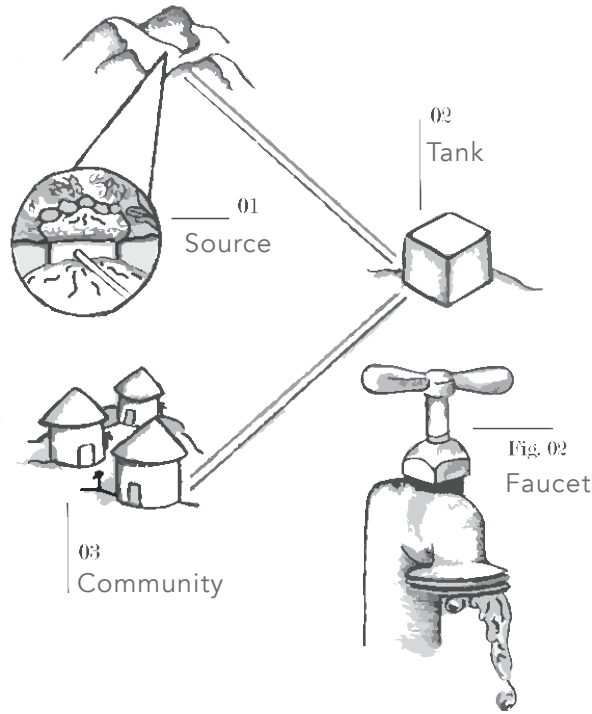


Water Projects



Fig. 01

Gravity-Driven Aqueduct



This year, we constructed 9 gravity-driven aqueducts in rural communities that requested our support.

3,315
people

CONNECTED TO CLEAN WATER

With clean water, communities gain improved health, more time at school, opportunity for economic growth, and lifted barriers to development.

Dominican Republic

COMMUNITIES IMPACTED

Mariano

N 19.34386, W -71.67025

Vale Fiel

N 19.71053, W -70.83426

El Siete de Yamasa

N 18.82878, W -70.13398

Los Pedros

N 19.64119, W -70.33567

La Yayita

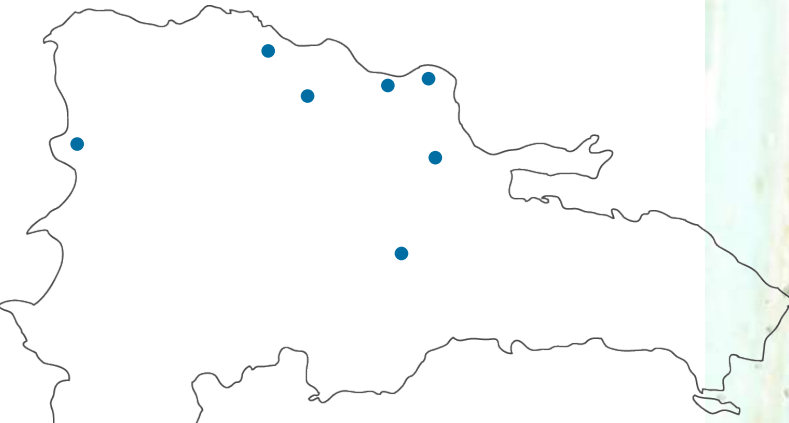
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Cano Azul

N 19.59844, W -70.03646

Los Cafes

N 19.25054, W -70.0235



FUNDACIÓN BLUE

Our subsidiary in Santiago, DR is home to our field headquarters where our engineers, community organizers, and follow-up team work to prepare, execute, and maintain our water and sanitation projects.

The Dominican Republic is our first love and where we started our mission. The majority of our projects are constructed here.

2,700

People connected
with clean water

\$9,298

Avg. project cost

\$24

Avg. cost to connect
one person with water





440

People connected
with clean water

\$47,500

Project Cost

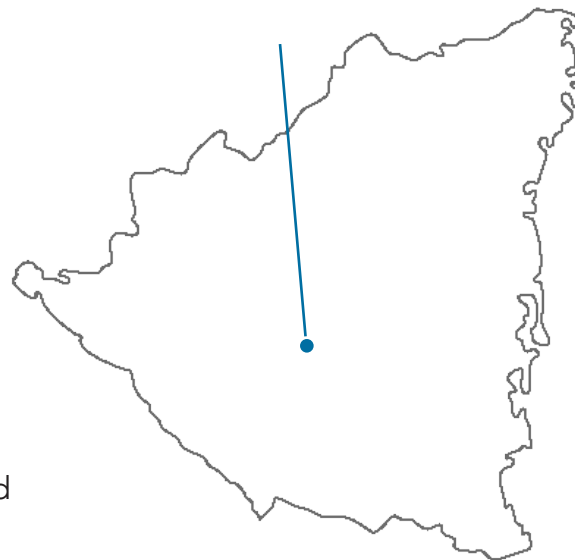
\$106

Avg. cost to connect
one person with water

COMMUNITY:

Jucuapa Occidental

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Nicaragua

In Nicaragua, we worked with organizations on the ground to fund and construct a gravity-driven aqueduct. We awarded a grant of \$17,500 to Agua Para la Vida who oversaw the construction and implementation of the project.

Colombia

In Colombia, we constructed an aqueduct system that connects 35 families with access to clean water in their homes. The women and girls in this community were deeply affected by the task of collecting water for their families each day. As a result, many of the girls did not attend school and instead, remained home.

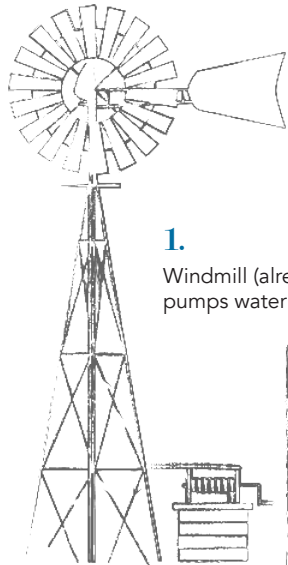
This was our first project in Colombia. We partnered with Nueva Life who funded the first portion of this project with the construction of a windmill powered well. Our organization funded and constructed an elevated platform for a 10,000 L tank and installed 1 km of distribution pipe to every home.



COMMUNITY:

La Esperanza

S 11.465554, W -72.806732



1.

Windmill (already existing) pumps water from well.

175

People connected with clean water

\$9,061

Project Cost

\$51

Avg. cost to connect one person with water



2.

Elevated water tank builds pressure for gravity to send water along aqueduct.

3.

Pipe connects water to a faucet in every home.



Sustainability

Our model is designed to ensure that every BLUE project will sustain itself for many years after our team has packed up their picks and shovels.

The Water Committee

BLUE projects are community-centered and rely on the organization of local leaders who form part of a Water Committee. Each member of the committee holds a different role, from treasurer to technician. They work together to execute and maintain the water project. Our team trains each Water Committee on effective leadership, social banking, and water-system maintenance to set them up for success.



The Water Committee is responsible for collecting a \$1-2 monthly payment from every benefitting family which is added to a community bank account used for future water system repairs and maintenance costs.





Local Talent

Many of our team members in the Dominican Republic benefitted from a water project and wanted to provide others with the same life-changing infrastructure their own communities received.

Our Field Team is responsible for following up with community leaders to ensure that the water never stops flowing.

MEET LINGO.

Joaquin “Lingo” Marte lives in La Penda, Dominican Republic. We met him while building our *first project* in 2010. He worked tirelessly assisting us until the last nail was hammered. The day we completed the project, we offered him a job with us and since then he has worked as the Project Manager on countless BLUE projects and has grown to become a key leader on our team. This September, he joined us in Colombia to spearhead the construction of our *100th project*.

“I want to work for clean water until I’m an old man, and can’t work anymore. I’ll still go to the projects and make sure it’s being done right.”

HOW DO WE SELECT THE COMMUNITIES WE WORK IN?

1.

We receive a letter from a community requesting our support.

2.

Our field team visits the community to assess the need and feasibility for a project.

3.

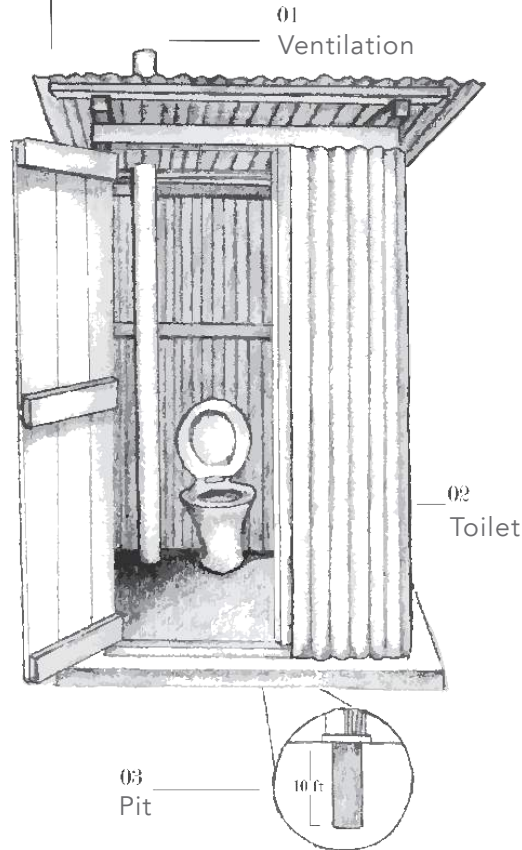
The community organizes a Water Committee, demonstrates ownership of the project and begins preparing.



Sanitation Projects

Fig. 01

Ventilated Improved Pit-Latrine



This year, we constructed 329 Ventilated Improved Pit-Latrines in rural communities that requested our help.

1,645 people

CONNECTED TO SANITATION

Water and sanitation go hand-in-hand. With access to a bathroom that is secure, private, and sanitary, families gain improved health, dignity, and a higher quality of living.



Before

Families that benefit from a sanitation project either do not have a bathroom or have one that does not meet sanitary and structural standards.

Lack of sanitation makes a community more vulnerable to the spread of diseases and contamination.

PEOPLE IMPACTED:

1,520		125
Dominican Republic		Nicaragua

\$5,264
Avg. project cost

\$323
Avg. cost per bathroom



SAFE,
PRIVATE,
SANITARY.





After

BLUE VIP Latrines provide a sturdy structure, an easy to clean toilet, and grant women and girls the privacy they need.

COMMUNITIES IMPACTED

Higuero

N 19.53657, W -70.26889

El Limon

N 19.61142, W -70.11427

Ranchito de la Peralta

N 19.77142, W -70.93125

Loma Vieja

N 19.29267, W -70.0435

La Jagua

N 19.26901, W -70.06977

El Firme

N 19.2902, W -70.05681

La Cueva

N 18.91266, W -70.12254

La Jaiba

N 19.54725, W -70.33644

Caonao

N 19.75222, W -70.92445

Hipolito Villini

N 19.37779, W -71.64339

Sigua

N 19.47488, W -70.33661

La Guama

N 19.51902, W -70.32305

La Piragua

N 19.60078, W -70.54029

Pueblo Nuevo

N 19.60794, W -70.54885

Yaroa

N 19.56666, W -70.60247

Carrasco

N 19.52614, W -70.01724

Barrabas

N 19.75361 W -70.80808

El Puerto

N 19.76197, W -70.8077

La Culata

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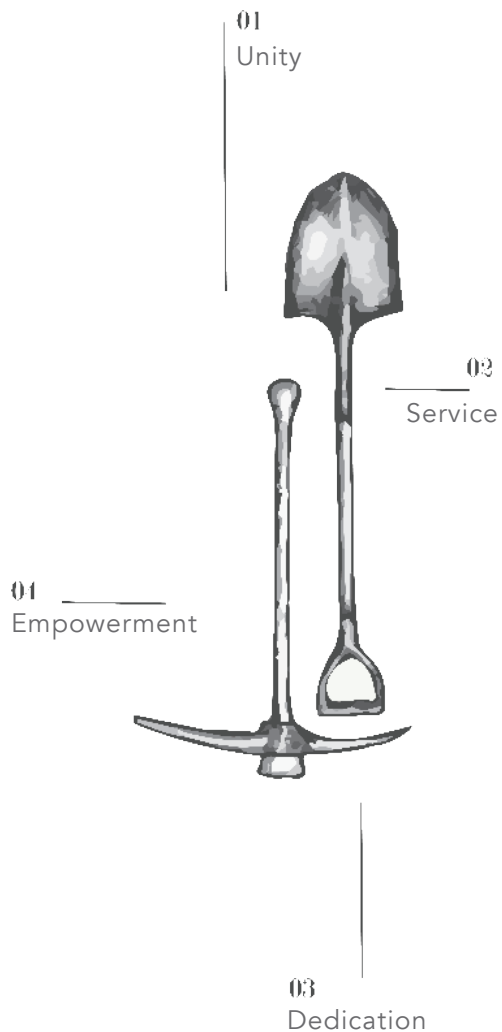
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Inspiring Service



OF SERVICE COMPLETED



This year, we brought along 527 high school and university students to participate in the construction of our projects alongside locals.

118,840
hours

OF SERVICE COMPLETED

By participating on a BLUE Service Trip, volunteers experience rural poverty first-hand and realize their power to make an impact for others.



Find Your Why...

On every BLUE Trip, we challenge our volunteers to “Find their Why” - their reason for being on the trip. We facilitate reflections where volunteers can consider values, priorities, and their individual life’s purpose. Volunteer’s lives are shaped by this experience and continue to guide them many years after they’ve returned home. The impact truly stems from the incredible example presented by the locals who live to give the little they have to others.

“

I now know that we are born to share the blessings that we have. It’s our purpose in the world and how we will all be our happiest. I choose to live in the moment, magnify the good that I can engage in, and contribute wherever I am in the world.”

- Natalia Esnard
Summer Intern

16 interns

joined us this summer to lead trips and connect deeper with service.

Local Education

Through our REACH program, we open our doors once a month and bring together high school students from around Miami to learn about a different global issue. Each month we're joined by an incredible local activist who is creating a solution to the global issue we're discussing.

NOTABLE SPEAKERS:

Frost Science Museum
Debris Free Oceans
Mike Lloret
UM Marine Lab
Axen Club
Health in the Hood
Danny Rodriguez

Students are able to explore different causes and find one they are passionate about. Through our Service Saturdays, they discover meaningful local service opportunities, from beach clean-ups, to building community gardens.

HOW DO WE INSPIRE GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP LOCALLY?

1.

Monthly REACH meetings inform students about global issues and connect them with solutions.

2.

On Service Saturday's we get our hands dirty with a local organization.

3.

Students have the opportunity to educate others about the water crisis through our Ambassador Program.



Operations



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TEAM

BLUE Missions employs 22 individuals, 5 in Miami, FL and 17 in the Dominican Republic. Board Members, interns, and volunteers are essential parts that work together to accomplish our mission.



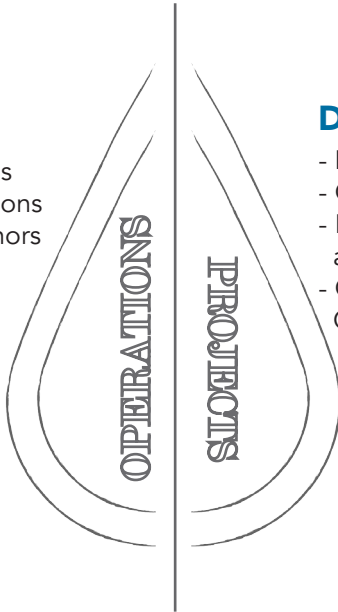
Our giving model assures that

100% of all public donations

are allocated directly to project costs in the field. We rely on trip fees and The Tank members to cover operational expenses such as rent and salaries. We have two separate bank accounts, one for projects and one for operations.

REVENUE

- BLUE Trip Fees
- Private Donations from Tank Donors
- Store



DONATIONS

- Donations
- Grants
- Event sponsorships and ticket sales
- Community Contribution Fee





The Tank

The Tank is a special group of donors who have chosen to support our operational expenses.

Thanks to them we have been able to grow our team, and move into BLUE HQ where we have created a home for our mission and community.

MEMBERS

Caricap Inc.
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Love,
Uniting
Everyone.