

In line with integral health and life through agro-ecology

Good Practice *AT A GLANCE*

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Experience by the Carmelite Missionary Sisters of St. Therese , Centro Divina Providencia (Divine Providence Center) in Santa Tecla, La Libertad, EL SALVADOR

El Salvador has a food deficit in terms of quantity and quality. Most of the food is produced in a conventional way with agrochemicals, which influences directly the environmental health of the country and the families.

The solution was to start producing organic vegetables

IMPACT

- People become aware about the environment and carry out practices against pollution
- The beneficiaries sell their products without intermediaries
- People who consume organic products improve their health

Experience description

The aim of this practice is to make a good part of the population aware of the importance of consuming healthy food. We raise awareness through talks and videos that aim to motivate and induce the practice of agro-ecological production methods.

In addition, we offer trainings on organic production. We have the support of an engineer who visits those who start their own organic garden and gives them the necessary instructions.

We participate in markets and fairs in order to sell our products with fair prices and without intermediaries. We offer the greatest variety, freshness and quality of vegetables and meats that are organically produced.



Other characteristics



BENEFICIARIES

- Families in the neighborhood of the Center
- Parish groups of two departments
- The Carmelite Missionary Sisters of St. Therese and other religious communities



CHALLENGES

- Land or environment are not always suitable for cultivation
- The fight against pests
- To overcome frustration when goals are not achieved
- To maintain the level of production (quantity)
- To ensure trained people continue with their organic gardens



LESSONS LEARNED

- It is important that the group of people or community in charge of a project is motivated and willing to work
- It is good to start with something small
- Awareness raising and trainings are necessary

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