Colombia Project 2020-2021

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REPLACING UNHEALTHY KITCHENS REPORT

For the women of Colombia, the family meals are prepared in unsanitary and unsafe conditions. Food is being prepared over open fires that cause respiratory illnesses for the women and small children.

This grant repaired or replaced kitchens to improve health for nine families. The kitchens included stoves that vent to the outside, water plumbed to the inside, and work surfaces providing better sanitary conditions. They were built with sustainable materials and the project also served as a sustainable construction training program for young people. All labor was provided by the family as well as a portion of the investment in material costs.

The women are now able to prepare in a safe and healthy environment. Food is stored off the floor to avoid contamination.

The kitchen also serves as a gather place for the family-members and the healthy kitchen will, over-time, reduce the incidents of respiratory disease and improve overall health.

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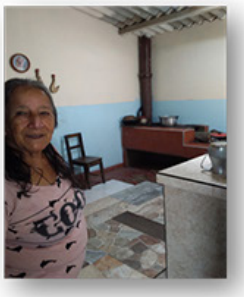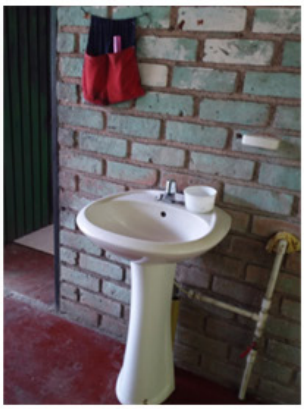
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