



I. INTRODUCTION

The strengthening of the Honduran dictatorship as a result of the November 2017 elections, which were backed by international organizations, including the United Nations, the Organization of American States, and the European Union, has allowed the implementation of the neoliberal model with all its economic, social and human impacts, leading to the unlimited enrichment of a business elite and transnational capital that have seized the nation's wealth and natural resources, with the backing of corrupt institutions, which in turn has led to a state of defenselessness among communities, the population in general, and human rights defenders. Within the framework of this exclusionary development model, the level of poverty in the country has fallen an additional 3%, according to the UN's own reports. This was stated by Alissa Chaker, a UN official, who made it clear that programs must be undertaken to resolve these problems in the long term (Televised forum - March 2018).

Figures from the National Institute for Statistics (INE) indicate that individuals in conditions of poverty make up 68 percent of the total population, representing more than 6 million people. And of this group, 44 percent, or 3.9 million, live in extreme poverty, to which is added another reality: under-employment stands at 56 percent and, of all wage earners, 75 percent receive less than subsistence wages.



II. JUSTIFICATION

In the face of the harsh reality of a country ranked number 130 out of 170 countries on the Human Development Index, answers have arisen from its citizens, some springing forth out of desperation, which has led to four migrant caravans since October 2018. Seeing in emigration — mostly towards the United States — an escape from their situation of economic and social crisis, these migrants face all the risks of undocumented emigration and the harsh anti-immigrant laws of the US government.



Nevertheless, on the other hand, there is a social conglomeration, consisting of community, environmental, human rights, feminist, youth, ecclesiastic, campesino, indigenous, and black organizations, all confronting with dignity, courage, conscience and even danger to their lives, the predatory model which expels them from their own territories, criminalizing them, persecuting them, and murdering them.

To enhance these expressions of resistance in the face of extractivist projects and hydroelectric concessions, to defend Mother Earth, and to demand respect for universal human rights, it is necessary to have clear strategies, with a humanist vision, together with national and international solidarity, alongside human and social commitment, which help to ensure that this struggle — which is raising a challenge to those most powerful who make use of media manipulation and who have taken over the house of justice in Honduras — is able to wrest away bits of hope and to build a better world.

In the construction of justice, to tear down the walls of the powerful in Honduras, the **SHARE Foundation** has been present with its solidarity, its commitment, and its humility, which demonstrates to us the enormous human quality of the North American people.

III. PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Project name: Tearing down walls, building solidarity, demanding justice

Overall objective: Contribute to access to justice, in the defense of justice and human rights, of the territories and natural resources, through actions taken for advocacy, alternative communication, and strategic alliances with the social fabric of Honduras.

Specific Objectives:

OE1: Citizen initiatives have been strengthened and accompanied in the defense of territories and natural assets at a national level

OE2: An alternative media in close proximity to the social fabric, fighting for the environment and human rights, as well as facing and breaking the media blockade

OE3: Strategic alliances with ecclesiastic communities supported and strengthened for the support of highly vulnerable sectors

Expected results:

R.1.1 Actions demanding justice and defense of the human rights achieve unity among diverse actor with strategies of unity and solidarity

R.1.2 Strengthened institutional capacities that improve and expand the services of alternative communication to large corporate media

R.1.3 An ecclesiastic community with greater strengths to accompany the most vulnerable sectors of the population

Indicators:

FROM R.1.1

I.1.1. Accompaniment of cases at high risk in their territories, mobilizing and uniting different strata of the social fabric

I.2.1 Accompaniment and dissemination of at least two demonstrations of community sovereignty on behalf of their territories and natural assets

1.3.1 Training processes and activities to strengthen the capacity for advocacy and citizen participation by ERIC/Radio Progreso staff, as well as social organizations and communities which ask for it

FROM R.1.2

I.1.2 Improved institutional capacity to transmit frequency 101.1 FM to cover the Atlantic zone of Honduras and the rest of the country

I.2.2 Internal training processes for ERIC/Radio Progreso staff, strengthening their professionalism and social apostolate

I.3.2 Creation and dissemination of at least two multimedia products

A.4.2 Immediate and professional coverage of the national situation allows provision of objective information and the breaking of the media siege

FROM R.1.3

I.1.3 Strengthened relationships between various works of the social apostolate

I.2.3 Two works of the Church which strengthen its capacity to serve highly vulnerable populations

ACTIVITIES:

RESULTS	ACTIVITIES
R.1.1. Actions demanding justice and defense of human rights achieve unity among diverse actors with strategies of unity and solidarity	A.1.1. Legal and humanitarian aid fund A.2.1 Support mobilization actions of citizen response in defense of their rights and territories A.3.1 Accompany actions and consultations for territorial sovereignty carried out by communities and organizations A.4.1 Develop training for staff and organizations
R.1.2 Strengthened institutional capacities to improve and expand the services of alternative communication to large corporate media	A.1.2 Acquire equipment to improve transmission capacity A.2.2 Develop processes to strengthen the capabilities of staff to improve their journalistic skills A.3.2 Create and disseminate two multimedia projects A.4.2 Develop special radio coverage and programming
R.1.3 Ecclesiastic communities with greater capacities to address national problems and with greater closeness to their followers	A.1.3 To support accompaniment actions by ecclesiastical communities (Notre Dame and Sisters of Mercy) to vulnerable populations

IV. DIRECT AND INDIRECT BENEFICIARIES

Direct:

- Personnel of Radio Progreso/ERIC, 60 individuals, among them 26 women and 33 men, so that they feel great security to carry out their work
- Human rights and environmental defense organizations at the national level

- Victims of human rights violations who receive legal accompaniment
- Two ecclesiastical base communities

Indirect: Radio Progreso's audience which according to the last audience survey totals 300,000 listeners.

V. Project implementation period : March - December 2019

IV. BUDGET

ACTIVITIES / LINE ITEM EXPENSES	AMOUNT IN DOLLARS
FROM R1.1	
A.1.1. Legal defense and humanitarian assistance fund	3,000.00
A.2.1 To support mobilization actions of citizen response in defense of their rights and territories	800.00
A.3.1 To accompany actions and consultations for territorial sovereignty carried out by communities/organizations	1000.00
A.4.1 To develop actions for the formation and training of staff and organizations	1000.00
FROM R2.1	
A.1.2 To acquire equipment to improve transmission capabilities	6,000.00
A.2.2 To develop processes to strengthen the capacity of staff and improve their journalistic skills	800.00
A.3.2 To create and disseminate 2 multimedia products	2,200.00
A.4.2 To develop special radio coverage and programming	1,000.00
FROM R.1.3	
A.1.3 To support actions of accompaniment to vulnerable populations by ecclesiastical communities (Notre Dame and Sisters of Mercy)	6,200.00
GRAND TOTAL	\$22,000.00

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