



Ramonero, Colombia

Region: La Guajira

Population: 500 Indigenous Wayúu

Technical Solution: Windmill, Laundry Washing Station

Project Cost: ~US \$15,700

Financed by: Grace Lutheran Church, Individual Donors

Completed: March 2009



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Update:

The windmill organization in El Pájaro maintained the windmill at an affordable price for the community.

About Ramonero:

Ramonero is an indigenous community living in extreme poverty. They do not have electricity and live off of handicrafts and raising livestock. The men of the family often go to Venezuela for seasonal work on farms and construction projects.

Previous Situation:

Eight years ago, Ramonero had a windmill but the windmill was stolen. A group of thieves came to the community and pretended to be a windmill company. They had documents in Spanish saying they were sent to do maintenance on the windmill. Unfortunately, the majority of the Ramonero community does not speak Spanish, so they could not read the documents in order to confirm this was true. In the end, the windmill company stole the entire structure, including the windmill motor and tower. This left the community without any method to retrieve water from the well.

This devastating loss forced the people of Ramonero to walk several miles to the closest water source, which were often contaminated ponds.

Implemented Solutions:

Aguayuda constructed a new windmill in March 2009. One year later, with the support of the community, Aguayuda cleaned and repaired a water basin and water storage tank in addition to building a laundry washing station.

Together with the community, a waste clean-up campaign was initiated, which resulted in 78 bags of trash.

Project Impact:

Ramonero now has clean water and a cleaner environment. The new windmill provides clean water to Ramonero and the surrounding communities for a total of 500 people.

Evaluation and Monitoring:

Aguayuda makes sure the project is sustainable by maintaining contact with the community. Aguayuda has visited Ramonero three times since the project was implemented in March 2009. Aguayuda is happy to report that the windmill is still providing clean water to the people in Ramonero and the surrounding communities.

A new windmill provides clean water for everyone.



A laundry washing station was built in 2010.

