

Final report: Construction of classrooms at El Pozón School.



Students and teachers celebrated the big opening of their new classrooms on April 28th, 2026.

This project was possible thanks to the generous support of Stichting Kinderprojecten Guatemala and Wilde Geese Foundation.

1. Introduction - El Pozón School Context:

El Pozón is a school located on the outskirts of the town center of Morales, Izabal, in the neighborhood of the same name.

This area is characterized by being a settlement of working-class families, many of whom are linked to local commerce and agricultural activities (specifically bananas and African palm). Unlike the center of Morales, El Pozón has experienced rapid population growth in recent decades. This has led to the strain and saturation of public services, particularly educational facilities.

2. Project Objectives: Why build two additional classrooms?

One of the main challenges faced by El Pozón School was **overcrowding**, as the classrooms were small and had limited capacity for student groups larger than 25. This led them to develop a **multi-grade infrastructure**, since the lack of physical classrooms forced teachers to share spaces or work outdoors, on the ground in makeshift corrugated metal sheds, which was far from ideal due to the **extreme climate**, as Izabal experiences temperatures exceeding 35°C with high humidity.

Without classrooms designed with ventilation, academic performance declined drastically due to the children's heat stress. The main objective was to end this problem and improve the quality of the academic experience for both students and teachers.



This photo shows the state of the school before the classrooms were built. It clearly shows how, due to overcrowding, students were taking classes outside and in makeshift corrugated metal sheds.

3. Implementation - Impact and Benefit:

Today we can celebrate together that the situation described above is a thing of the past, thanks the support and generosity of **Stichting Kinderprojecten Guatemala and Wilde Geese Foundation**, the Pozón School is facing challenges differently.

Thanks to you, the urgent needs of El Pozón School have been addressed, and **we have successfully delivered two brand-new classrooms** with windows that provide ventilation and natural light.

These new classrooms have enough space to accommodate up to 30 students each. Each classroom was equipped with **brand-new student desks, 60 desks in total**. Additionally, **2 white boards and 2 bookshelves** were delivered for the proper storage of school supplies, books, and other academic materials. We are confident that the educational experience of the students of El Pozón has changed for the better.



Photo of the exterior of the new classrooms, with painted finishes.



Photo of the brand new desks delivered for the benefit of the students.



Photo of the bookshelves and whiteboards delivered.

4. Teacher Training:

The teachers, who perform a vital role, were not forgotten in this project. On the contrary, **two new, spacious desks were provided for teachers** in both classrooms.

We have also committed to providing **training focused on strengthening teachers' knowledge**. This training is delivered by an expert educator from the PsicoVida Association, providing tools and knowledge to enhance teachers' daily work.

It is important to emphasize that these communities lack access to this type of specialized content for the professionals who educate the children and young people of Guatemala every day.



Photo of the new chairs and desks for the teachers.

5. Who benefits from these new classrooms?

In total, this project has benefited more than **50 families, 8 teachers, and up to 105 students** between the ages of 5 and 12 at El Pozón School; and its impact will continue for future generations of students for years to come.



Photos of the students using and enjoying their new classrooms.



6. Our Commitment to the Future – Monitoring and Evaluation:

Over the next two years, Constru Casa will continue to be an essential part of El Pozón School, providing **ongoing training to strengthen teachers' knowledge**.

Topics covered will include: Drug use and management prevention, leadership, resilience, creativity, teaching materials, new teaching strategies, and much more.

Constru Casa is also committed to **regularly monitoring the proper use of classrooms**, as the educational staff, parents, and students are responsible for keeping the school building and furniture clean and well-maintained, and for maintaining the facilities and furniture in good condition, making necessary repairs when something is damaged or worn out.

7. Conclusion and Acknowledgments:

Thanks to the invaluable support of **Stichting Kinderprojecten Guatemala and Wilde Geese Foundation**, the children of El Pozón School now have two additional classrooms that will transform the educational experience for present and future generations. This initiative is more than just a construction project: it is a step toward breaking the cycle of educational inequality and building a better future for the children of Guatemala.

Educational staff of El Pozón School, along with parents, cutting the ribbon at the inauguration ceremony.

