

Highlights

Delegations come to El Salvador to build relationships with people, communities and projects. Delegates learn about key themes and visit important sites related to El Salvador's history and current challenges.

Tours are visits of Salvadoran community members to their U.S. counterparts. They provide opportunities for advocacy, fundraising, education, and relationship-building.

Projects are regional women and youth organizing initiatives which invest in people and the ability to create structural change for a better life. CRIPDES projects promote leadership, education, civil participation, women's empowerment, youth development and advocacy.

Regional Partnerships

U.S. groups partner with CRIPDES regions in order to assure broad impact, accountability, and solutions to the complex problems that Salvadoran communities face. Partnering with CRIPDES through SHARE provides the twofold benefit of:

- ∞Forming relationships with the individual people and communities that make up those regions.
- ∞Supporting broad-based, regional organizing for long-term, sustainable, just change.

"Being in the rural community helped me learn the importance of sharing with people and living in solidarity. I have learned the importance of good energy, hard work, struggles, perseverance, and hope. I also learned about the economy and the impact the civil war has on people today. My perspective of the world has changed dramatically."



Partnering through SHARE means building relationships based on respect and solidarity in order to walk side-by-side on the road to more just and equitable relations between the U.S. and El Salvador. SHARE invites you to consider taking the first step today by contacting us to learn more about discernment steps. Groups are asked to participate in a SHARE delegation to El Salvador as part of this discernment process.

For more information, please contact:

Tedde Simon
SHARE Grassroots Coordinator
(Tel) 206-414-0832
tedde@share-elsalvador.org
www.share-elsalvador.org



The SHARE Foundation:
Building a New El Salvador Today

The Grassroots Program and Sistering Partnerships



"There is much that The United States has to offer El Salvador, but there is just as much that El Salvador has to offer the United States. Together, we can develop the approach that will be needed to assure that the economic, social, and political futures of both El Salvador and the United States are humane and progressive."

--Archbishop Oscar Romero

The SHARE Foundation

Three Pillars of Accompaniment

U.S. groups who partner through SHARE accompany communities in El Salvador in three ways:



Physical and Moral Accompaniment

Send delegations from the U.S. to visit, learn from, and build friendships with partnered communities in El Salvador, and invite them to visit and educate U.S. communities on organized tours. Correspond and share reflections.

Financial Accompaniment

Raise funds for locally-led projects that promote community organizing and local development.

Advocacy Accompaniment

Educate, mobilize, and lobby for systemic changes that will improve the lives of El Salvador's majority poor

The SHARE Foundation is a network of individuals, organizations and communities in the U.S. working together since 1981 to support the empowerment of impoverished and marginalized communities in El Salvador, as they strive to meet their immediate needs and construct long-term solutions to the problems of poverty, underdevelopment and social injustice.

SHARE accompanies grassroots partners in El Salvador as they work to change the structures that keep people poor. SHARE and these local partners promote three Guiding Principles: Women's Empowerment, Leadership Development, and Citizen Participation. Sistering relationships are vital to making change possible.



What is Sistering?

Sistering, or partnering, through SHARE means forming a relationship of accompaniment and support with organized groups of communities in El Salvador as they work towards social and economic justice. Currently, more than 25 U.S.-based groups form these partnerships, including churches, faith communities of any denomination, high schools and universities, solidarity committees, youth groups, etc.

Partnering with CRIPDES

Groups in the U.S. are invited to join SHARE in building a new El Salvador today by partnering with groups of organized communities, or "regions," in one of the six geographical areas where our local grassroots partner, the Association of Rural Communities for the Development of El Salvador (CRIPDES) works. CRIPDES has a base of 300 communities in rural El Salvador, working jointly to promote organization and leadership for a viable model of sustainable development for El Salvador's rural sector and beyond.

Sistering partners support organizing projects that make it possible for poor communities to have educational trainings, community gardens, microcredit, lending programs, drama and art groups, recreational outlets, and so much more!

