



Sistering Partnerships with SHARE Foundation

“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. Please contact SHARE (tedde@share-elsalvador.org) for more information on how your church or faith community of any denomination or religion, school, university, solidarity committee, club, or youth organization can explore this option.

Sistering Partner’s Commitment:

- **Support for SHARE’s mission:** SHARE’s mission is *to support the empowerment of poor and historically marginalized Salvadoran communities in their struggle to meet their immediate needs, as well as to build sustainable long-term solutions to poverty, underdevelopment, and social injustice.*
- **Support for SHARE’s three guiding principals:** Women’s Empowerment, Citizen Participation and Leadership Development
- **Minimum three-year commitment.**
- **Fundraising for regional organizing projects:** Ranging from \$3,000-\$20,000 annually, depending on capacity. SHARE supports CRIPDES (Rural Communities for the Development of El Salvador) regional women and youth organizing programs and projects, designed for and by Salvadoran communities, aimed at promoting SHARE’s three guiding principals.
- **SHARE Annual Membership Fee:** This annual contribution of \$300, 600, or \$1000 contributes to the functioning of SHARE’s Grassroots Program, so that it can continue to thrive and serve the needs of US committees and communities in El Salvador.
- **Delegations and Tours:** SHARE encourages committees to send a delegation to El Salvador every year or two. For years when committees do not send delegations, they are encouraged to host a tour of two or three Salvadorans from their partnering region to visit the committee. These trips help renew ties of solidarity and faith as well as help promote friendship and exchange between the US committee and the Salvadoran partnering region.
- **Support for Advocacy:** Engage in activism on behalf of the marginalized in El Salvador working with SHARE on international advocacy initiatives that support Salvadoran partners and on issues relevant to Salvadorans today.

SHARE’s commitment

- **Organize, coordinate and facilitate delegations and tours from El Salvador.**
- **Administer and monitor projects** with a broad, multi-community impact, and with a vision for long term solutions to poverty and underdevelopment.
- **Provide regular communication** about sister-supported regional development projects, including project reports as well as updates on activities and events, communities, and the people affected by SHARE-sponsored projects.
- Support US committees with US-side participation in **SHARE-supported advocacy campaigns**, in solidarity with our brothers and sisters in El Salvador.
- **Help generate ideas for fundraising strategies** for committees raising money for delegations, tours, or projects.
- **Help facilitate communication** between U.S. and Salvadoran Sistering Partners.

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