



**Sustainable Development Application Form**

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- **Project Name:** Water well at Bender Community Center
- **Local Partner:** Evangelical Pentecostal Union of Venezuela (UEPV)
- **Location:** Bender Community Center, located in La Piedad Norte, Palavecino Municipality, Lara State, Venezuela, UEPV Convention Center

**Person at DOM responsible for and accountable for this project:**

Ángel Luis Rivera-Agosto, Area Executive, Latin America and the Caribbean

**Partner's History/Relationship with the Project:**

The Evangelical Pentecostal Union of Venezuela (UEPV) is a grassroots Pentecostal church, which was established in 1958. Leaders from the Assemblies of God and members of the Pentecostal movement originally founded it. The UEPV, based in Maracaibo, Venezuela, has been in partnership with Global Ministries for over 40 years. They have many projects that include, care for women, care for end stage pregnant women, literacy programs, and helping women with disabled children, to name a few.

Bender Community Center was founded in 1972 as part of an international collaboration with ecumenical agencies, along with the Evangelical Pentecostal Union of Venezuela, in order to offer community education and rural development. Bender Community Center helps to fulfill the vision of helping the marginalized, to accompany families in rural Venezuela, women, and all vulnerable sectors in the community. The Bender Community Center is the main location for conferences, capacity building, and the provision of services for the UEPV. As Venezuela has been suffering from shortages of electricity and water during its present crisis, the Palavecino region has not been excluded from challenges. This water project will continue the tradition of Bender Community Center to provide relevant services in times of critical need.

**Description of Project**

**Name of Project (agricultural, health, water, micro-credit, education, community development, etc.):**

The UEPV seeks to build a water well to provide fresh drinking water for the marginalized and vulnerable populations in and surrounding the Palavecino area. The Bender Community Center is centrally located for many people to access the new water well. The presence of a new well will provide a long-term source of clean water for a community that has always had limited access to potable water. In addition, the UEPV believes this new resource will bring together community leaders in creating a larger plan for the conscientious and efficient use of clean water and it will provide new opportunities to families in the community to begin small-scale gardens. In line with the UN's Sustainable Development Goal number six, ensuring access to water and sanitation for all, the water well will create a stronger community and healthier families.

**Target Population (children, women, farmers, urban poor, etc.):**

This project seeks to provide fresh, clean water to an urban and rural population living near Palavecino, Venezuela. A population which has always had challenges in access to fresh water, but these challenges have been exaggerated by the current political and humanitarian crisis happening in Venezuela.

**How many persons are/will be served? (please give as specific a figure as possible)?**

At least, 2,350 families will have new access to fresh water.

**Key Objectives:**

1. Guarantee access to potable water at the Bender Community Center for the families of the communities of La Piedad Norte and La Piedad Sur, communities affected by a current lack of potable water service.
2. Work with local community organizations to form a plan for the conscientious and efficient use of drinking water
3. Develop and promote ecological agricultural training activities at Bender Community Center that encourages the creation of productive family farms and gardens to improve the access to healthy food.

**Key Activities:**

1st Phase:

1. Drilling and construction of the water well:

- Carrying out a dowsing study: This study is a traditional way to determine the availability of water: the first elaborated studies have determined that on the grounds of the Bender Community Center there is availability of water between 20 and 25 meters deep
- Conduct studies by Vertical Electrical Probes: This study allows to confirm with a high reliability, the presence or not of water and estimates the amount available
- Drilling and start-up of the well: Preparation of the land, construction of roof over the work area, construction of perimeter fence for the protection of the well, acquisition of pipe, acquisition and installation of submersible pump of 4 ", electrical installations and minor civil works

2nd Phase:

2. Water purification:

- Acquisition and installation of a water purification plant according to the operating capacity of the well, construction of minor civil works and electrical installations

3rd Phase:

3. Training activities:

- Establishment and formation of community water technical tables for the care, conscientious and efficient use of water in the community
- Training in the area of family agriculture to improve accesses to healthy food

**Duration of Project:**

One year

**Project Budget**

**Total Budget:** \$15,750.00

**Amount Requested from Week of Compassion:** \$12,000.00

**Is this a one-time request or an on-going request?**

This is a one-time request

**Is the project financially supported by ecumenical or outside partners? If so, what percentage does it cover for this project?**

Yes, 19% of the project will be supported by ecumenical partners.

**Please list partners who are funding this project:**

Global Ministries is providing the additional funding to complete this project. The larger community training, collaboration, and systematic programs of sustainable water use and sanitation will be carried out by the UEPV. For programs such as this, UEPV works in collaboration with the Latin American Council of Churches, Latin American Evangelical Pentecostal Commission, and the Latin American Commission on Christian Education. Through the exchange of personnel, material resources, and expertise, each partner assists and receives services based on the natural strengths to improve one another's ministries and services.

**Does this project/partner receive funding from UCC OGHS, if so how much?**

This project partner receives no funding from UCC OGHS

**What is the overall percentage of funds requested that will be used for administration/overhead?**

Of the funds requested from Week of Compassion, 0% will be used for administration or overhead. These costs will be assumed by of the UEPV.

**Please attached a detailed, itemized budget and cost breakdown for the requested funds.**

See attached budget for this project

**Dates and project names of previous proposal submissions:**

There have been no previous Week of Compassion submissions for the UEPV or for projects in this region in Venezuela.

**Please attach the organization's audited financials or recent financial report.**

No financial statement attached.

**How do you plan to monitor, evaluate, and report back to Week of Compassion? *(Please note that future funding is contingent upon reporting. In addition to reporting, please provide stories of transformation and photos.)***

The UEPV, in coordination with Global Ministries, will provide a final report after one year.

**If granted, is there a deadline by which to receive funding?**

As soon as funds are available.

**If granted, please provide full information for how (wire transfer, check, etc.), where, and to whom funds should be sent:**

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