



Reducing Vulnerability and Building Resilience

RESULTS

- 15,000 people are protected by an **early warning system** and **emergency response network** of local observers, accredited civil protection commissions and volunteer brigades trained in first aid, search and rescue, early warning and shelter operations
- 5 municipalities have an **Emergency Operations Center (EOC)** connected by radio to the local commissions and brigades
- 10 local communities and 5 municipalities have validated **risk maps, contingency plans, evacuation routes**, and equipped **emergency shelters**
- 20 schools have **Safe Schools programs** including risk maps, evacuation routes and periodic emergency drills
- 54 local leaders and technicians (43% of whom are women) have completed a **Diploma in Risk Management** in collaboration with the University of El Salvador

ADAPTATION FOR CLIMATE RESILIENCE

- **Adaptation Solutions:** Driven largely by climate change, extreme natural events ravage a greater population each year. The most vulnerable communities are least prepared to respond to a disaster. **LWR's Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) program** in El Salvador helps vulnerable populations **plan for and adapt to the changing environment** and builds capacity to respond when disasters occur, reducing losses and speeding recovery.
- **Governance for Resilience:** LWR's DRR program in El Salvador emphasizes **governmental coordination** by incorporating local and municipal actors with national public institutions, including Civil Protection, and Sistema Nacional de Estudios Territoriales (SNET/DGOA).
- **LWR promotes education** through the Diploma in Risk Management and **increases citizen participation** by training local volunteers in disaster response, first aid, epidemiological control and other specialized topics.



QUICK FACTS

LWR and United States Agency for International Development (USAID) have helped communities in El Salvador adapt to increased vulnerabilities in the face of climate change by implementing:

- Early warning systems
- Emergency operations centers
- Emergency shelter operations
- Safe schools programs
- Diploma in "Risk Management"
- Epidemiological control campaigns

LWR has worked in Central America since 1972 to promote sustainable livelihoods in rural areas. In the last five years, LWR's regional portfolio has exceeded \$6 million, including projects ranging from agricultural value chains to Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) and Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH). LWR prioritizes activities including risk mapping, early warning systems, risk management, and emergency response planning activities.

LWR's partnerships with local organizations build sustainable and resilient communities throughout Latin America. Worldwide, LWR's emergency and climate change adaptation programming exceeds \$22,000,000 annually, and reaches beneficiaries around the world with a bridge from immediate relief to building resilience.

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