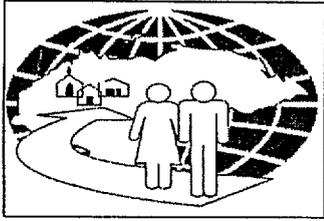


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# Relief and Post-Relief Reconstruction After Hurricane Mitch

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## SUMMARY OF RESULTS ACHIEVED

- Treatment and prevention of disease through the following measures
  - Medical brigade treatment of 9,953 patients
  - Training about diseases and sanitation
  - Emergency distribution of soap, chlorine and personal items
  - Emergency staffing of 3 health centers (at the request of the Ministry of Health)
  - Basic repairs made to 17 rural health centers
- Temporary employment of 18,000 workers in a CRS USAID-funded Food for Work (FFW) program Repair of damaged infrastructure through 350 projects in 17 municipalities Note USAID/OFDA funds provided inputs and transportation costs not covered under the CRS/PAG agreement
- Purchase and distribution of critical food rations to 6750 in the immediate aftermath of Mitch
- Distribution of plastic sheeting to 700 families and to various community centers to provide temporary shelter from ongoing rains and cold weather
- Restored or improved access to 115 communities through the rehabilitation of 159 kilometers of road in two major zones (Comayagua/Cortes and Ocotepeque/Lempira) (Achieved in part through FFW )
- Emergency off-season planting and subsequent harvest of 2000 acres of corn and 500 acres of beans, allowing farmers to recuperate subsistence crops destroyed by Mitch
- Installation of 122 gravity irrigation systems in 34 communities to allow for a successful harvest of emergency crops during the dry season
- Purchase of housing materials such as rebar, concrete, sand, hand tools, and a block making machine in an ongoing effort to provide housing solutions to 370 families whose houses were damaged or destroyed in Mitch
- Facilitation of a safe and reliable water supply to 114 communities through repairs to damaged water systems (Achieved in part through FFW )

## **PROJECT DETAILS**

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### Name of Project

Relief and Post-Relief Reconstruction After Hurricane Mitch

### Location of Project

Focused in the Departments of Comayagua, Cortes, and Yoro in Central Honduras with Some Road Rehabilitation in Ocotepecque

### Period Covered

November 1998 through April 1999

## **BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON HURRICANE MITCH**

Hurricane Mitch is estimated to be the most severe natural disaster to strike Honduras in the twentieth century Region-wide, this hurricane has been the cause of thousands of deaths, tens of thousands of disappearances, and hundreds of thousands of destroyed homes, communities, bridges and roads

Mitch, which reached a level of 5 on the Simpson Hurricane Scale, has become a national tragedy that has changed the history of Honduras Though Hurricane Mitch caused widespread damage throughout Central America, it hit Honduras particularly hard, first assaulting the North Coast and then traveling inland, stalling for five days and dumping unprecedented amounts of rain on the already-saturated Honduran soil This rain in turn caused major flooding and landslides in the interior of the country and lead to extraordinarily high levels of damage to the Honduran infrastructure and economy, which was already one of the poorest countries in the Western Hemisphere Because of the magnitude of the damage, recovery has been slow and is expected to take years

## **SUMMARY OF THE PROJECT**

While the international community's response to Hurricane Mitch was swift and generous, relief was slow to arrive to some of the more remote areas Moreover, the sheer magnitude of the destruction mandated in-depth intervention in many of the affected areas Proyecto Aldea Global (PAG), with its previously established network of municipalities, communities, and projects in the remote areas of Central Honduras, was one of the first and only presences in this area

Immediately after the disaster, agency resources were mobilized to address the immediate needs of these communities, the scale of the destruction quickly exhausted available resources

In an effort to coordinate a comprehensive and effective response, PAG turned to USAID/Honduras for help, requesting assistance to address the emergency and reconstruction needs of numerous communities in the Central Honduran departments of Comayagua, Cortes, and Yoro. This emergency assistance was concentrated on the 17 most heavily damaged municipalities, but also included assistance to approximately 314,000 inhabitants in over 280 communities of the region.

PAG was awarded initial OFDA funds of \$100,000. When these funds were exhausted, PAG requested additional assistance from USAID. On November 30, PAG was awarded an additional \$232,560 to continue its post-Mitch activities.

Funds were used to carry out relief efforts in the following areas:

- Support the distribution of emergency food supplies to families in conjunction with a large Food for Work program operating in the area.
- Prevent the spread of infection and disease through the purchase of needed medical supplies, the funding of medical brigades, and the repair of critical water systems.
- Provide funds for the emergency staffing of several MOH rural centers for three months (at the request of the Ministry of Health).
- Rebuild rural infrastructure (re-open rural roads with bulldozers and repair village water systems).
- Purchase agricultural tools and seeds and install irrigation systems in an effort to mitigate crop losses and institute planting of an emergency off-season crop.
- Provide construction materials for housing reconstruction.
- Fund the repair of village and municipal water systems in 10 municipalities (approximately 240 communities).
- Repair village health centers, small bridges, cable walking bridges, and latrines.

## **RESULTS ACHIEVED**

USAID support allowed PAG to carry out crucial work in the area of post-Mitch reconstruction and rehabilitation. The following results were achieved:

### Emergency Food Distribution

Immediately following the hurricane, PAG mobilized its resources and used its already established network of communities to deliver emergency food and plastic sheeting to areas where they were most needed. During this phase, food was delivered to 6750 families, and plastic sheeting was delivered to 700 families as well as a number of community shelters.

As the immediate disaster needs gave way toward long-term reconstruction goals, PAG began providing food and inputs for what currently total 350 projects in 17 municipalities in the departments of Comayagua, Yoro, and Cortes. This phase is being carried out through an ongoing USAID-financed Catholic Relief Services program. The projects primarily consist of the reconstruction and repair of houses, clinics, schools, municipal buildings, roads, bridges, and water and sanitation systems.

Approximately 18,000 workers currently receive food rations in exchange for manual labor, though the project directly benefits tens of thousands more. Demand for the program has been overwhelming, with many more requests for help than funds available. PAG has been granted a three-month extension of the FFW program in order to meet the demand and seek additional funding of projects, especially in areas that have received little or no help from other sources. USAID/OFDA monies went to cover costs not provided by other donors, such as some transportation, distribution, and monitoring costs.

### Disease Prevention and Medical Brigades

Immediately following Mitch, PAG mobilized doctors, nurses, supplies and medicines in weekly medical brigades to treat over 6,000 people and provide information and training about diseases and sanitation. Through March, PAG staff attended 9,953 patients region wide. (See Annex #1, "Resumen de Atenciones en Brigadas Médicas")

In addition, PAG distributed soap, chlorine, and personal items to the local population. Though local health brigades do function as part of PAG's normal program responsibility, no additional emergency medical brigades are expected.

Faced with ongoing health concerns due to post-Mitch housing conditions and lack of safe and reliable water supplies post-Mitch, PAG hired additional staff (doctors and nurses) to continue serving the needs of affected communities. USAID/OFDA monies were used to pay for the emergency staffing of these positions until the end of April. PAG has extended these personnel through June with its own monies and is seeking additional funding to extend them beyond that time.

### Rural Infrastructure Rehabilitation Rural Roads

After Mitch, PAG was able to mobilize its earth moving equipment—which had previously been used to open and improve roads into rural communities—to immediately reopen and enable critical traffic on both major highways and rural roads. As of April 4, 159 kilometers of road had been rehabilitated in two major zones: Comayagua/Cortez and Ocotepeque/Lempira. This rehabilitation consisted of clearing the roads of landslides, boulders, and other debris and, if needed, regrading the road surface. Road crews continue to work from sunup until sundown in order to complete needed reconstruction before the onset of the rainy season. In some cases, stretches of road have been completely reworked in order to make them all weather roads once again. Though equipment breakdown has hampered the effort somewhat, progress has been substantial, improving or allowing access to over 115 communities (thirty-five in Ocotepeque/Lempira and an additional 80 in Comayagua/Cortez).

In Comayagua, the road between Santa Elena and Los Pinos is nearing completion, and work has begun on the stretch between Palmital and Meambar. Though unexpected equipment breakdown and subsequent costly repairs had hampered efforts somewhat in recent weeks, the machinery is now back in service and critical work is being carried out.

In Ocotepeque, the road into San Sebastian is almost finished, with four kilometers left to clear and regrade. Two bulldozers are working full time to finish the road before more rains come. PAG would like to rebuild more kilometers of road between there and Agua Fria and several other isolated villages where roads have been severely damaged, but it lacks the necessary funding to do so. Some of these areas are so remote that equipment has never been sent, with many of the roads and trails done by hand.

It should be noted that in some of these areas, PAG has been the only entity working to reopen hurricane damaged roads. USAID/OFDA monies have been used to defray the operating costs of running the bulldozers and road graders.

### Agricultural Rehabilitation Emergency Crops and Irrigation Systems

With subsistence farmers facing Mitch induced crop losses of up to 70%, the possibility of widespread food shortages down the road necessitated quick action. In November, PAG went to work, promoting an immediate planting of basic crops of corn and beans. Information was disseminated through PAG's organized sub-regional development groups via radio spots advertising the program. In addition, PAG utilized its 22 agricultural extensionists to promote this activity through local communities and agricultural groups.

Due to the tremendous response, PAG was able to exceed its goals in this area and facilitate the planting of over 2000 acres of corn and 500 acres of

beans to be used for family subsistence. To combat the problem of crop irrigation during the post-Mitch dry season, PAG also aided in the construction and installation of 112 gravity irrigation water systems in 34 communities.

### Housing Reconstruction

Thousands of families in PAG program areas were left homeless as a result of Mitch. Though these families are eager to rebuild their homes and get on with their lives, many of them simply don't have the financial resources to do so. Currently, PAG has programs to relocate and/or provide new housing for over 395 families in seven communities: Los Anices (48 houses), Joya Quemada (120 houses), Meambar (35 houses), Las Lajas (51 houses), Los Manzanos (66 houses), El Transito (25 houses), and Monte Redondo (50 houses).

Though USAID/OFDA funds were originally programmed for metal sheeting, a donation of over 10,000 roofing sheets has allowed PAG to distribute sheeting in those areas where local groups are creating their own housing solutions. PAG requested and received permission from USAID to reallocate those funds towards the purchase of materials and machinery necessary to carry out housing reconstruction. These materials included hand tools, a block-making machine, rebar, concrete, and sand.

The above-mentioned housing projects are in various stages of construction. PAG will need more funding and at least six more months to see these projects through completion.

### Rural Infrastructure Rehabilitation Water Systems

In the aftermath of Mitch, PAG responded quickly, making immediate repairs to 55 water systems throughout the target area. In the last several months, PAG has repaired an additional 59 systems through its Food for Work (FFW) program. Some of the existing repairs are quite large in scope and require substantial investments of time, materials, and money. USAID/OFDA has supported this effort by providing inputs in the form of plastic piping and other crucial supplies necessary to repair some of the systems. Though much progress has been made, the need for repairs to additional systems has far exceeded the availability of funds. Additional funding will be needed.

### Emergency Repair of Village Health Centers and Small Bridges

Within the target area, hurricane Mitch damaged many health centers and washed out small rural bridges, a large cable bridge, and several hammock bridges. As a result of USAID/OFDA emergency funds, PAG is making basic repairs to 17 rural health centers, thereby restoring them to a good operable standard. The repairs in turn enable the centers to be supplied with donated medical equipment. PAG is also in the process of equipping the centers with solar powered lighting for evening visits. In addition, PAG will provide radios to its health centers and to the Ministry of Health central

office This will permit enhanced service and open communication between the centers, PAG's regional office, and the MOH regional office

## **CONCLUSION**

Though much progress has been made, the amount remaining to be done is overwhelming PAG estimates that it needs, as a minimum, an additional \$700,000 U S to complete existing efforts in the FFW, road construction, housing, and other already existing project areas In addition, PAG is currently investigating the feasibility of expanding into other needed program areas should additional funds be made available through the Congressional Supplemental Because many of PAG's target communities are small and remote, they will not receive needed help through other channels The people are eager to work and take part in their reconstruction process, but lack the financial resources necessary to do so PAG is actively looking for other private funding sources to facilitate more work in these areas

## **PARTICIPATION OF THE COMMUNITY**

Most of the projects have been carried out at the request of the affected communities, municipalities, or families As indicated in the extraordinary response to both the emergency crop planting and Food for Work programs, the people are more than willing to work together to achieve shared goals In many cases, the productive work has acted as a salve to alleviate increased unemployment and some of the depression and sense of hopelessness caused by the hurricane

## **INFORMATION ABOUT PROJECT GLOBAL VILLAGE**

Project Global Village (PAG) is a Honduran, non-profit, development organization affiliated with Mercy Corps International whose purpose is to provide assistance in integrated development to various geographic regions of the country PAG's primary mission is to improve the basic human condition of impoverished persons through participatory, integrated processes focused on attaining self-reliance

PAG has an institutional trajectory of 14 years PAG's system of capacity building and its educational focus are promoted through a team of committed and capable personnel who seek to achieve the integral formation of communities and local leaders

PAG's post-Mitch emergency efforts required the collective efforts of all of its staff, who worked together to coordinate a comprehensive and timely response to many of the most severely damaged rural communities

## **ANNEX #1 RESUMEN DE ATENCIONES EN BRIGADAS MEDICAS**

### **BRIGADAS MEDICAS**

Se han realizado diversas atenciones en el area como apoyo a los centros de salud y en ocasiones como brigadas medicas, segun la priorizacion que el Ministerio de Salud esta realizando y en colaboracion con otras instituciones que tambien estan cooperando en la zona. Especificamente se ha realizado trabajo conjunto con el Hospital Evangelico de Siguatepeque y con la Asociacion de Medicos de la zona y actualmente con voluntarios medicos de USA

### **RESUMEN DE ATENCIONES EN BRIGADAS MEDICAS**

MES	FECHA	LUGAR	MUNICIPIO	PACIENTES ATENDIDOS
	DÍAS			
NOVIEMBRE 1998	3-4	Jardines, Taulabe	Taulabe	38
	5-6	Planes	Meambar	104
	9-10	Loma Larga	Siguatepeque	180
	11-12	Delicias (*)	Santa Cruz	475
	12	Balin (*)	Santa Cruz	134
	13	Planes 2 (*)	Meambar	159
	19-20	Palmital	Meambar	405
	17-18	Mal Paso, Agua Blanca (-)	Lajas M de O	254
	19	Laguna del Rincon (-)	Libertad	472
	20	Transito (-)	Lajas	240
	25	Plan Grande (*)	Santa Rita	126
DICIEMBRE 1998	2	Agua Blanca	San Rafael	263
	3	Plan del Cerro	Ojos de Agua	107
	15	Tierra Blanca	La Trinidad	211
	16	La Trinidad	La Trinidad	218
	17-18	Meambar	Meambar	495
	28	Diversas	Libertad (#)	200
ENER O 1999	3-10	Lajas, Quebrada Amarilla, Transito, Agua Blanca	M Oro, Libertad	1,800
	27	Diversas	Libertad (+) Dr Castellon	200
MARZO 1999	6-9	Meambar	Meambar	793 (+252) ^
	10-14	San Isidro	Santa Cruz	524 (+241) ^
	6-9	Las Lajas	Lajas	1727 ^
	10-13	Buen Pastor	Lajas	908 (+) ^
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>9,953</b>

(\*) En colaboración con Hospital Evangélico y Asociación Médica de Siguatepeque (-) En colaboración de Estudiantes de la UNAH

(#) En colaboración con Avance Misionero (+) En colaboración con Club Rotario

(^) Se atendieron pacientes de odontología

**USAID HONDURAS - PROYECTO ALDEA GLOBAL  
BUDGET FOR EMERGENCY RESPONSE TO HURRICANE MITCH**

**GRANT US\$ 232,560 00**

#	Items	Total Budget	Expenses 1rts ck Lsp 1,000 000	Expenses 2do Ck Lps 2,204,676 80	Balance
1	<b>DISTRIBUTION OF FOOD SUPPLIES TO FAMILIES</b>	16,365 00	\$0 00	\$16,083 17	281 83
	<b>General Operatin Expenes</b>				
	Fuel, operating costs for vehicles	4,175 00	\$1,304 31	\$6,385 56	(3,514 86)
	Trip expenses	1,500 00	\$731 81	\$642 72	125 47
	Communication and Office supplies	1,200 00	\$425 10	\$213 03	561 87
2	<b>Curative and preventative medical /attention via medical brigades</b>	1,500 00	\$336 02	\$2,541 44	(1,377 45)
3	<b>STAFFING OF MOH RURAL HEALTH CENTERS FOR 3 MONTHS SALARY AND ASSOCIATED COSTS</b>	\$10,860 00	\$1,590 71	\$5,659 72	3,609 56
4	Medical doctors (3 months) \$5,280 00				
4	Medical nurses (3 months) \$1,980 00				
8	Health extensionists (3 months) \$3,600 00				
4	<b>Reestablishing rural road infrastructure</b>				
	Roads in Comayagua and Cortez	\$25,000 00	\$1,215 27	\$24,876 26	(1,091 53)
	Roads in Ocotepeque and Lempiras	\$27,300 00	\$7,213 95	\$21,682 31	(1,596 26)
5	<b>Emergency Planting of Corn and beans crops</b>				
	1700 acres of corn and 500 acres of red beans fertilizers + hand tools	\$34,000 00	\$24,322 97	\$17,769 18	(8,092 15)
6	<b>Metal roofing sheets for individual homes</b>				
	Rebuilding of 500 house roofs / 8-12 foot metal sheets per family unit (4000 sheets x \$7 50)	\$30,660 00	\$5,341 35	\$30,230 32	(4,911 67)
8	<b>Repair of village and municipal water systems</b>				
	47 different water systems	\$65,000 00	\$28,979 14	\$19,532 91	16,487 95
9	<b>Repair of village health centers, smal bridges, cable walking bridges</b>	\$15,000 00	\$1,108 32	\$14,374 43	(482 75)
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$232,560 00</b>	<b>\$72,568 94</b>	<b>\$159,991 06</b>	<b>\$0 00</b>

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Reporte acumulado de dos desembolos en Lempiras

Lps	1,000,000 00	2,204,676 80
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**TOTAL Lps 3,204,267 32  
Rate 13 78**



PROYECTO ALDEA GLOBAL  
PROGRAMA EMERGENCIA HURACAN "MITCH"  
**FINANCIADO POR USAID/HONDURAS**

**INCOME / INGRESOS**

	<b>Lempiras</b>	<b>US Dollars</b>
USAID / Honduras 1st disbursement 3 Nov/98	1,375,000 00	\$100,000 00
Deposited Banco Atlantida S A Cta No 139-093-0		

**EXPENDITURES / EGRESOS**

**Food Aid Distribution / Alimentos y distribucion**

Basic grains & other food / Granos basicos y otros alimentos	614,549 02	44,694 47
Packaging / Material de empaque / bolsas plasticas	9,572 90	696 21
Volunteer food / Comidas personal voluntario (empacar y distribuir)	8 617 20	626 71
Transport + trip expenses / Transporte de fletes y gastos de viaje	20,633 62	1 500 63

**Medicines / Medicamentos**

209,753 10 15,254 77

**Infrastructure / Infraestructura**

Plastic pipe,accessories / Tuberias y Material sistemas de Agua	121,137 44	8,810 00
Road repair / Reparar Carreteras (San Isidro Palmital Meambar)		
Cement + tools / Cemento, palas, piochas, barras y carretas	14,010 22	1,018 93
Equipment fuel / Combustible,Mantenimiento Tractor,Cargadora,Voqueta	30,942 73	2,250 38
Belen road repair expenses / Reparar carretera Corquin a Belen Gualcho	30,000 00	2,181 82

**Agriculture / Agricultura**

Bean seed purchase / Compra de 7 5 cargas semillas frijol	7,500 00	545 45
Tools / Herramientas 100 palas, 100 piochias, 100 azadones, 40 barras	28,600 00	2,080 00

**Other expenses /Otros gastos**

Purchase of mattresses /Compra de 200 colchonetas de 3 y 4 pulgadas	70,595 00	5,134 18
Paper + Office expenses / Papeleria y gastos oficina	1,324 90	96 36
Communication / Comunicacion	759 60	55 24
Salaries of personnel assigned to emergency relief / Salarios	73,108 00	5,316 95

**Total Spent / gastado**

1,241,103 73 \$90,262 09

**Bank Balance**

133,896 27 \$9,737 91



# Reporte Complemento de US\$ 100,000.00

PROYECTO ALDEA GLOBAL  
PROGRAMA EMERGENCIA HURACAN "MITCH"  
FINANCIADO POR USAID/HONDURAS

## INCOME / INGRESOS

	Lempiras	US Dollars
Final balance of the 1rst Report	133,896 27	9,737 91

## EXPENDITURES / EGRESOS

### Food Aid Distribution / Alimentos y distribucion

Basic grains & other food / Granos basicos y otros alimentos	1,540 00	112 00
Packaging / Material de empaque / bolsas plasticas	0 00	0 00
Volunteer food / Comidas personal voluntario (empacar y distribuir)	9,356 20	680 45
Transport + trip expenses / Transporte de fletes y gastos de viaje	4,709 40	342 50
Medicines / Medicamentos	2,105 90	153 16

### Infrastructure / Infraestructura

Plastic pipe, accessories / Tuberias y Material sistemas de Agua	55,439 60	4,031 97
Road repair / Reparar Carreteras (San Isidro Palmital Meambar)		
Cement + tools / Cemento, palas, piochas, barras y carretas		0 00
Equipment fuel / Combustible, Mantenimiento Vehiculos, Tractor, Cargadora	25,180 84	1,831 33
Belen road repair expenses / Reparar carretera Corquin a Belen Gualcho	499 48	36 33

### Agriculture / Agricultura

Corn/Bean seed purchase / Compra semillas y fertilizantes	270 00	19 64
Tools / Herramientas 100 palas, 100 piochas, 100 azadones, 40 barras	0 00	0 00

### Other expenses / Otros gastos

Purchase of mattresses / Compra de 200 colchonetas de 3 y 4 pulgadas	0 00	0 00
Paper + Office expenses / Papeleria y gastos oficina	185 59	13 50
Communication / Comunicacion	1,695 26	123 29
Salaries of personnel assigned to emergency relief / Salarios	32,914 00	2,393 75

### Total Spent / gastado

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133,896 27	\$9,737 91
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### Bank Balance

0 00	\$0 00
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Farmers with their Emergency Crops  
Of Corn and Beans



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PAG Executive Director Chet Thomas Conversing with a Road Grading Crew  
(Photo Courtesy of Laura Guimond, Mercy Corps International )

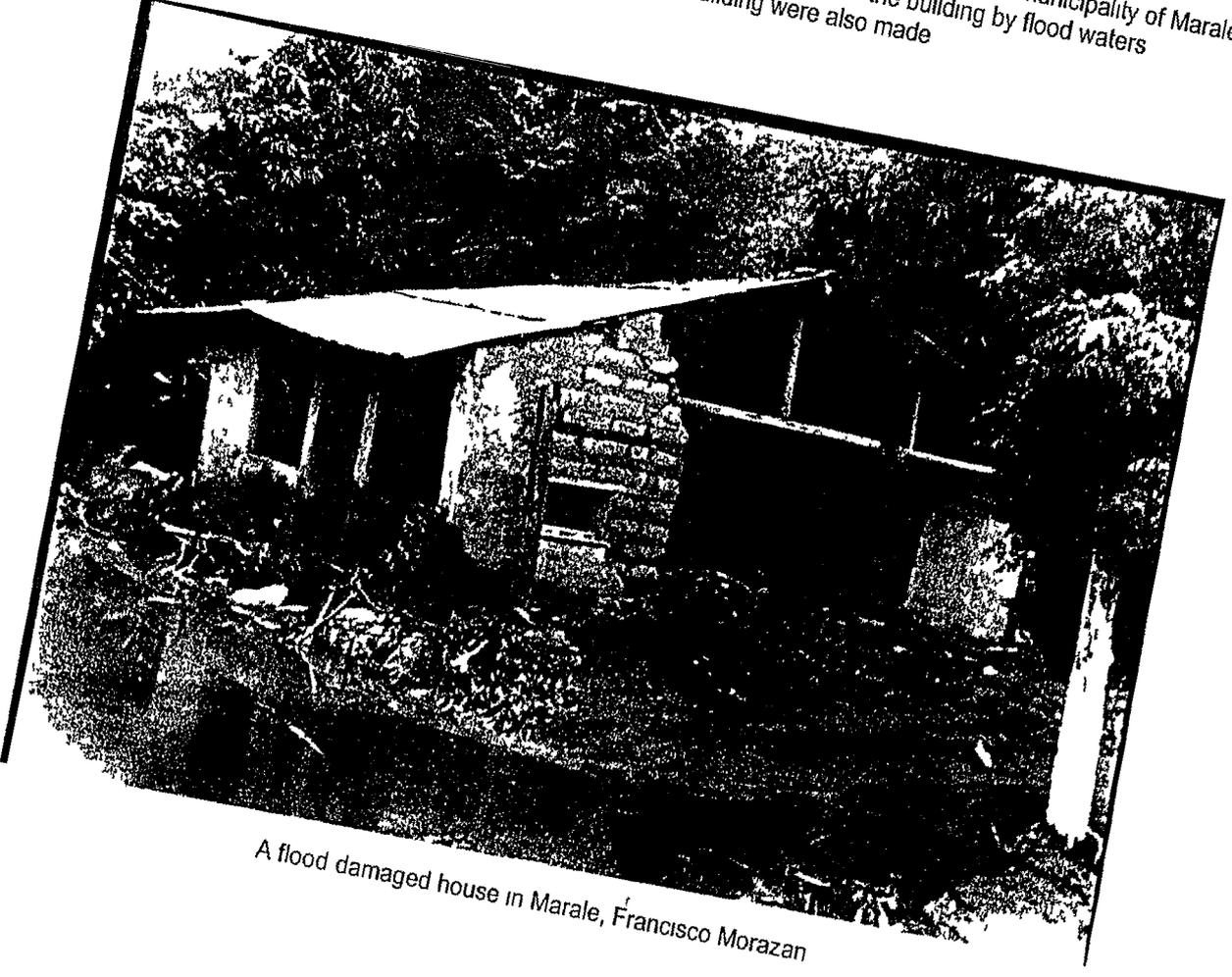


Distribution of Emergency Food and Clothing Supplies to Affected Families  
In the Immediate Aftermath of Mitch (Santa Lucia, Victoria Yoro)

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Wood cleared from the inside of the building pictured, which is a high school in the municipality of Marales, Francisco Morazan. The wood had been deposited inside the building by flood waters. Some repairs to the building were also made.



A flood damaged house in Marale, Francisco Morazan

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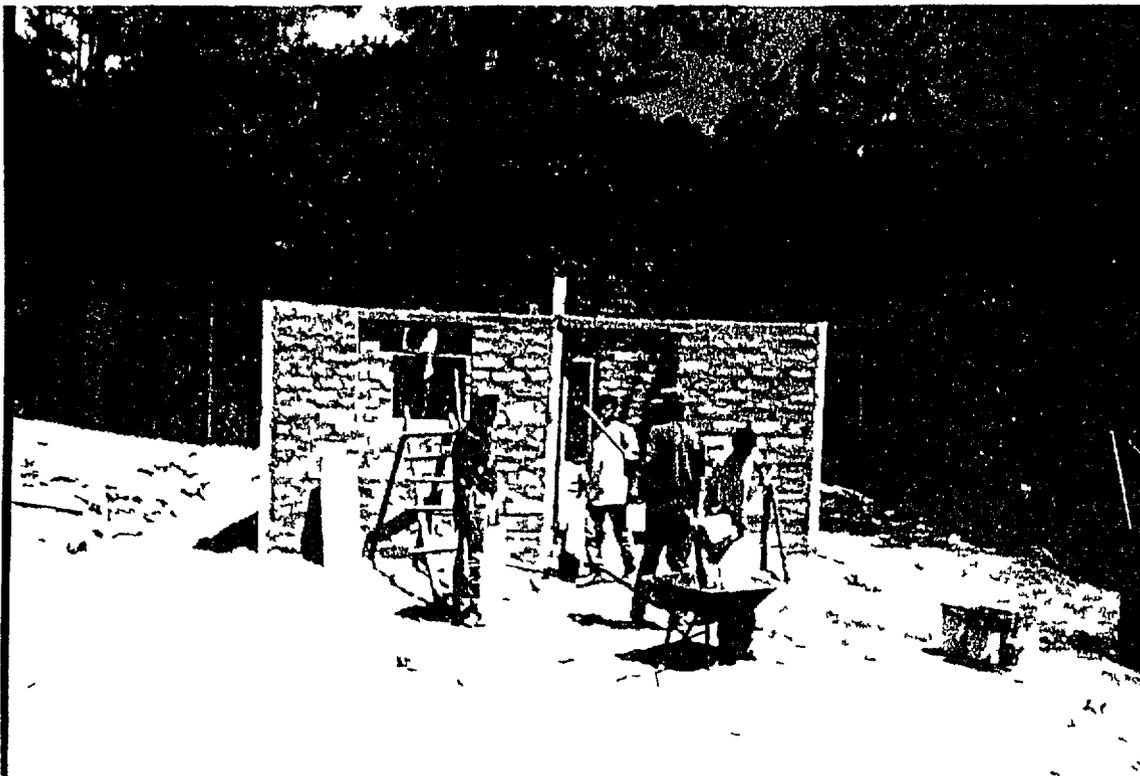


Los Anices Housing Project  
(La Trinidad, Yoro)

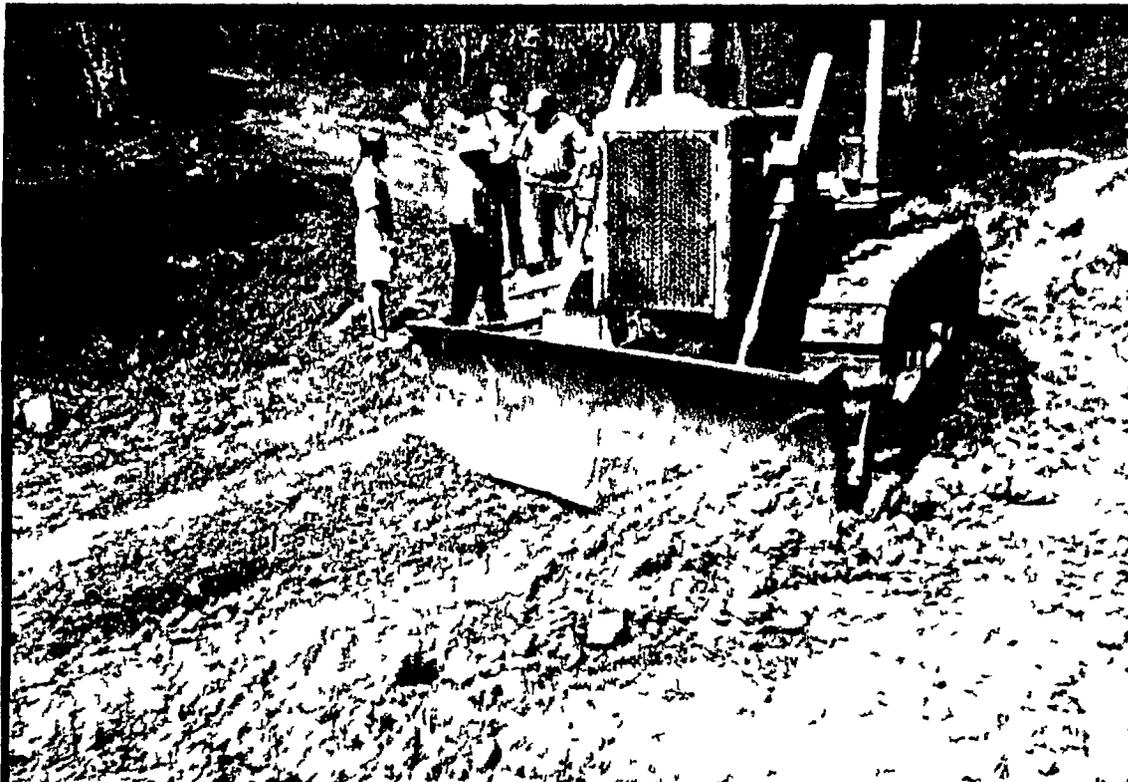
Partially funded by USAID/OFDA  
Forty-eight (48) houses for relocation of  
damnificados whose houses were  
destroyed by Mitch-induced landslides  
Construction is expected to finish in  
August At least one person from each  
family is working on the construction of  
their house After the houses are  
completed a primary school will be built  
Funds for the school were raised by  
children in the Catlin Gabel grade school  
in the U S A soccer field is planned



Los Anices Housing Project (La Trinidad, Yoro)  
48 Houses for Damnificados Construction is Ongoing



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Bulldozer Being Used to Regrade and Rehabilitate a Road in El Chaparral, Comayagua



Cleaning the Debris in Marale Morazan

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Repair and Reconstruction of a Road in El Portillo, Yorito  
Members of the Community are Extracting Mud Loading it into Wheelbarrows, and Transporting it to the  
Road Under Repair In Exchange for Their Work They Will Be Given a Ration of Food



Repair and Reconstruction of a Road in the Community of El Ocotillo, Santa Cruz de Yojoa The Stones are  
Used as Fill and Will Be Covered with Dirt to Rehabilitate the Road

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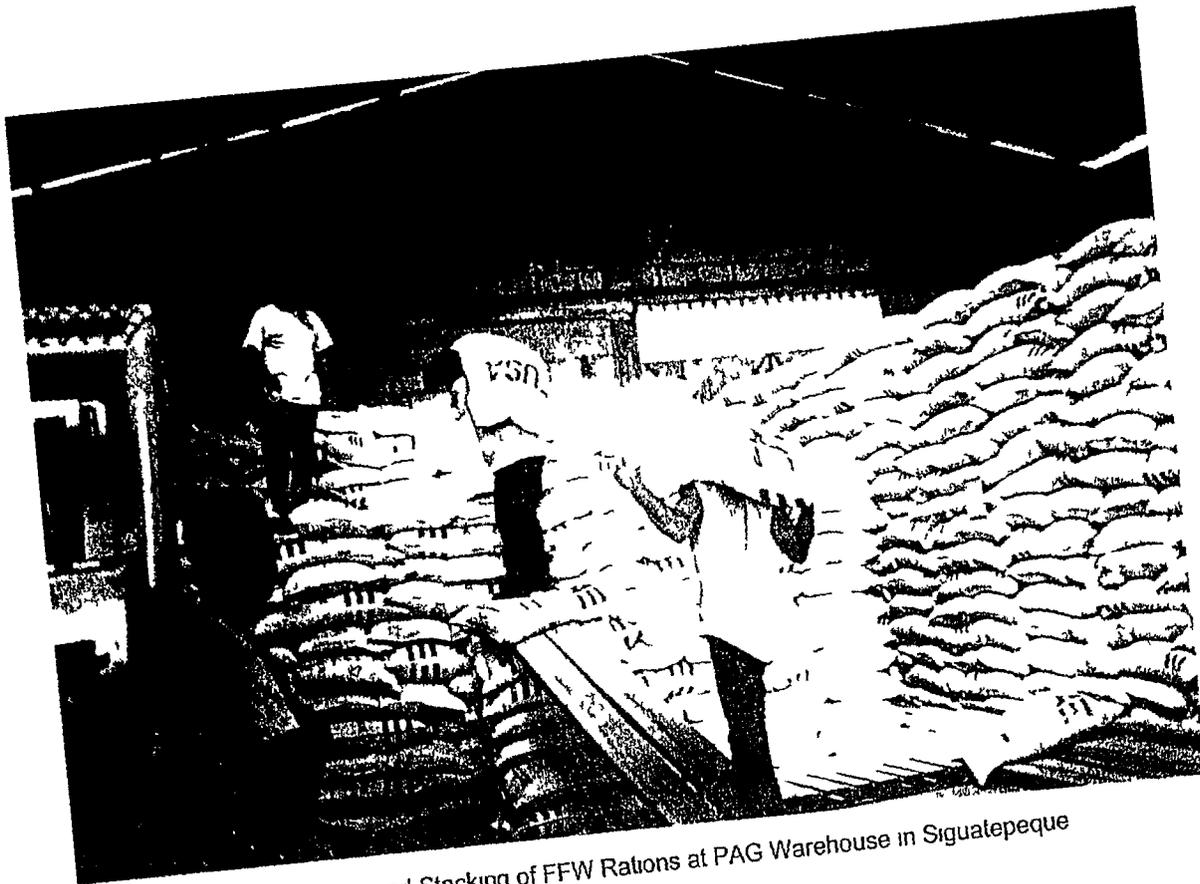


Construction of a New House in the Community of Nuevo Paraiso, Marale The builder and eventual owner of this house is one of many who lost all personal property and belongings in Mitch



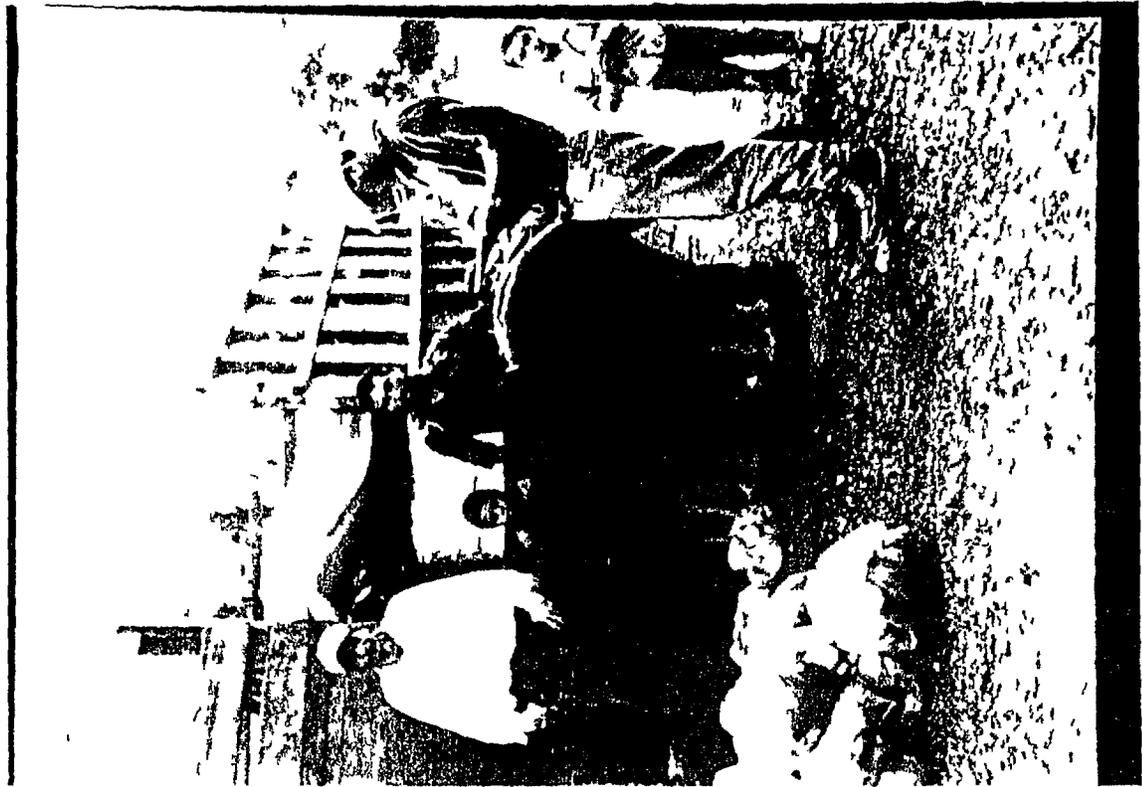
Reconstruction of a Caja Puente, or Sewer System in the community of El Llano Santa Cruz de Yojoa

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Unloading and Stacking of FFW Rations at PAG Warehouse in Siguatepeque

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Distribution of Relief Supplies in La Union Bajo Grande Victoria Yoro



Leitme Construction in Brisas de Lago Santa Cruz de Yojoa

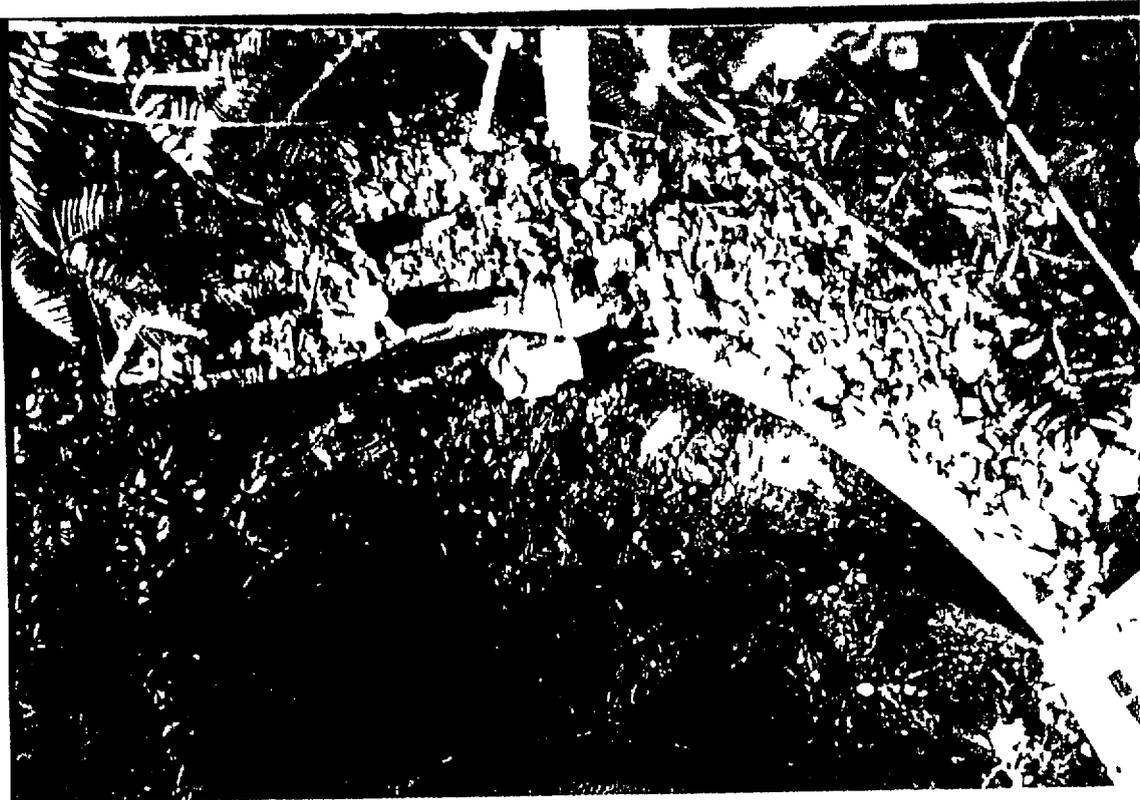


Rehabilitation of Fence in Pueblo Quemado Santa Cruz de Yojoa Fence was Destroyed in Mitch and Re-Erected to Prevent Animals from Entering and Polluting Water Supply



Flood Damaged Rural Road in San Alejo Victoria Road Was Subsequently Rehabilitated to Support Vehicular Travel

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Rehabilitation of Water System at the Source Destroyed  
Tubing is Being Replaced and the Channel is Being  
Rehabilitated



Rehabilitated Water Tank in Aldea Borboton Santa Cruz  
De Yojoa The Tank Suffered Damages due to Mitch and  
Was Leaking Water and in Danger of Further Damage

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PAG Executive Director Chet Thomas talking with community leaders in Belen-Gualchopost-Mitch. USAID/OFDA funds helped clear the road into their community.

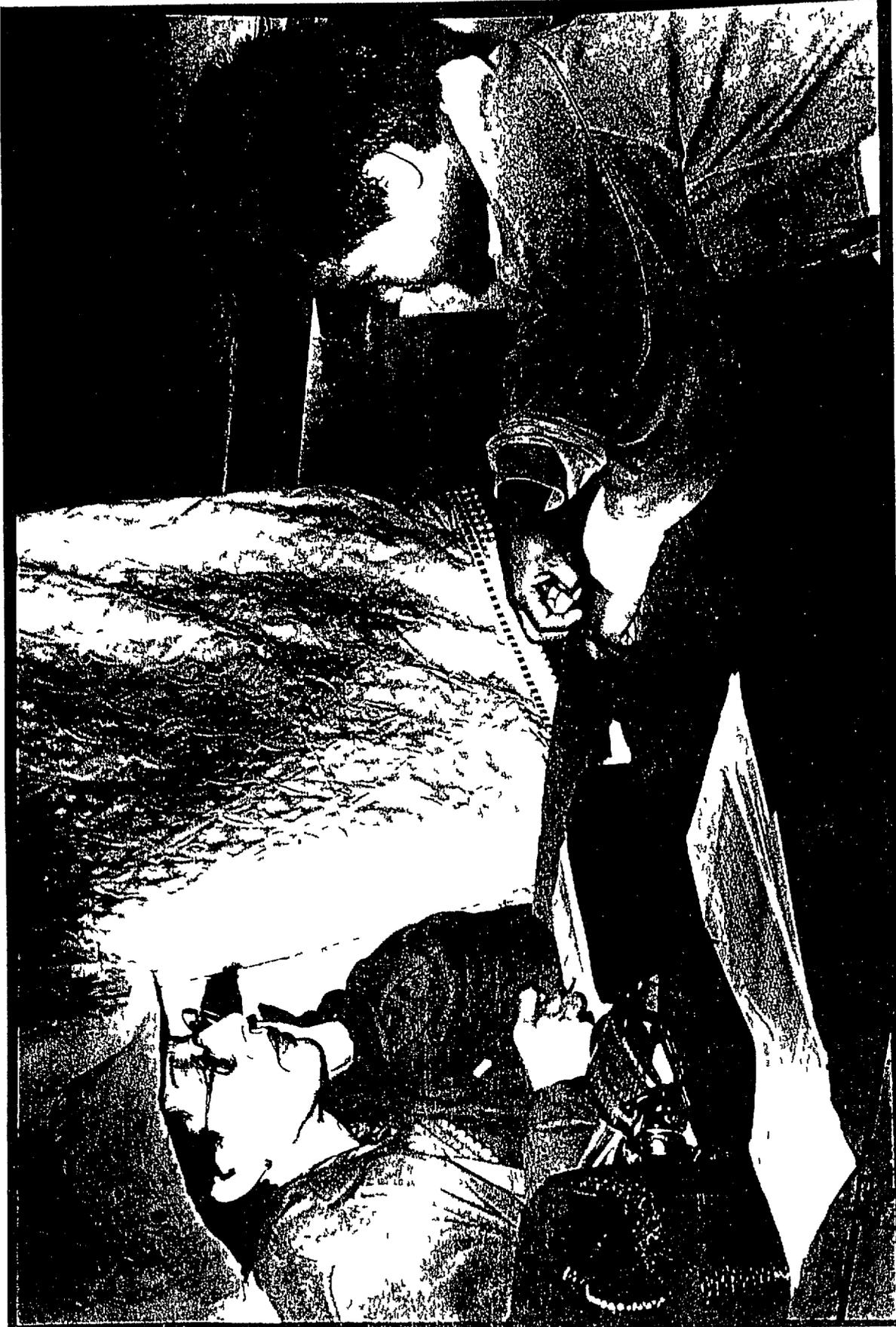


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Mercy Corps Volunteer Dr Maria Padilla attends to eight year old Amilcar, who arrived at the clinic alone When Dr Padilla questions him about his family he says, "I am alone I heard that a doctor would come to our village today Will you please take care of me?" Dr Padilla, who was born in La Ceiba, was part of a medical brigade sponsored by Mercy Corps International USAID/OFDA funds helped defray some in-country travel costs

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Pastor Andino (6th left) reassures families as they wait to be seen by the medical team El Transito, Honduras Medical brigade sponsored by Mercy Corps International

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Dr. Padilla attends to her patients

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"Sleeping on concrete floors in shelters is new for us," says a young mother awaiting medical treatment from MCI's team

Dr Padilla attends to 16 year old Melvin, who she fears has tuberculosis



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A young patient awaits treatment from the brigade