

## PUBLIC HEALTH BRIGADES EDUCATION PROFILE: El Jute

### Education in El Jute

There are 3 classrooms total in the school: one for kindergarten, 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> grade, and 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade. Each grade sits at a different table in their respective classrooms and is addressed separately by the teacher. The school day lasts from 7am – 1pm, Monday through Friday, and the school year begins in early February and ends in late November.



There is only a primary school in El Jute. Primary school is free of charge; however, families must purchase school supplies and uniforms for their children to attend school. Middle and High School, however, are not available within El Jute. To attend Middle or High School, community members from El Jute must leave the community and pay for school, transportation, lodging, etc. The nearest secondary school is in the municipality of Teupasenti, about 1-2 hours away by foot. Although they can sometimes catch a bus to school, this also requires paying for transportation. This is not common for people in El Jute, where most people end their education after 6<sup>th</sup> grade and sometimes even earlier if they have to work for their families.

There is no electricity in the school and it is sparingly stocked with school supplies and books. There is a chalk board covering one wall of the room. There is open space outside the school for outdoor activities. There are a total of 3 classrooms at the school: one for kindergarten, one for 1st-3rd grade, and one for 4th-6th grade. The school is connected to the community water system.

#### EDUCATION SNAPSHOT

# Schools	1- Primary (Kindergarten and 1 <sup>st</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup> grade)
<b>Chalkboard</b>	Yes
<b># of Students</b>	~55
<b>Age Ranges</b>	5-12
<b>Electricity</b>	No
<b>Literacy Rate</b>	90%

### The Teachers

Fredy Arnaldo Cerrato is the teacher of 1<sup>st</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grades in El Jute. There are about 55 students in the school in El Jute. Although there are two classrooms for 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> respectively, Fredy must teach all of the children. He has to split his time between both classrooms, often focusing more on the younger children and trusting the older children to be more autonomous. There is a separate teacher for Kindergarten named Francis Elisabeth Zelaya. She is not a certified teacher and instead is a volunteer currently in secondary school.