



Global Brigades Germany

# 2015 Impact Report

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## Global Brigades Overview

**Global Brigades** is the world's largest student-led global health and sustainable development organization. Our organization works with rural communities in Honduras, Nicaragua and Panama to address the major health and development needs in the region through a holistic and sustainable approach. Since 2004, Global Brigades has mobilized thousands of university students and professionals from the United States, Canada, the United Kingdom, Germany, Ireland, and Switzerland through eight skill-based service programs (Business, Dental, Environmental, Engineering, Human Rights, Medical, Public Health, and Water) to improve quality of life in under-resourced communities through partner organizations in Central America.

**Brigades Definition.** Groups of passionate volunteers who mobilize toward positive social change

Global Brigades Germany e.V. is a registered charity (No. VR 200439). Each chapter of Global Brigades Germany is comprised of university students that organize on their campus, fundraise, and travel to Central America to participate in one of our eight volunteer programs.

## 2015 Brigade Summary

Dates of Brigade	Program	University	Destination Country	# of Volunteers
February 22 – March 2	Public Health	University of Münster	Nicaragua	14
March 7-13	Business	Bayreuth University	Panama	6
September 7-15	Public Health	University of Münster	Nicaragua	13
September 7-15	Public Health	Bayreuth University	Nicaragua	7
October 2-10	Public Health	SDI Munich	Nicaragua	17
				<i>Brigades: 5, Volunteers: 57</i>



## Impact by Brigade

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### February 2015 – University of Münster Public Health Brigade – Nicaragua

Two families (a total of nine community members) were served by projects on this brigade. Each family included four and five family members, respectively.

**Brigade Outcome #1:** Two sanitary units were constructed.

Each of the two families received one household sanitary unit. Each sanitary unit included a latrine (toilet), a pila (water storage unit), a shower, and a septic tank.

**Brigade Outcome #2:** 125 square meters of concrete floors were installed.

Concrete floors were installed in each family's home.

**Financial Breakdown:** The two families contributed a total of 8,500 Nicaraguan Cordobas\* (approximately 287 Euros) to the projects. Volunteers contributed a total of 1,400 US dollars (approximately 1,314 Euros) to the projects.

*\*Families may have made a portion of their contribution in the form of material goods used for the construction of the projects.*

### March 2015 – Bayreuth University Business Brigade – Panama

**Brigade Outcome #1:** Three vegetable stands and two kiosks received business consultation\*.

Volunteers assessed each business client's level of financial competency, entrepreneurial aspirations, and/or business knowledge, then provided recommendations for best practices and action steps for community members to further develop their businesses.

*\* This brigade was conducted in partnership with a group of volunteers from Penn State University (Pennsylvania, USA). This outcome reflects the total number of businesses that received consultation by Penn State University and Bayreuth University combined.*

**Brigade Outcome #2:** Three educational workshops were held.

The workshops provided financial literacy education to community members. 25 community members were present at each of the three educational workshops.

**Brigade Outcome #3:** 600 USD will be invested in community banks.

Funds raised by volunteers are allocated to community banks gradually over time to match the growing capacity of the community banks and prevent overflow of funds.



## September 2015 – University of Münster & Bayreuth University Public Health Brigade – Nicaragua

Two families (a total of eight community members), one primary school (a total of 231 students), and a secondary school (a total of 68 students) were served by projects on this brigade. Each family included three and five family members, respectively.

**Brigade Outcome #1:** Four sanitary units were constructed.

Each of the two families and each of the two schools received one sanitary unit. Each sanitary unit included a latrine (toilet), a pila (water storage unit), a shower, and a septic tank.

**Brigade Outcome #2:** 157 square meters of concrete floors were installed.

Concrete floors were installed in each family's home and at each school.

**Financial Breakdown:** The two families and two schools contributed a total of 13,636 Nicaraguan Cordobas\* (approximately 461 Euros) to the projects. Volunteers contributed a total of 2,000 US dollars (approximately 1,877 Euros) to the projects.

*\*Families may have made a portion of their contribution in the form of material goods used for the construction of the projects.*

## October 2015 – SDI Munich Public Health Brigade – Nicaragua

Four families (a total of 19 community members) were served by projects on this brigade. Each family included nine, four, one, and five family members, respectively.

**Brigade Outcome #1:** Three sanitary units were constructed.

Each of the four families received one household sanitary unit. Each sanitary unit included a latrine (toilet), a pila (water storage unit), a shower, and a septic tank.

**Brigade Outcome #2:** 243 square meters of concrete floors were installed.

Concrete floors were installed in each family's home.

**Financial Breakdown:** The four families contributed a total of 14,748 Nicaraguan Cordobas\* (approximately 498 Euros) to the projects. Volunteers contributed a total of 1,700 US dollars (approximately 1,596 Euros) to the projects.

*\*Families may have made a portion of their contribution in the form of material goods used for the construction of the projects.*



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If you have questions about this report, please contact the president of Global Brigades Germany e.V. at [president.gbgermany@globalbrigades.org](mailto:president.gbgermany@globalbrigades.org).