


HONDURAS COUNTRY FACTS



Population: 6,975,204 (July 2005 estimate)
Language: Spanish, Amerindian dialects
Religion: 97 percent Roman Catholic, Protestant minority
Life Expectancy at birth (in years): 69
Under 5 Mortality Rate: 41/1000
Currency: lempira (HNL)
Adult Literacy Rate: 75 percent

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Project Locations: San Pedro Sula

Key poverty-related issues:

- Less than half the children enrolled in primary school will graduate to secondary school. No government preschool programs are provided. More than 40 percent of the population is illiterate.
- In November 1998, Hurricane Mitch devastated Honduras, leaving over 5,700 people dead and over 12,000 injured.
- Parasitic infections, skin diseases, acute diarrhea and respiratory tract infections represent common health threats.