

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

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.