

DCPC Supports Hurricane Recovery Efforts in Kilambe, Nicaragua

In the early months of 2021, DCPC was blessed to be part of the CEPAD Hurricanes Project. This project was born as a response to the dire emergency caused by Hurricanes Eta and Iota in northern Nicaragua and Nicaragua's Caribbean coast. Our partner communities in Kilambe were severely affected by these storms. Aside from the destruction of highways, bridges and schools, 70% of the production of beans, and 10% of the production of rice were lost to the rain, along with many other vegetables. 5800 homes were destroyed and 38000 damaged.

In light of this tragedy, CEPAD reached out to its international partners, and, thanks to the generosity of this congregation, DCPC was able to contribute to this project. Here is what your contributions were able to do for our Kilambe partners.

- 50 Kilambe families were provided with 12 zinc roof sheets and 10 pounds of nails for each of them. The beneficiary families not only were able to install their new roofs, but were able to share with other families similarly affected/
- The displacement and chaos of these hurricanes took a psychological toll on our partners. 15 pastors and community leaders were trained to accompany 140 families from the Kilambe communities that experienced terrifying landslides, providing them psycho-social and pastoral care in 3 hour meetings twice a month.
- 72 Kilambe families received water purifying filters to contribute to the consumption of clean water.
- Seeds were provided to small farmers in July, and as of August 30, farmers report a good harvest.

Our brothers and sisters in Kilambe deal with difficult life situations on a daily basis, situations which have been made much worse by the COVID-19 pandemic, and now by these devastating hurricanes. We are fortunate to have been able to help CEPAD in its efforts to aid in Kilambe's recovery.