

Casita Kitchen Building FINAL report March 2025

Planned project duration: June – December 2024; Opening held January 27, 2025

Budget: CAD60,000; in local currency: Q373,945

Unfortunately, the exchange rate has not been good. While the project was completed under budget in local currency, project costs will exceed the Canadian dollar budget.

Actual expenses to complete project: Q359,794.10 (under budget Q14,150.90)

MONEY WIRED TO GUATEMALA FOR THE PROJECT:

MAY 25, 2024	CAD13,000	Q72,640.83
JUNE 15, 2024	CAD13,200	Q72,924.43
NOV 14, 2024	CAD13,200	Q70,636.80
NOV 15, 2024	CAD13,200	Q70,636.80
FEB 27, 2025	CAD14,000	Q73,281.61
TOTAL	CAD 66,600	Q360,120.47

AMOUNT REMAINING IN LOCAL CURRENCY (transfer to San Antonio Education & Community Initiative): Q326.37

Summary of progress since the November 30, 2024 report:

In the first August 2024 report, we noted: The first-floor roof has been installed, and the next steps are the kitchen roof, kitchen layout and windows and doors.

In the second November 2024 report we noted: ground floor completed, kitchen area secured, and some equipment installed. Next steps are the installation of railings and a cover on the top level, and installation of windows and doors in the kitchen, as well as appliances, tables, etc., doors, etc.

The kitchen is now completed, and in active use. The temporary kitchen was dismantled in December 2024, and kitchen activities moved into the new kitchen. The top floor roof and railings were completed. In addition, final furnishing, equipment and decor were completed.

The opening ceremony, attended by most of the San Antonio Palopo ICO team volunteers, major sponsors Tony and Laura Gage, city officials and Casita attendees, was a joyous and appreciative celebration.

In summary, the project was a complete success! It is meeting the objectives we had set and is being enjoyed and appreciated by all.

Sincere appreciation to our major funders, glasswaters foundation and the Gages!

Property view from the road, before the project began:

Old Kitchen building

Wall before it collapsed



Casita property with yellow kitchen building

Exterior view of Kitchen Building, with new wall



View from back of Building



Top Floor, with view



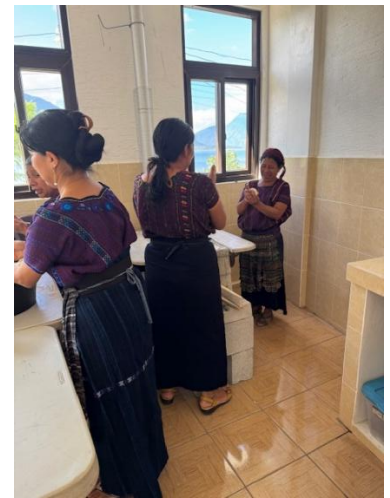
Ground Floor set up for Computer Training



Kitchen



Kitchen in use



Opening ceremony January 27, 2025:

Candelaria Xep



Ancianas performance



Susan Gage



Mayor Rudolfo speaks at the Casita Kitchen opening

