Mission:
SPARK a culture of reading through student access to books
SUPPORT educators to engage creatively
FACILITATE intercultural exchange through service

Vision
Spark a desire for lifetime learning to enhance quality of life

In Spanish, “chispa” means “spark,” which is exactly our goal: to inspire and empower Honduran students with the world of reading.

Through book donations, teacher development, and international volunteer projects, Chispa Project works with Honduran educational institutions to spark a passion for learning that will grow and be nurtured within the local communities. Over the last several years through volunteer efforts, approximately 20,000 books have been brought to more than 60 different schools to create library programs.

Chispa Project has a unique approach in bringing books directly to schools in a community-driven development approach. Library programs are implemented together with a school’s library committee made up of teachers, parents, and students to manage the library. The committees create a plan of action and guide the direction and layout of their library space and activities offered.

Book Donations: Books are donated and school communities trained to create mobile library networks, classroom libraries, and school libraries in programs custom-designed to best fit each community. The focus is on children’s books in the students’ native language.

Teacher Development: Teacher development workshops for educators teach creative reading activities, learning styles, and classroom management to make the best use of their new libraries. Activities range from reading aloud to engaging learners in critical thinking and integrating storybooks with relevant curriculum.

Volunteer Projects: We collaborate with Honduran and international volunteers to find creative and effective projects that benefit both local communities and volunteers through intercultural exchange of knowledge.