

Chispa Project Quick Facts

- ♥ First came to Honduras in 2011
 - Have been formally donating books and training educators since 2015
- ♥ First library is a mobile library in Opatoro, La Paz
 - Currently serve schools and organizations from coast to coast
- ♥ Over 50 schools and organizations served
- ♥ Almost 15,000 books donated
- ♥ 8 libraries inaugurated this year
 - 2019: goal of 10 new libraries!
- ♥ Each library serves an average of 400 students and 10 teachers
- ♥ 500 total teachers trained so far
- ♥ Chispa Project is unique because we bring books directly to schools and partner with structures that are already in place rather than creating our own.
 - To promote community ownership of libraries we train both teachers and PTA (padres de familia) on proper care and maintenance of libraries
- ♥ Strive to create a culture of reading and a thirst for learning
 - Making books more accessible
 - Both for education and for discovery

Honduras Education Quick Facts

- ♥ Children's books continue to be prohibitively expensive
 - Less than 30% of the population has more than 6 books in their household
 - Children's books almost exclusively accessed by the wealthy
- ♥ Honduras continues to rank lowest in the Americas for teacher accountability, and other educational outcomes
- ♥ About 2/3 of the population lives on less than \$100 a month
- ♥ Although primary education is free and mandated by the federal government (about 93% of school age children attend primary school), numbers drop significantly after students reach 6th grade and beyond.

