

## **Foundation for Self-Sufficiency in Central America**

*1) How has the current economy affected the need of services that you give to the community?*

There is now a greater economic need for support and services in the communities we support in El Salvador. Communities are seeing food prices continually rise on a local level. Meanwhile, it's becoming harder for immigrants to find jobs in the United States, and consequently there are less remittances coming into the country, to the families. Historically a significant portion of their income has come from remittances, and been used to offset rising costs of food.

*2) How has the current economy affected the donations of goods and services that your organization receives?*

Our organization has experienced a downturn in the donations of goods and services due to the current economy. Our financial donations are significantly less this year than last. Major institutions have been unable to renew their commitment, or approve us for new grants. Individual giving has been down, but affects a smaller portion of our budget. We have seen a risk in pro-bono professional services available to us, due to the amount of unemployed professionals looking to develop their portfolios.

*3) How have the services that your organization provides to the community affected our local economy?*

Our organization employs three employees, two of whom are active members of our local economy. We lived and work in the area, and as a business always prioritize supporting other locally run businesses when it comes to supporting our mission. This manifests itself in shopping locally for our office equipment, supporting local catering companies for our meetings, and networking with other non-profits to build local partnerships to mutually support one another.