

Project Snapshot:

# DOUGLAPRIETA TRABAJAN

**Location:** Agua Prieta, Mexico

**Partner:** Douglaprieta Works

**Partner Website:** [www.douglaprietaworks.org](http://www.douglaprietaworks.org)

## Summary of project:

Douglaprieta Trabajan (DPT) works to reduce the need for government assistance, charity, border crossing, and low pay jobs empower in Agua Prieta, a Mexican town on the Arizona/Mexico border. DPT offers permaculture classes, skill building workshops on sewing, woodworking, and cooking. DPT created permaculture gardens near the community center to teach families how to grow healthy food for their families, community, and income. Permaculture is the use of natural resources and intentional design of land to produce sustainable gardens to grow crops and meet the needs of community members. DPT's goal is for families learn how to grow sustainable gardens at the community garden and then take their skills to create their own gardens.

There is great need for people in border towns like Aqua Prieta to have income options to create financial sustainability for their families and communities. Many times, people have to cross the border daily for inconsistent and low paying day jobs or work in maquiladoras for minimal pay. Maquiladoras are export oriented factories that span the Mexican-US border with low paying jobs. Many families along the border live at or below the poverty line, leaving them with little money to feed their family, provide safe shelter, and education. Families often turn to government assistance or charity become dependent on those organizations.

## Funds for the project:

100% of NGC funds will support the permaculture garden and provide educational materials for permaculture workshops.

**"Do your little bit of good where you are; its those little bits of good put together that overwhelm the world."**

*Desmond Tutu*



## Mexico Info:

**Population:** 112,468,855  
(compared to USA's 310M)

18.2%

of the population is below the poverty line based on food access definition

11.8

million people live in the US-Mexico border area

2,700

maquiladoras exist along the Mexican border accounting for about 71% of all such factories in Mexico.

Source: CIA World FactBook and [migrationinformation.org](http://migrationinformation.org)

