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In terms of health, a health clinic was built and the network of existing health workers in the community was strengthened. Finally, in what concerns education, a complete refurbishment was made and substantial expansion in the elementary school community infrastructures. The new classrooms also allowed adult literacy, including old age people.

**Main activities:**

**Health:**

- » Construction of a primary health center in Santa Clara.
  
- » Strengthening and enabling a local pro-health committee.
  
- » Formative health itinerary directed to the families of the community.

**Education:**

- » Construction of a school building for kindergarten, primary and secondary teaching;

playground space, sanitary and seal.

» Refresher training and modern techniques courses for the teachers in the community and area.

» Creation and training of a pro-education committee. Empowerment of families in the community in the early childhood education.

» Adult literacy courses.

### **Agriculture-livestock - Environment:**

»Improvement of production and respect for traditional crops.

»Introduction and promotion of crops nutritionally richer as well as trees for reforestation.

»Construction and implementation of an irrigation system.