



FACT SHEET



NEW HORIZONS

Humanitarian Exercise of the United States Armed Forces

Dates:

- JLOTS execution dates: 9 – 15 February, 2007.
- New Horizons: 8 March (Opening Ceremony) – 23 May (Closing Ceremony).

JLOTS:

JLOTS is a simulated disaster relief assistance response that involves transporting equipment from two engineer task forces over-the-seas to Puerto Quetzal, Guatemala. JLOTS is the part of the New Horizons exercise that is responsible for bringing the equipment for the humanitarian-civic assistance projects that will be conducted in Guatemala and Belize.

- There are 34 units participating and representing all the different Services.
- There will be 1,350 servicemen and women participating in during the first phase of this exercise that will ensure the safe arrival of the humanitarian assistance equipment that will be used in rural areas of Belize and Guatemala. Specifically, there are 800 Sailors and 550 Soldiers assigned to support this event.
- Not more than 350 to 400 US military personnel will be present at anyone time during the building phase.

Location:

The Projects will be executed in the Departamento de San Marcos, including: 2 clinics, 2 schools and 3 fresh water wells.

a. *Project* locations within the “Departamento de San Marcos”

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| 1. Aldea Santa Teresa | One 3-room school with latrines |
| 2. Aldea La Fraternidad | One 2-room school |
| 3. San José Granados | One 2-room clinic |
| 4. San José Cabén | One 2-room clinic |
| 5. Esquipulas Palo Gordo | One fresh water well |
| 6. San Rafael Soché | One fresh water well |
| 7. Aldea El Rincón | One fresh water well |

b. MEDRETES: Two will be held over a period of 18 days. MEDRETES stay in a location for 3 days. Locations:

1. Aldea Rincón
2. San Antonio Sacatepéquez
3. San Rafael
4. Mavil
5. San Pedro
6. San Antonio Serchil

Costs:

The total cost of the New Horizons exercise is about \$14 million (U.S. dollars). Of this, construction costs for the schools, clinics and wells is approximately \$400,000. Each of the two MEDRETES will cost about \$100,000. The remaining costs relate to standard operating costs and transporting personnel and equipment.

The cost of the smile of the patient or student seeing their new clinic or school – priceless! (The estimated economic benefit to Guatemala from this exercise is US\$1.31 million.)

The cost per clinic is \$72,000; per school \$100,000; per water well \$22,000. The cost of medicine for each MEDRETE is \$40,000.

Historical information:

The first New Horizons held in Guatemala was conducted in 1994 (at that time they were called “Fuerres Caminos”) and we have returned several times since then. The last time we held this event in Guatemala was in 2004. The total amount of work that we have done includes 26 schools, 5 clinics, 3 community centers, 26 wells, 30 miles of roads, one Bailey bridge and one foot bridge. These engineering projects were conducted in the Departments of Baja Verapaz, Jalapa, San Marcos, Izabal, Petén and Jutiapa.