

## FROM VULNERABILITY TO RESILIENCE: REIMAGINING CAJÍO THROUGH ITS PEOPLE



Both the challenges and the potential for Cajío's development were addressed.

On the morning of Saturday, May 17th, the first participatory workshop of the CIRCLE project took place in the Cajío community. It was a space designed to explore with the residents their perceptions about the urban and architectural conditions of their community, delving into the state of housing, public spaces, and service facilities.

The debate contributed to identifying possible proposals to solve current difficulties and promote social transformation. This workshop laid the groundwork for future actions within the CIRCLE project, gathering valuable information to address Cajío's problems and opportunities.



The workshop identified that the most critical services in Cajío are health, transportation, and education, which lack the minimum infrastructure needed to function



The community expressed particular concern about the urgent reconstruction of the primary school, considered an absolute priority, the rehabilitation of the medical clinic, and the creation of a local pharmacy.



These demands reflect the most pressing deficiencies affecting the residents's quality of life and require immediate attention.



Among the community's potential for solving its problems are the existence of tree species that can be used as construction materials for housing and infrastructure, reducing costs and promoting self-management. Similarly, local knowledge in the art of fishing was discussed, which could be leveraged through the creation of workshops.



The residents' willingness to collaborate in projects to improve public spaces, repairs, and maintenance was also highlighted, using community organizations as drivers of collective efforts.



Regarding the use of natural spaces, the potential to develop recreational areas in environments like the river was mentioned, which would improve quality of life and attract local tourism.

The possible collaboration with public institutions (Municipal Assembly, Ministry of Science and Environment) and the opportunity to coordinate actions with the private sector for key community projects that could create jobs were emphasized.



Cajío has human, natural, and organizational resources that, if well-coordinated, can drive solutions to its critical problems (health, transportation, education). The key lies in combining community participation with institutional support and innovative use of its own resources.

