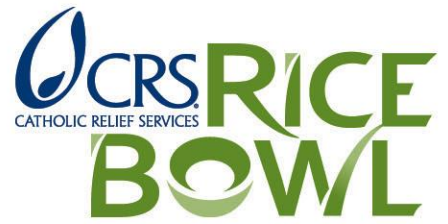


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## CRS speaker



### Rosa Anaya

COORDINATOR, CRS EL SALVADOR

#### CRS Community Development

Native Salvadorian, human rights activist and peace building advocate, Rosa Anaya is changing the lives of at risk youth in El Salvador through Catholic Relief Services (CRS).

Based in San Salvador, Rosa has worked with the CRS Youth Build Program since 2001. YouthBuild is serving vulnerable, at-risk youth, helping them become productive members of society, where they too can help build peace in seeking restorative justice within a very violent nation.

Rosa works to coordinate various YouthBuild sites, helping to adapt them to different risk levels. She is also part of a team that is developing life skills and leadership competencies for youth.

Over the last twenty years, Rosa has been dedicated to working in communities where children and youth have been impacted by violence. Working in many situations in which the lack of opportunities has led them to criminal activities. Her commitment to non-violence has led her to work with an emphasis of peaceful means for youth in conflict with the law or engaged in violence.

When asked about what drew Rosa to work at CRS, she said "I fell in love with the model and the idea of empowering youth to become the positive life transformation power in their own lives and their communities. This coincides with my personal philosophy and life struggle for human rights and respect". Rosa's continual service to her community, has allowed the YouthBuild program, and CRS, make strides in addressing issues of poverty and violence in El Salvador.