Preventing communities for disaster response in vulnerable rural areas of Guatemala

About

CARE Guatemala seeks to improve disaster response capacities at the community, school, municipal and institutional levels proposing better communication and coordination processes among the actors and institutions of the Disaster Reduction Coordination System.

The project, financed by MAC Foundation Disaster, aims to strengthen integrated disaster risk management through the reduction of institutional vulnerability in municipalities by supporting the creation of Municipal Disaster Risk Management Instances (IMGIRD) within their structure.

In addition, it helps to increase the resilience of communities through actions to protect and improve livelihoods, climate monitoring and food security, thus contributing to the implementation of the Sendai Framework for Action.

Outcomes

Communities have a knowledgeable and adequately trained, inclusive and self-organized group responsible for leading disaster preparedness.

Communities are connected to the local government to access technical assistance and financing.

Support the improvement of capacities of nearby communities and municipal government units for disaster preparedness with inclusive plans and implemented and updated systems by incorporating learning.

Contribute to increasing the capacity of nearby communities and local government units in disaster preparedness.

Communities efficiently address health crises and coordinate with health services for proper use of the pertinent protocols.

Goal

Improve the knowledge, coordination, capacity and practices of rural communities and local governments in gender-sensitive disaster preparedness and risk reduction in rural areas prone to multiple disasters (earthquakes, droughts and forest fires).

Participants

Budget $2,300,000.00

15,000
Direct participants

100,000
Indirect participants

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Activities

- Coordination with the National Coordinator for Disaster Reduction (CONRED), municipalities and institutions related to the disaster prevention system.
- Organization, training and accreditation of Local and Municipal Disaster Prevention Coordinators (COLRED and COMRED) and School Committees.
- Develop gender action plans at the local level.
- Training and equipping of Community Promoters.
- Support in the creation and strengthening of capacities of the Municipal Authority for Integral Disaster Risk Management (IMGIR).
- Assessment of critical community infrastructure.
- Support in implementing infrastructure improvements in communities.
- Development of family response plans.
- Support in spreading COVID-19 mitigation measures.
- Development of humanitarian aid protocols to assist the population in health emergencies.
- Technological innovation in disaster preparedness.

**Huehuetenango**

- Chiantla
- Aguacatán

**Quiché**

- San Bartolomé
- Jocotenango
- Sacapulas
- Joyabaj

**Baja Verapaz**

- Cubulco

CARE implements this project in partnership with TECHO Guatemala in coordination with local governments, and:

- Executive Secretariat of the National Coordinator for Disaster Reduction (CONRED).
- Ministry of Social Development, Ministry of Public Health and Social Welfare
- Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources
- Ministry of Education
- Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Food
- Secretariat of Food and Nutritional Security
- National Institute of Seismology, Volcanology, Meteorology and Hydrology.