



## IMPROVING THE CAPACITY OF RESILIENCE AND RESPONSE TO DISASTERS OF POPULATIONS EXPOSED TO MULTI-HAZARDS IN THE DEPARTMENT OF QUICHÉ, GUATEMALA, C. A. DIPECHO 2016-2017

The Community Resilience Program seeks to support populations that are highly vulnerable to the impact of climate and environmental events, improving their security and livelihoods. It includes raising awareness on vulnerability conditions, capacities, rights and gender differentiated needs for prevention, preparedness, mitigation, response and rehabilitation, in the face of potential disasters. The project seeks to strengthen and fulfill the Sendai Agreement, as well as the improvement of national public policy through strengthening the national prevention system. It places K'iché women at the center of training and capacity building processes for comprehensive risk management.

### ABOUT THE PROJECT

The DIPECHO 2016-2017 project is mainly funded by the Directorate for European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations (ECHO). It responds to specific actions in the processes of strengthening and compliance of the Sendai Framework at national level, specifically in the formation and development of capacities for the integral management of risk and resilience.

### OBJECTIVE

Reduce the institutional, educational and social vulnerabilities and improve the resilience capacity facing multi-hazard scenarios in the communities of the municipalities of San Pedro Jocopilas and San Bartolomé Jocotenango, in the department of Quiché at the end of the project.

### STRATEGIES

- Participatory processes for the organization and education of Local and Municipal Response Coordinators and emergency school committees
- Community organization
- Municipal and institutional strengthening
- Training and strengthening of livelihood protection techniques
- Sustainability strategies based on the promotion of municipal risk management units

### ALLIANCES

Guatemalan Coordinating Agency for Disaster Reduction, CONRED; Secretariat for Food Security and Nutrition, SESAN; Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Food, MAGA; Ministry of Public Health and Social Assistance, MSPAS; Ministry of Education, MINEDUC; San Carlos University of Guatemala, USAC; Faculty of Agronomy; Municipal Governments of San Pedro Jocopilas and San Bartolomé Jocotenango.

#### Name:

DIPECHO 2016-2017

**Country:** Guatemala

#### Implementation period:

April 2016 - September 2017

**Budget:** € 600,000.00

**Donor:** Directorate for European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations, ECHO.

#### Beneficiaries:

20,608 persons from San Pedro Jocopilas and San Bartolomé Jocotenango, from the department of Quiché.



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## **PARTNERSHIP: CDRO ASSOCIATION**

As part of the local strengthening, sustainability and community responsibility processes, through the DIPECHO 2016-2017 project, CARE has developed a partnership strategy with the Rural Development Cooperation of the West (CDRO).

It is directly responsible for technical execution at the community level, seeking to strengthen local capacities and the empowerment of organizations of major importance at the departmental and local levels.



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***The education and organization processes for the creation of Local Response Coordinators, led by the DIPECHO 2016-2017 project, promoted the organization of the Community Development Council of El Pericón community, allowing the strengthening of community leadership for local development management.***

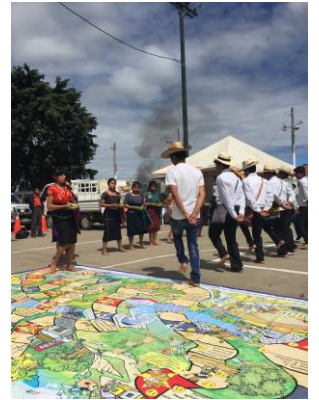
## **RESULTS**

- Creation of 20 Coordinators for Response at the Local level
- International Disaster Risk Reduction Day commemoration at the municipal level, to raise awareness on the importance of response preparedness actions
- Creation of Response School Committees
- Creation of the El Pericón Community Development Council and organization of a women's group, recognized by the Municipal Women's Office of San Juan Comitancillo and San Martín El Aguacate communities

## **INDIRECT BENEFICIARIES**

Through the organization and training of local and municipal response coordinators, the project indirectly benefits all the population of the intervened communities, including departmental, municipal and local governments.

Through the education and training of school response committees, students and the education sector are benefited.



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## **NEXT STEPS**

- Training 22 Local Response Coordinators and two Municipal Response Coordinators
- Follow-up meetings to address training of municipal technicians in Disaster Risk Management.
- Implementation and training of livelihood protection promoters
- Gender approach diagnosis and intervention strategy
- Study of ancestral practices for livelihood preservation and for a disaster risk management approach

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