



TOTONICAPÁN FOREST CONSERVATION AND REFORESTATION

The Community Resilience Program seeks to support women and their families from rural areas, to prepare for, resist and recover from the impact of climate change. By increasing the participation of women and youth in different forms of local and municipal organizations, to implement adaptation and mitigation strategies. It seeks to promote inclusive governance through dialogues and municipal and governmental agreements that increase human, social and economic capitals in the area. The project is being implemented in 25 communities of Santa María Chiquimula and Totonicapán, in Totonicapán, with funds from the Forest Conservation Agreement (FCA) for the forgiveness of Guatemala's external debt to the United States of America.

ABOUT THE PROJECT

The project is being implemented in 25 communities from the municipalities of Santa María Chiquimula and Totonicapán, in the department of Totonicapán, financed by the "Forest Conservation Agreement" (FCA) fund, provided by the Guatemalan External Debt to the United States of America Forgiveness Bill. It seeks the durable conservation of natural resources to improve the communities' well being.

OBJECTIVE

Ensure the sustainability of the ecosystems of the María Tecún Mountain range and the permanence of the natural resources and services for the benefit of the residents of the municipalities of Totonicapán and Santa María Chiquimula, in the department of Totonicapán.

STRATEGIES

- Empowerment of municipal and communal authorities
- Community planning for mitigation and adaptation
- Strengthening knowledge in community forestry and forest restoration
- Focuses on Gender and Indigenous Peoples

RESULTS

- Reconstruction of 25 ha of degraded land to improve its productivity
- Restoration of 450 ha of degraded forests
- 2,000 ha of collectively owned forests have a Biodiversity Protection Regime based on local agreements and customary rules.
- 150 indigenous men and women with access to forest incentive programs
- 150 women reduce fire wood consumption using wood saving stoves
- 60 families develop income-generating alternatives through a sustainable use of the forest

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Name:

Totonicapán Forest Conservation and Restoration Project

Country: Guatemala

Implementation period:

July 2016 - December 2018

Budget: US\$ 325,000

Donor: Forest Conservation Agreement - FCA-

Target Population:

Men from urban areas: 661

Women from urban areas: 738

Men from rural areas: 4,000

Women from rural areas: 4,668



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STRATEGIC ACTIVITIES

1. Ecosystem management

- Training of municipal technical personnel and community leaders
- Biological diversity studies
- Agroforestry

2. Restoration of degraded areas

- Characterization of degraded areas
- Recovery and systematization of ancestral knowledge
- Afforestation

3. Forest conservation

- Definition of hydric recharge zones
- Local conservation agreements
- Construction of wood saving stoves
- Support for access to forestry incentives
- Campaigns to protect endemic forest species
- Income generating projects



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PARTNERS

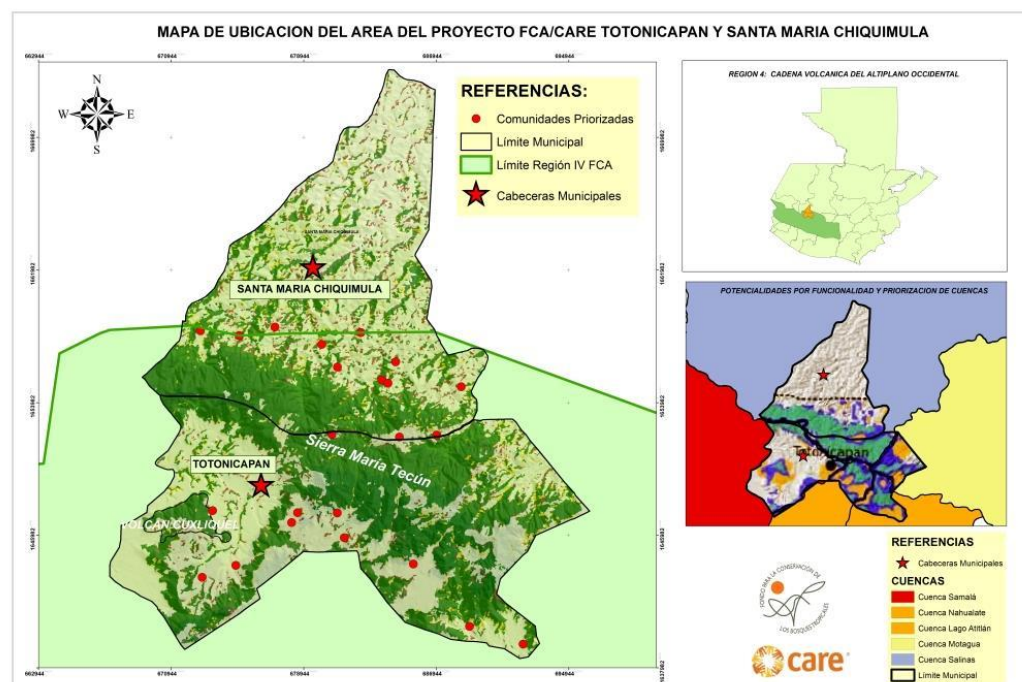
- Municipality of Totonicapán
- Municipality of Santa María Chiquimula
- Agroforestry and Environmental Development Association of Santa María Chiquimula -ADAFORSA-
- Northwestern University Center, University of San Carlos of Guatemala, -CUNOROC-

ALLIES

- National Forestry Institute -INAB-
- National Council of Protected Areas - CONAP
- Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources-MARN-

COVERAGE MAP

FCA Project Map in Totonicapán and Santa María Chiquimula



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