



# Local Disaster Risk Reduction Managers Project

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GUATEMALA

(ASSOCIATION FOR  
THE PROMOTION OF  
MIDWIFERY IN  
GUATEMALA)

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As stated in the Sendai Framework

- Disaster risk reduction requires the empowerment of the entire society, equality and its inclusive, accessible and non-discriminatory participation, with special attention to groups at risk.
- Gender, age, disability and cultural perspective should be integrated into disaster risk management. Women are key to effectively managing disaster risk, as well as designing, resourcing and implementing gender-sensitive disaster risk reduction policies, plans and programs.

That is why this project proposes to work on the empowerment of women, particularly midwives, the social recognition of their work and to have staff trained at the local level in disaster risk management.



# Project location

Town: Santo Tomás Chichicastenango ★

Department: Quiché

Country: Guatemala

# Timeline

**A duration of six calendar months is proposed to carry out the project.**

The start date is subject to project approval.

Example:

Start date: november 2020

End date: april 2021

- ✓ Promoting peace: community organization, especially through women, fosters social cohesion and maintains the good relations that allow for a peaceful environment.
- ✓ Saving mothers and children: having the skills and knowledge related to disaster risk reduction allows these vulnerable groups to be in better condition when adverse events occur.
- ✓ Growing local economies: knowing the dynamics of the environment, the vulnerabilities and the type of threats allows better decisions to be made in order to achieve the least effect on the growing local economy or to restore it in the shortest time possible in case of an adverse event.
- ✓ Support for education: through the project women are trained and this contributes to increasing knowledge about the environment, climate change, disasters and sustainable development

# Focus area

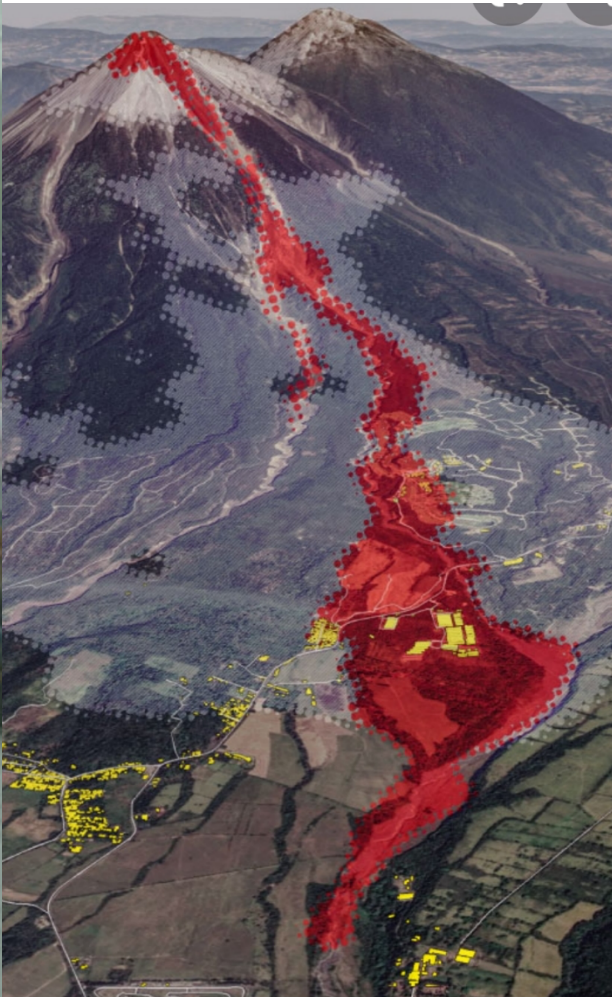
- ✓ Midwives are a very important link in their communities. They not only deliver newborn children; they are generally the only source of advice for health and other issues. Empowering them to be capable to assess in risk management, will help promote them to a more elevated status in the community and perhaps they will be the only person in their community capable of detecting and handling a potentially dangerous situation before an adverse event occurs.
- ✓ Midwives often walk or travel across their community area, therefore they can be aware of small changes in the environment if they know what to look for and how to evaluate the differences.
- ✓ Being perhaps the only trained person in their communities, midwives trained in risk management could contribute to save lives by giving alerts to the authorities and people in the communities that could reduce and/or eliminate vulnerabilities.
- ✓ In the World's list of countries most at risk of devastation from natural disasters, Guatemala is number 4 with 20.10% risk and is the highest ranking Latin American country in the list. Therefore, it is very important to have well trained midwives to assess risks in Guatemala.
- ✓ Each US dollar invested in risk prevention management represents an average of 7 US dollars in savings from losses attributable to adverse events. In Guatemala, the impact can be higher.

# Why midwives?





Flood



Volcano Eruption



River overflow



Earthquake

# Adverse events in Guatemala



| Direct costs   | Unitary cost<br>(US\$) | Total cost<br>(US\$) |
|--|------------------------|----------------------|
| Training: 9 days, divided in 3 sessions of 3 days each.  | 10,000.00              | 30,000.00            |
| Basic equipment for the managers (midwives): special protective vest with reflective stripes, helmet, boots, gloves, raincoat, thermal blankets, high beam flashlight, first aid kit, special whistle, tool kit, among other equipment and study material. |                        | 15,000.00            |
| Trainers (4 people)  | 500.00                 | 2,000.00             |
| <b>TOTAL</b>   |                        | <b>47,000.00</b>     |

Project cost

US\$ 47,000.00  
INCLUDES TRAINING  
AND BASIC EQUIPMENT  
FOR THE MANAGERS

Amount  
requested

# Participating entities

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