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EMPOWER WOMEN YOUTH GIRLS

**2020
Annual
Report**



MISSION

Guatemala Youth Initiative works to reduce unplanned teen pregnancy, promote equality, and foster early childhood development in extremely marginalized communities in the Guatemala City landfill that struggle with high levels of violence, crime, and



Summary of work amidst COVID-19

We are so grateful for our donors' support during such a challenging year. In 2020, you helped us reach more youth than ever as we navigated the challenges of social distancing, remote learning, and shutdowns. Our team responded to the pandemic by transitioning its education programs to an online format where beneficiaries were able to participate in our workshops using their mobile phones. We worked alongside our partner, WINGS, to expand contraceptive services, adding subdermal implants and intrauterine devices to provide long-term coverage. We implemented safety protocols to reduce the risk of COVID-19 for patients and staff. And we partnered alongside other community organizations to address the food and water crisis afflicting families as a result of the pandemic. We were able to overcome the challenges of the pandemic by working together with our partners and the community.

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Why our work is important

There are roughly 170,000 people living in the marginalized communities near the Guatemala City landfill.

60% of the adolescent population will likely become teen parents

90% of teen moms have to drop out of school due to their pregnancy.

Youth cite family dysfunction as the greatest problem facing youth-at-risk

2020 at a glance



1,242 youth were informed
about sexual and
reproductive health



137 workshops promoted
healthy early childhood
development



400 unplanned pregnancies
were prevented through
contraception



5,000 meals and 180,000
gallons of water alleviated
the pandemic



**Helping youth
make informed
decisions**



Guatemala Youth Initiative provided comprehensive sexual education for 408 students before the COVID-19 pandemic reached Guatemala.



With schools transitioning to remote education, our team moved the program to an online format for youth and teachers to continue learning about sexual and reproductive health.



We trained 42 youth leaders during the year, and they reached another 772 adolescents in the community through peer-to-peer education.



GYI coordinated its first ever online training for teachers interested in learning about age-appropriate sex education for their students. GYI partnered with WINGS, Period Guatemala and CAS to train 38 teachers from 28 different schools and academic institutions.

Supporting young mothers and their children

The Young Mother Support Program grew dramatically during the year, reaching a total of 85 young mothers. The program made a fast transition to online workshops during the pandemic, where mothers found community from the comfort of their home during lockdown.

GYI provided cell phone data for participating mothers to attend educational workshops about child development, health and nutrition from their mobile devices and receive early childhood stimulation classes online for their babies. A local nutritionist and pediatrician supported the moms throughout the pandemic, providing free online consultations.

The moms also benefited from the expansion of GYI's contraception program with partner organization, WINGS.





Providing contraception to promote healthy lives

In 2020, GYI and partner organization WINGS worked together to establish a permanent clinic for reproductive health services within the GYI Youth Center.

Rights-based care is seldom provided to marginalized communities, meaning women are not given enough information or the freedom to make informed decisions about the number, spacing and timing of their children.

This is particularly true for teenage mothers who want to space pregnancies, but experience numerous barriers to reproductive health services. The partnership between GYI and WINGS is changing that for women near the landfill.





Contraceptive services prevented an estimated 400 unplanned pregnancies.

The clinic provided 655 consultations to women living near the landfill.



Responding to the global pandemic in Guatemala

When the coronavirus reached Guatemala, families who depend on daily recycling for their income were struggling to pay for their water. Due to a shortage of water supply that disproportionately affected low-income families, some went weeks and months without running water. Our organization provided water to families affected by the shortage, and delivered it to families with no running water.



Guatemala, the Guatemala City landfill was closed off to thousands of marginalized people trying to earn money. While measures like these were necessary for public health, there was no food on the table for their families. Additionally, the city experienced a disproportionately affected marginalized communities. Near the landfill, many people did not have running water. Thanks to GYI's supporters, over 5,000 meals were distributed and roughly 180,000 gallons of water were distributed.



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GYI's programs for empowering you



Making an impact

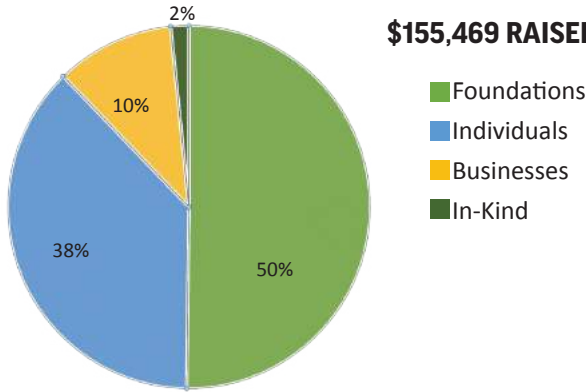
second trimester of pregnancy when her mom brought her to Entre Mamás - our center for young mothers. At age 14, Flor began taking notes from the other moms' experiences of parenting and tips from our educators about caring for a newborn. Over several weeks, the shame and stigma that surrounded her pregnancy was replaced with a sense of pride about motherhood. She gave birth to a little boy named Ricardo.

passed, and Flor continues to participate in all of GYI's workshops for young mothers about parenting, nutrition, health, and early childhood development. She is an active mother and has become a positive influence among her peers. After opting for sterilization, Flor began educating others about the risks of an unplanned pregnancy and encouraging friends and family to the clinic for contraception. Among them was her sister who later joined GYI's youth leadership program so that she too could inform others about sexual and reproductive health.

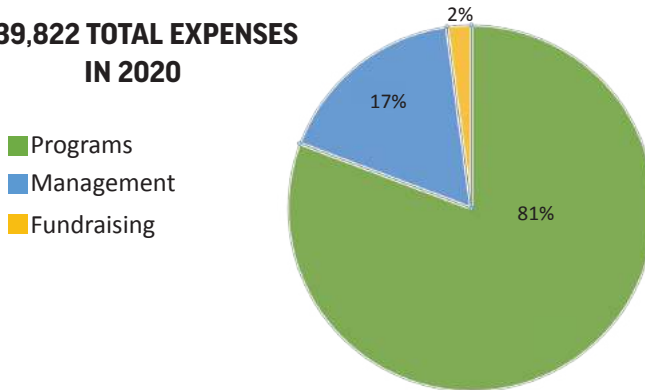
For young mothers, contraception, and sex education work together towards empowering young women and reducing the rate of unplanned teen pregnancy.

FINANCIALS

\$155,469 RAISED IN 2020



\$139,822 TOTAL EXPENSES IN 2020



Income
In-kind Contributions
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Total Revenue
Expenses
Family Planning
Maternity Support Program
COVID-Relief
Youth Leadership
Comprehensive Sexual Education
Academic Scholarships
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Change in Net Assets

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Thank You

to all of our supporters who touched so many lives. In an unprecedented year, you helped us empower young women, support teen mothers, and provide relief during one of the most challenging times the world has faced



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