

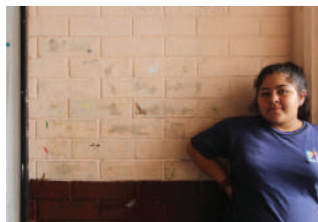


Guatemala
Youth
Initiative

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**2019
ANNUAL
REPORT**







Thank you

Your support in 2019 allowed us to reach more youth than ever before. Near the Guatemala City landfill, thousands of families live in extreme poverty and more than half of the adolescent population become parents by age 20. Latin America has the second highest rate of adolescent pregnancy in the world, and Guatemala lacks adequate education and services to address the issue. You make it possible for Guatemala Youth Initiative to fulfill those needs in one of the most marginalized areas of the country.

Our team has the privilege of seeing how your generosity impacts lives every day. Let's look back at the difference you made in 2019. We are so grateful for your support!

AMOUNT DONATED

\$150,791

BENEFICIARIES REACHED

Over 1,500 people

PROGRAMS OPERATED

Sexual Education

Youth Leadership

Contraception

Maternal Education

Early Childhood Stimulation

Academic Scholarships



PROGRAM STRATEGY

Teen pregnancy focus

Unplanned teen pregnancy is one of the biggest issues affecting youth near the Guatemala City landfill. Your donation supports both teen pregnancy prevention and support for young women who are already pregnant to provide a better future for the next generation.

Key partnerships near the landfill

Guatemala Youth Initiative is partnered with over a dozen organizations and schools near the Guatemala City landfill. Collaboration allows us to educate more youth with your donation and create a bigger impact by complementing other youth programs in the community.

Peer education and referrals

Youth have the ability to change their own communities. Your donation trains youth to educate their peers about sexual and reproductive health and promote referrals to our youth-friendly space. Guatemala Youth Initiative has reached more youth-at-risk thanks to our youth leaders.

The first 1,000 days approach

Young mothers need support to provide healthy childrearing. Your donation is centered around the 1,000 days from conception through the first 24 months of life to improve early childhood development, providing maternal education and early childhood stimulation classes.



YOU TAUGHT ADOLESCENTS ABOUT SEXUAL & REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH

Omar attended one of our sexual education workshops and like many adolescent boys, he pretended to be uninterested. He stayed near the back as the group passed through activities about contraception, consent, and anatomy. He didn't want to volunteer for anything and he definitely didn't raise his hand to ask a question.

But, the workshop and the conversation about sexual health did make an impact. Only a week later, Omar arrived at our Youth Center. He explained that he was sexually active and that the workshop had made him realize how many questions he did have. He spent over an hour in our youth-friendly space for individual consultation. He left with contraception and a new trust that he had someone to talk to. For Omar and many other youth who receive workshops, sexual education is the starting point for making informed decisions.

52 workshops at schools and youth organizations near the landfill

1,204 people received basic education about sexual and reproductive health

114 teenagers visited the youth-friendly space for consultation

94 teenagers made an informed decision to use contraception through GYI services

During a presentation at Angel's school, a health educator visited and asked if anyone knew how to properly use a condom. The educator anticipated the students had no knowledge of contraception, but Angel stood up in front of all of his peers and began to explain the steps to safely use a condom, from checking the expiration date before opening all the way to properly discarding the used condom.

Angel was one of our most surprising youth leaders, leading the group in referrals for teenagers facing sexual health risks. His school prohibited comprehensive sexual education workshops for religious reasons, but that didn't stop Angel from personally accompanying his peers to our youth center to access contraception and avoid unplanned teen pregnancy.



In memory of Ángel Manuel Canel Cú

YOU EMPOWERED YOUTH TO HELP THEIR PEERS

45 youth leaders were trained to educate their peers in sexual and reproductive health

Youth leaders held **592** casual conversations with their peers to promote informed decision-making and reduce sexual health risks

Youth leaders referred **51** of their peers to youth-friendly consultation with GYI



YOU PROVIDED CONTRACEPTION

Sisters Sarai and Juana both became mothers before they turned twenty. Neither were able to stay in school, and now they spend their days with their toddlers. But, when Juana heard about the free contraceptive services offered at Guatemala Youth Initiative, she knew it was just what she and her sister needed.

She and Sarai arrived at our Youth Center and both were adamant that they did not want another unplanned pregnancy. Both sisters were able to ask questions about sexual health, discussing topics they had never spoken with anyone before.

They both received contraception for the first time. It's been over a year since they first came looking for support and they haven't missed a single appointment. Like clockwork, they arrive with their toddlers in tow; they know that they can trust us to help them access contraception.

689 consultations were
given during the year

370 people were supported
with free access to contraception

The contraceptive methods provided
616 couple-years protection

An estimated **325**
unplanned pregnancies were prevented
(calculated with Marie Stopes Impact II)

An estimated **105**
unsafe abortions were prevented
(calculated with Marie Stopes Impact II)



When Flor's mother first brought her to our Young Mother Support Program, she was nervous. At only 14, she didn't know how to talk about her pregnancy or her future. But when she entered the first workshop, the relief on her face was obvious: everyone else in the room was just as pregnant and nervous as she was. The other young women accepted her immediately and Flor listened closely to each lesson in the workshop, everything from breastfeeding to first aid. She never misses a support group and now that her baby has been born, she exchanges diaper tips and funny motherhood stories with her friends. At Guatemala Youth Initiative, she found a community for herself and her child.



YOU HELPED YOUNG WOMEN BUILD STRONG PARENTING SKILLS

24 workshops with young women about pregnancy, postpartum care, first aid, breastfeeding, childcare, & early childhood development

22 babies benefited from early childhood stimulation classes

51 young mothers were reached by the program during the year

Rocio grew up in an abusive household and saw a teenage pregnancy as her way to escape. She left home and school to raise her child with her boyfriend. However, a year later, she arrived at Guatemala Youth Initiative and asked for a scholarship. She wanted to complete her degree in order to find a good job, she said, and it was important to her to set a good example for her son, Santiago.

She worked hard over the past year, completing two years course work in a single calendar year and in October of 2019, she became the first high school graduate in her family. Santiago was there to see her walk across the stage. Rocio came by the Youth Center a couple of days after graduation. She told us that she couldn't be more grateful for the opportunity to complete her education.



YOU MADE IT POSSIBLE TO CONTINUE STUDYING

17 scholarships were awarded by GYI to help youth study during the academic year

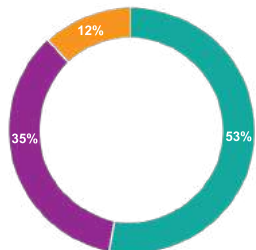
100% of recipients passed their grade

3 scholarships students graduated high school

2 high school graduates were teen moms

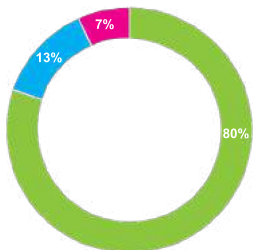
FINANCIALS

\$150,791 RAISED IN 2019



Foundations ■ Individuals ■ Churches ■

\$108,945 TOTAL EXPENSES IN 2019



Programs ■ Management ■ Fundraising ■



Consolidated Statement of Activities

	2019			2018
	Without Donor Restriction	With Donor Restriction	Total	Total
Income	\$ 134,246	\$ 16,545	\$ 150,791	\$ 104,293
Net assets released from restrictions	\$ 16,082	\$ (16,082)	-	-
Total Revenue	\$ 150,329	\$ 463	\$ 150,791	\$ 104,293

Net Assets

Beginning of Year	\$ 53,162
End of Year	\$ 95,008

Expenses

Sexual & Reproductive Health

Comprehensive Sexual Education	\$ 19,699	-	\$ 19,699	\$ 14,927
Family Planning	\$ 20,080	-	\$ 20,080	\$ 15,257
Youth Leadership	\$ 12,226	-	\$ 12,226	\$ 5,983
Total Sexual & Reproductive Health	\$ 52,005	-	\$ 52,005	\$ 36,167
Maternity Support Program	\$ 26,510	-	\$ 26,510	\$ 18,464
Academic Scholarships	\$ 8,996	-	\$ 8,996	\$ 9,750
Total Programs	\$ 87,511	-	\$ 87,511	\$ 64,381
Management	\$ 14,091	-	\$ 14,091	\$ 10,126
Fundraising	\$ 7,344	-	\$ 7,344	\$ 3,937
Total Supporting Services	\$ 21,435	-	\$ 21,435	\$ 14,063
Total Expenses	\$ 108,945	-	\$ 108,945	\$ 78,444
Change in Net Assets	\$ 41,383	\$ 463	\$ 41,846	\$ 25,849







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