

PROJECT 1

Strengthening Maya Kakchiqueles Women**Santa María de Jesús, Sacatepéquez, Guatemala**

Total Project Cost: €20,000.00

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Santa María de Jesús is a community that preserves its native language and traditional clothing. In fact, its population is 99.5% Maya Kaqchikel.

Guatemalan Indigenous women are considered transmitters of historical and cultural memory.

Today, in Guatemala, it is primarily women who weave and wear traditional garments, crafted using the backstrap loom. The production of Maya textiles, alongside agriculture, is one of the main pillars of the economy in these communities and a crucial source of employment for women.

The women's weaving group Aj Piecha from Santa María de Jesús actively defends their ancestral textile art against plagiarism, fashion trends, and the decline of traditional Maya clothing.

This project aims to empower Guatemalan women and safeguard their identity and socio-economic well-being by providing materials for textile production, organizing classes, workshops, and events that highlight their ancestral art, culture, and historical significance.



Safeguarding their cultural identity and promoting their socio-economic condition!



Supporting the production of their ancestral artworks and fabrics!

SELECTED PROJECTS

PROJECT 2

Improving access to education for rural women

Nazat, West Bengal, India

Total Project Cost: €20,000.00

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This project aims to help break the cycle of extreme poverty through education, awareness, and capacity-building, enabling women to achieve sustainable livelihoods and lead a dignified life.

Women in the Nazat region, like many in West Bengal, have limited access to education and, in many cases, lack alternative means to earn a living.



**Adult Literacy Program &
Awareness program on
Women's Rights**

It is extremely difficult for women, especially those from rural areas, to find paid employment since they often lack qualifications and/or are the primary caregivers responsible for household duties.

This project aims to empower 200 women in Nazat by providing an adult literacy program and implementing awareness initiatives to educate them about their rights guaranteed by the Government of India.

SELECTED PROJECTS

PROJECT 3

Improving the Living and Working Conditions of Women of Kingandu

Kingandu, Kwilu Province, Democratic Republic of the Congo

Project Cost: €20,000.00



This project will be implemented in Kingandu, a rural village located 650 km southwest of the capital, Kinshasa. The local population primarily relies on agriculture, fishing, livestock farming, and small-scale trade for their livelihood. The women of Kingandu, who are responsible for harvesting, face significant challenges in processing millet, maize, and cassava. They spend a great deal of time and energy on traditional milling methods for cereals and cassava. The amount to be milled can exceed 50 kilograms per day, requiring several hours of hard labor just to prepare a single meal, as fufu is the staple food for dinner. This situation prevents women from taking better care of their families and engaging in other activities that could generate income for their self-sufficiency. Through this project grinding mill machines will be provided to the women. The objective of this project is to help them improve their techniques and strengthen their skills, reduce the physical effort required for this task, and ultimately enhance their living conditions.



Promoting Food Security of the local Community!