

# Voices OF HOPE

## Guatemala

In October 2022, tropical storm Julia hit Guatemala. Relentless rainfall caused serious damage in communities where long-time partner Madre Tierra works. Conrado de la Cruz, Monseñor Romero, Monte Gloria, Willy Wood, Santa Cruz Laredo, Santa Rita y Lupita – all within the municipality of Santo Domingo Suchitepéquez – were severely affected. Life-threatening flash floods and deadly mudslides made an already devastating rainy season much worse.

Madre Tierra was well positioned to help and was asked by the local government to coordinate the relief effort. In addition, PWRDF provided an emergency response grant of \$25,000.

With these funds, Madre Tierra designed, implemented and monitored a project to support the community during this challenging time. They worked with 160 of the worst affected households, who were already vulnerable due to natural hazards, supporting them with corn, beans, cooking oil and flour for three months. This relief grant allowed people to remain in their communities, look after their families and farms and rebuild their livelihoods.




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