

Voices OF HOPE

Mexico and Guatemala

In Mexico and Peru, PWRDF partners Xiloth and Odigua are jointly implementing a three-year project, “Weaving strength for good living” in Tzeltal Indigenous communities in Chiapas, Mexico and Q’eqchi’ Indigenous communities in San Pedro Carchá, Guatemala. PWRDF is contributing \$30,000 a year to the project which aims to improve food security, reduce poverty and empower Indigenous communities.

The lack of access to farmable land in Mexico affects 25% of the population resulting in precarious diets that are low in nutrition, while in Guatemala, eight out of 10 Indigenous people live below the poverty line.

Women and youth without access to land often leave their communities for Northern cities or Southern tourist areas in search of work. This bi-partner project will train participants in planting and growing food and raising animals, and will offer workshops for women and youth focusing on self-esteem and leadership. The aim is to strengthen abilities and skills to build self-sufficient and empowered communities, eliminating the need for people to leave their homes.

Xiloth Asociación para el Desarrollo Social A.C. has been working in Mexico for more than 20 years. ODIGUA Sembrando Esperanza in Guatemala has supported sustainable development initiatives among Indigenous populations for more than 25 years.





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