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During 2016, the AMA Association continued to promote actions aimed at counteracting the high rates of pregnancies in girls and adolescents in Guatemala, mainly in the southern area of the department of Petén. As a result, we achieved that:

- ✚ The Municipal Corporation of the municipality of Poptún, Petén, modified its 2017 annual operating plan, establishing actions that lead to the fulfillment of the commitments made: citizen and political participation, promotion of our development and productivity, eradication of violence against women and youth, promotion of our comprehensive health and promotion of the education of women and poptucan youth.
- ✚ AMA's local partner organizations develop their work plans in an articulated manner, designing action routes and focusing their attention on specific beneficiaries and prioritized geographic areas in southern Petén.
- ✚ Reforestation of 500 trees of the native species *Pinus caribaea* (Petén Pine), in a protected area, in the Pinares Poptún Forest Management Sector of the Buffer Zone of the Montaña Mayas Chiquibul Biosphere Reserve.
- ✚ 40 AMA volunteers from Mayan Q'eqchi and Ladina communities in southern Petén have increased their capacities and empowerment on CSE, DSR and strengthened leadership skills, which has allowed them to influence spaces of democratic participation on the importance of preventing early pregnancies and the democratic participation of women in southern Petén
- ✚ 111 Mayan Q'eqchi and Ladino teachers have increased their capacities, which provides them with the necessary tools to be able to effectively implement CSE and EG in grades 4 to 6 Primary in 24 schools in southern Petén according to the National Base Curriculum.
- ✚ 3,000 young people and communities from the south of Petén are raised aware of the importance of preventing early pregnancies, sexually transmitted infections, HIV/AIDS, the reporting and referral route for pregnancies in children under 14 years of age, and the importance of the democratic participation of women and youth, which promotes a change in attitudes in the population and for young people to participate and influence families and community participation structures on the importance of implementing comprehensive sexuality education in the south of Petén.
- ✚ Strengthen the coordination framework between the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Health, through the Departmental Directorate of Education of Petén and its agencies in the south of the department and the Directorate of the Petén South Eastern Health Area and the Health Districts of Chacté, San Luis, Poptún and Dolores, Petén, with the full



participation and intersectoral cooperation, deputies of the Congress of the Republic, local governments and organized civil society, for the implementation of comprehensive sexuality education in the primary level educational system in the south of Petén, this based on the Prevent Letter-Agreement with Education 2016-2020.

Achievements that were obtained through the execution of the following activities:

- ✚ Two Coffee Citizens
- ✚ Exchange of Good Practices
- ✚ Reforestation campaign "sowing our future"
- ✚ Four youth training camps on topics of Comprehensive Sexuality Education –CSE-, gender equity –EG-, Interculturality and Leadership, aimed at 40 members of AMA
- ✚ Four training workshops on Comprehensive Sexuality Education –CSE- and Gender Equity –EG- with a total of 20 teaching hours, aimed at 96 teachers who teach grades 4 to 6 of primary school in 24 primary schools in 16 rural Mayan communities Q'eqchi and Ladinas of San Luis, Dolores and Poptún, Petén.
- ✚ 30 Broadcasts of the bilingual Spanish-Q'eqchi radio program “El ABC de la Sexualidad” broadcast by Radio U' Tan Kaj, one hour a week, produced and directed by the members of AMA.
- ✚ Conversation “Inclusion of Comprehensive Sexuality Education in the Primary Education System in the South of Petén, in commemoration of the Day of the Girl.

As a result of the Conversation, it was achieved: a) Agree on the importance of creating a space for dialogue and articulation of actions to join forces to comply with the Prevent with Education Charter through the formation of a Comprehensive Sexuality Education table in the south of Petén, to which AMA would manage the logistics for its formation, b) The Departmental Directorate of Education of Petén assumed the commitment to actively participate in the proposed Table and also renew the cooperation agreement between DEDUC and the AMA Association to continue with the process of transferring teaching skills to teachers to address CSE in the educational system of southern Petén, c) and the Petén Suroriental Health Area, also committed to actively participating in the Roundtable and will sign a cooperation agreement with the AMA Association, within the framework of the second phase of the LOVE ME AND PROTECT ME FROM PREGNANCY Project, to give you compliance with what the Ministry of Health It is the responsibility of the Prevent with Education Charter, together with the Ministry of Education and organized civil society, d) The commitment to actively participate as a member of the CSE Board of southern Petén on behalf of the organizations: Public Ministry, Ombudsman's Office Indigenous Women, municipalities of Southern Petén, civil society organizations, among others, as well as the Human Rights Ombudsman's Office assumed the commitment to participate as observer and guarantor of the



process. Additionally, during the activity, the Deputy representing the South of Petén assumed the commitment to support the actions of the table and support the approval of the National Youth Law and Law Initiatives related to Sexual Rights and Reproductive of adolescents and young people.

Actions that were carried out within the framework of the projects: “Organizational strengthening as a strategy for the defense of the rights of young women in southern Petén.” and “Love me and protect me from Pregnancy” Youth Leadership for the Prevention of Pregnancies in the South of Petén”, the first executed thanks to financing from the Central American Women's Fund -FCAM- and the second from the Fund for Youth of Central America and Mexico -Fund CAMY- and the support of local organizations through the establishment of strategic alliances.

The project “Organizational strengthening as a strategy for the defense of the rights of young women in southern Petén”, executed with financing from FCAM, aims to: Strengthen the democratic and political participation of 40 members of the “AMA” Group and 20 representatives of women's organizations and universities, between 16 and 30 years old, from 15 communities and 8 marginal urban areas of the municipalities of San Luís, Poptún, Dolores and El Chal, Petén, through the transfer of capacities to the promotion and defense of the human, political, sexual and reproductive rights of women and youth in southern Petén.

While the Project “Love me and protect me from Pregnancy” Youth Leadership for the Prevention of Pregnancies in the South of Petén”, with financing from the CAMY Fund, aims to: Strengthen capacities and empowerment on sexual and reproductive rights -DSR-, comprehensive sexuality education –EIS- and democratic participation of women and youth with a gender and cultural focus in childhood, adolescence and youth in southern Petén. The project is directly aimed at 40 female leaders between 18 and 24 years of age, members of AMA. In addition, the project targets 96 male and female teachers from 24 primary schools in 16 rural communities and 12 marginal Mayan Q'eqchi and Ladina urban areas in southern Petén.



AMA Association, According to its mission, it plans to be a leading and recognized organization that promotes the comprehensive development of women and youth, through programs aimed at transferring capabilities and strengthening leadership attitudes, democratic participation and sustainable economic development, with emphasis on the promotion and defense of human rights and sexual and reproductive rights of girls, adolescents and young people in the department of Petén, Guatemala, Central America.

As well as a leading organization recognized by national and international cooperating entities as well as by civil society, for the success of the interventions that are formulated and executed in programs aimed at human development, with emphasis on the promotion and defense of human rights. of girls, women and young people and communities as a whole.

And in compliance with this mission, in 2013, AMA participated in the call for the Ola Joven program of the Central American Women's Fund –FCAM-, with the proposal of the “Activate Joven Mujer” project. Through which I benefited from a seed capital fund, which was transferred and managed directly by the group during the execution of the project in 2014. As a result of the first experience and the good results achieved, AMA has implemented with the support financial support of the FCAM projects, “Activate Joven Mujer Phase II”, in 2015 and the project “Organizational strengthening as a strategy for the defense of the rights of young women in southern Petén” in 2016, through this The last AMA carries out the process to become a legally constituted Association, an achievement it reached in July 2016.

The AMA Association participated together with GHG in the 2015 call for the Fund for Youth of Central America and Mexico 2nd Round -CAMY Fund-, with the proposal of the project Love me and Protect me from Pregnancy “Youth Leadership for the prevention of pregnancies in the south of Petén” which was benefited by the CAMY Fund, a project that was executed in 2016.

With the implementation of these projects, the AMA Association has promoted the democratic participation and leadership of women and youth, human rights, sexual and reproductive rights -SRR-, in addition, promoted the prevention of pregnancies in girls and adolescents, the implementation of comprehensive sexuality education -CSE- in the educational system and the inclusion of women and youth in local development processes in the south of Petén, work that has been carried out with the full participation of young people, local institutions and organized civil sector.



These processes have enabled the empowerment of 3,080 boys and girls, 40,850 adolescents, 26,315 young people, 34,123 women and 111 primary education teachers, with respect to knowledge, defense and exercise of SRD, gender equity and democratic participation. Likewise, progress has been made in the implementation of the HSE in 47 primary schools and the inclusion of women and youth in participation spaces and within the municipal development agendas of southern Petén has been promoted. These processes have strengthened the work that AMA has been carrying out with the support of local and international actors.

Three years after starting With our organization, we are already a nationally and internationally recognized association, since at the beginning of November we were awarded in London, England with the With And For Girls Awards 2016.



Photographs that tell about our work!



Members of the Poptún Municipal Corporation, during the Second Citizen Coffee.



AMA members during the Good Practices Exchange with the ALAS Association.



AMA leaders planting during the “Sowing Our Future” Reforestation Campaign.



Director and AMA Volunteers during the Third Youth Training Camp.



Primary Education Teachers from Poptún, participants in the training workshops on EIS and EG.



Primary education student during Replica of training workshops on EIS and EG for teachers.



AMA announcers during the broadcast of the Bilingual Radio Program “The ABC of Sexuality”



Director of the AMA Association during the moderation of the Conversation “Inclusion of Comprehensive Sexuality Education in the Primary Level Educational System in the South of Petén.”