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During 2019, the AMA Association continued to promote actions aimed at responding to the high rates of pregnancy, sexual violence, child, early, and forced marriages and unions among girls and adolescents in Guatemala, mainly in the Petén department, as a result of This we achieve that:

- ✚ The inter-institutional cooperation agreement between the Departmental Directorate of Education of Petén (DIDEDUC) and the AMA Association will be ratified, for the strengthening of the skills for life and leadership of girls and adolescents from Petén and the improvement of political incidence processes focused on the articulation of efforts between the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Health to respond to the high rate of pregnancy and violence in girls and adolescents from Peteneras with multisectoral support.
- ✚ A cooperation agreement was ratified by Radio Shekina 102.9 FM, which has an approach based on the Evangelical Christian religion and through which the bilingual Spanish-Q'eqchí radio program "El ABC de la Sexualidad" was broadcast.
- ✚ 90 adolescent AMA volunteer leaders from Mayan Q'eqchí and Ladino communities in the municipalities of San Luis, Poptún, Dolores, El Chal and Santa Ana, Petén, strengthened their life and leadership skills, enabling them to cope with a better way to face the challenges of daily life, make assertive, informed and responsible decisions about your life and sexuality, achieve your life plans, stay away from harmful practices such as early pregnancy, sexual violence, child marriages and unions, early and forced infections and sexually transmitted infections including HIV/AIDS.
- ✚ 142 girls/adolescents fourth, fifth and sixth grade students in schools in the Las Joyas and Las Plantas neighborhoods, Poptún, Petén, strengthened their skills for life and leadership through interactive sessions of the Professional Improvement and Personal Strengthening program (PACE) and soccer sessions through the Play Forward (PIF) program.



- ✚ 49 adolescents between the ages of 13 and 15, who are part of the school governments in 7 basic education institutes of communities and marginal urban areas of the municipalities of San Luis, Poptún, Dolores, El Chal and Santa Ana, in the South of Petén, participated in the "Youth Diploma on the prevention of pregnancy and sexual violence in girls and adolescents"; Likewise, they replicated the information with other young people in the institutes to which they belong.
- ✚ 11 Meetings of 8 Municipal Networks for the Protection of Children and Adolescents of Petén, which correspond to the municipalities of San Luis, Poptún, Dolores, El Chal, Santa Ana, San Benito, San Francisco and Sayaxché, Petén, in order to Strengthen local multisectoral coordination frameworks and follow up on the 2019 Annual Municipal Plan of said networks in response to the different problems experienced by girls and adolescents from Peteneras.
- ✚ 1 Seminar on Comprehensive Education in Sexuality and Prevention of Sexual Violence in girls and adolescents in the department of Petén, Guatemala, in order to strengthen the capacities of the officials of the Technical Board "Prevent with Education" Department of Petén.
- ✚ 3 Interactive training camps for the Coordinators and Assistants of the Networks and Municipal Offices for the Protection of Children and Adolescents -OMPNA- of the department of Petén, which had the objective of strengthening knowledge about Sexual and Reproductive Rights, the leadership and the elaboration of a strategic planning of the officials described above.
- ✚ 30 bilingual Spanish-Q'eqch'í radio programs "El ABC de la Sexualidad" were broadcast on Radio U' Tan Kaj 106.9 FM, which is a community radio station based on the Christian Catholic Religion. Through this program, young people and fathers and mothers were oriented, sensitized and spoke openly about sexuality, Sexual and Reproductive Rights, early pregnancies, sexual violence, early and forced marriages and child unions and transmitted infections including HIV/AIDS and on access to modern methods of family planning.



- ✚ Twenty bilingual Spanish-Q'eqchí radio programs “El ABC de la Sexualidad” were broadcast on Radio Shekina 102.9 FM, which is a private radio station based on the Christian Evangelical Religion. Through this program, paradigms continued to be broken in the Protestant population of the South of Petén, since through this program, Sexual and Reproductive Rights, equality between genders, access to modern methods of family planning and the access to sexual and reproductive health for women, girls and women, which represents a promotion of the erroneous behaviors and values of the community in question, which has historically devalued women, keeping them in a submissive environment and aware of the especially sexual and reproductive rights.
  
- ✚ Through the articulation and monitoring of the Petén departmental "Prevent with Education" Technical Board, 14 Diplomas on Comprehensive Sexuality Education -EIS- were carried out, which allowed the training of 649 teachers from 192 primary schools, for what 17,432 girls and adolescents receive scientific information on sexuality and EIS in a gradual, timely, secular and scientific manner; Likewise, the following activities were carried out:
  - 210 primary level teachers were trained on sexual violence and how to identify it.
  - 8,232 girls, adolescents, and young people were trained on the prevention of sexual exploitation.
  - 210 primary level teachers were trained on child abuse and social tolerance.
  - 378 teachers who teach the fourth, fifth and sixth grades of primary school were trained on bullying, myths of bullying and how to prevent and identify bullying.
  - 8,232 girls, adolescents, and young people were trained on how to prevent cyberbullying.
  - 8,700 girls, adolescents, and young people were trained on dealing with violence through values.
  - 8,700 girls, adolescents and young people were trained on grooming (insecurity of minors on the Internet)
  - 85 teachers from 7 primary and pre-primary educational centers participated in the diploma of 10 violence prevention meetings.
  - 6,570 girls, 697 teachers and teachers from 86 primary schools in 12 municipalities of Petén, were trained on human trafficking.



- 42,917 girls and boys, 2,931 teachers from 659 primary schools participated in the Day of Nonviolence, through talks, newspapers, murals, civic acts, dramas and marches, talks on issues related to nonviolence, good coexistence and the peace.
- 4 workshops on human trafficking and different manifestations of violence, aimed at 675 fourth, fifth and sixth grade teachers.
- 29,808 girls, adolescents and young people participating in talks on Grooming, Sexting, Sextortion, Cyberbullying, Malware, and Phishing.
- Execution of the Thousands of Hands Program: 5 workshops and 10 meetings aimed at teachers from 7 primary schools, with the theme of Violence Prevention and Peaceful Coexistence.
- 50 schools and 2,414 adolescents from the municipalities of La Libertad, San Andrés, San José, Flores and Melchor de Mencos, Petén, participants in talks on puberty, adolescence and human trafficking, character and values.

✚ Through the Technical Board "Prevent with Education" District of the South East of Petén, the 2019 Strategic Plan has been promoted, which has allowed a multisectoral response to the high rate of pregnancies and violence in girls, adolescents and young people in this area of the department of Petén, through the following activities.

- 5 Diplomas on Comprehensive Sexuality Education -EIS-, which allowed training 278 teachers from 83 primary schools, so that 3,513 girls and adolescents gradually receive scientific information on sexuality and EIS from the municipalities of Santa Ana , El Chal, Dolores, Poptún, San Luis, Petén.
- Socialization of the Agreement Letter "Prevent with Education" to the 203 collaborators of the South East Health Area of Petén.
- 265 people from the various Health Districts of the South East Area of Petén, strengthened in terms of Comprehensive Education in Sexuality.
- 8 counseling and information spaces on Responsible Sexuality and Reproductive Health aimed at Adolescents in outpatient services.
- 8 Friendly Spaces in the South East Area. In which at least 2 monthly sessions are covered, with the participation of 20 adolescents per session.
- 3,200 adolescents participating in the Friendly Spaces, who received timely information on sexual and reproductive health.



- From the Adolescent Component of the South Eastern Petén Health Area Directorate -DASSPSOR-, comprehensive information on the prevention of Early Pregnancy and information on Comprehensive Education in Sexuality -EIS- and Violence Prevention -PV- has been provided. To 373 Adolescents (201 women and 172 men).
  - 34,335 students dewormed, supplemented and covering a total of 68 public educational centers / 38 private.
  - 3 Health Fairs in the South East Area of Petén.
  - 2,021 adolescents with the first dose 744 adolescents with the second dose of HPV vaccine.
- ✚ Through the Technical Board "Prevent with Education" District of the South West of Petén, the 2019 Strategic Plan has been promoted, which has allowed a multisectoral response to the high rate of pregnancies and violence in girls, adolescents and young people in this area of the department of Petén, through the following activities.
- 3 Diplomas on Comprehensive Sexuality Education -EIS-, which allowed training 230 teachers from 42 primary schools, for which 4,985 girls and adolescents gradually receive scientific information on sexuality and EIS from the municipalities of Sayaxché, La Libertá and Las Cruces, Petén.
  - 16 counseling and information spaces on Responsible Sexuality and Reproductive Health aimed at Adolescents in outpatient services.
  - 16 Friendly Spaces in the South West Area. In which at least 2 monthly sessions are covered, with the participation of 20 adolescents per session.
  - 6,400 adolescents participating in the Friendly Spaces, who received timely information on sexual and reproductive health.
  - 5 Health Fairs in the South West Area of Petén.
- ✚ 10 teams participating in the women's soccer championship "Take sides against violence", with the participation of 100 adolescents and young people from the municipalities of San Luis, Poptún and Dolores, Petén, who are empowered on the forms of violence prevention against women and gender equality.

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



- ✚ 4 Feminist Interactive Training Camps –CAFFEMI- of the “Personal Development and Professional Improvement (PACE) program on topics focused on communication, dialogue and conflict resolution, time management and stress and health.
- ✚ 14 interactive training sessions for the PACE-Niñas program and soccer for the Jugar Hacia Adelante program, with 142 girls from primary schools in the Las Joyas and Las Plantas neighborhoods, Poptún, Petén.
- ✚ 11 Meetings of Municipal Networks for the Protection of Children and Adolescents of Petén in the municipalities of San Luis, Poptún, Dolores, El Chal, Santa Ana, San Benito, San Francisco and Sayaxché (one meeting per municipality).
- ✚ 3 Interactive training camps for the Coordinators and Assistants of the Networks and Municipal Offices for the Protection of Children and Adolescents -OMPNA- of the municipalities of San Luis, Poptún, Dolores, El Chal, Santa Ana, San Benito, San Francisco and Sayaxche, Peten.
- ✚ 30 broadcasts of the fourth season of the bilingual Spanish-Q'eqchí radio program “El ABC de la Sexualidad” broadcast on Radio U' Tan Kaj 106.9 FM.
- ✚ 20 broadcasts of the third season of the bilingual Spanish-Q'eqchí radio program “El ABC de la Sexualidad” broadcast by Radio Shekina 102.9 FM.
- ✚ 4 Meetings of the Petén Departmental “Prevent with Education” Technical Committee.
- ✚ 3 Meetings of the Technical Committee on Prevention with Education in the South East of Petén.
- ✚ 3 Meetings of the Technical Committee on Prevention with Education in the South West of Petén.
- ✚ 10 Days of the Women's Soccer Championship “Take sides against violence”.



Actions that were carried out within the framework of the programs and projects: "Personal Development and Professional Improvement" (PACE); "Play Forward and PACE-Girls"; "Strengthening and political incidence of the municipal networks for the protection of children and adolescents in the department of Petén, Guatemala"; Know, Act and Demand "Promotion and Defense of Sexual and Reproductive Rights for the prevention of pregnancies and sexual violence in girls and adolescents in the southern area of Petén" and "Take sides against violence, Phase II".

In addition, the actions are part of the general support framework provided by the Global Fund For Children through the Empowering Girls/Adolescents initiative and the financing granted by Global Fund For Women as part of its flexible financing.

The "Personal Development and Professional Improvement" (PACE) program, executed with funding from Women Win and the GAP Foundation, aimed to strengthen the life skills of 92 women so that they can effectively face the challenges of daily life, in order to break the cycle of poverty and violence in which they live, especially young indigenous and rural women from the South of Petén, Guatemala.

The "Jugar adelante y PACE Niñas" program carried out with the financial support of Women Win, the Summit Foundation and the GAP Foundation and focused on strengthening the skills for life and the practice of soccer in 142 girls/adolescents, with the aim that they are better prepared to better face the challenges of daily life and the transition from childhood to adult life, in which adolescence appears and entails psychological, emotional and behavioral changes, to which it is necessary to pay special attention attention.

Likewise, in strengthening skills in the sport of soccer, in order to promote leadership, strengthen their self-esteem and develop a greater ownership and understanding of their bodies.

Through the project "Strengthening and political incidence of municipal networks for the protection of children and adolescents in the department of Petén, Guatemala", which had the financial support of Empower as part of the Collective With and For Girls, and was carried out with the aim of strengthening the political and strategic incidence of the Municipal Networks for the Protection of Children and Adolescents through dialogue processes and good practices and the increase in the capacities of the coordinators and assistants of the Networks and Municipal Protection Offices to Children and Adolescents -





OMPNA- and influence politically for the fulfillment of the strategic plan 2019 of the offices in 8 municipalities of the department of Petén: San Luis, Poptún, Dolores, El Chal, Santa Ana, San Benito, San Francisco and Sayaxché, Peten.

Program "Empowering Girls/Adolescents", which is a program of the Global Fund For Children -GFC- in conjunction with the Dubai Cares Foundation, with the aim of deepening and expanding gender equality and promoting the rights and opportunities of girls adolescents through an estimated 18 new partners, grassroots, community, non-governmental and civil society organizations, in Guatemala, Nicaragua and Honduras over the next four years.

The Know, Act and Demand project "Promotion and Defense of Sexual and Reproductive Rights for the prevention of pregnancies and sexual violence in girls and adolescents in the southern area of Petén, Phase III", executed with financing from the Southern Women's Fund –FMS- through the Leading From the South Program, aims to: Promote and influence the full exercise and defense of sexual and reproductive rights for the prevention of pregnancies and sexual violence in girls and adolescents in the department of Petén, Guatemala.

While the "Take sides against violence, phase II" Project, was financed by the Central American Women's Fund -FCAM- and aimed to strengthen the processes of dialogue and political advocacy and the organizational strengthening of the AMA Association, continue promoting the sport of soccer as a tool for development.

**AMA Association**, according to its mission is to be a leading and recognized organization that promotes the comprehensive development of women and youth, through programs aimed at transferring skills and strengthening attitudes of leadership, democratic participation and sustainable economic development, with an emphasis on 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 successes of the interventions that are formulated and executed in programs aimed at human development, with an emphasis on the promotion and defense of human rights. of girls, women and young people and communities as a whole.



And in fulfillment of this mission, In 2013, the AMA Association participated in the call for the Ola Joven program of the Central American Fund for Women -FCAM-, with the proposal of the project "Actívate Joven Mujer". Through which AMA was benefited with 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 various projects during the years 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019, through being a partner of the organizations: Central American Women's Fund -FCAM-; Fund for Youth of Central America and Mexico -CAMY Fund-; Southern Women's Fund -FMS-; Global Fund For Children -GFC-; women win; GAP Foundation, Empower, Global Fund For Women and participated in the Crowdfunding platforms: GlobalGive and HipGive.

In recognition of its altruistic work, the AMA Association, in 2016, was awarded the "With and For Girls" Collective Award from the Stars Foundation.

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

These processes have made it possible to promote the empowerment of girls and boys, adolescents, youth, women, and primary school teachers, regarding the knowledge, defense, and exercise of Sexual and Reproductive Rights, gender equity, and democratic participation.



***Photographs that tell about our work!***



***AMA Volunteers during the Feminist Interactive Training Camps***



***Win girls during interactive training session of the PACE-Niñas program***



*Win girls during a soccer session, from the Play Forward program*



*The coordinators of the Municipal Child Protection Offices  
And Adolescence of 8 Municipalities of Petén, during camp*



*Officials during a meeting of the Child Protection Network and Adolescence in the municipality of Dolores, Petén*



*AMA female announcers during bilingual radio show Spanish-Q'eqchí "The ABC of Sexuality" radio Shekina 102.9 FM*



***IV Meeting of the Board "Technique to Prevent with Education" Department of Petén***



***III Meeting of the Table "Technique to Prevent with Education" District of the South East of Petén***



*1 Meeting of the Table "Technique to Prevent with Education" District of the South West of Petén*



*AMA Executive Director during the opening of the championship women's football "Take sides against violence"*