

# Community Based Solutions in Guatemala

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## International Program

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- Planned Parenthood supports comprehensive SRH care and advocates for sexual and reproductive rights.
- Provides financial and technical support to civil society groups.
- Currently, we support 40 organizations in 11 countries in Africa, Latin America and the Philippines.
- Support programs in areas where access to SRH is severely limited, especially due to cultural, geographic, or linguistic barriers.

# Guatemala

- Civil war lasting from 1960-1996.
- Displacement, refugee and returnee populations, most of which are indigenous.
- Primarily rural population.
- Sharp health, social and educational disparities.
- Severely weekend State structures.



# Case Study

## Tan Ux'il:

- Mayan Biosphere Reserve
- Adolescents and youth as service providers and peer educators.
- Work in 7 communities, serving over 500 clients.



# Successful Model

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- Retalhuleu
- Training of CHW, midwives and promoters working in tandem.
- Community-based clinics provide support.
- Work in 9 communities, serving over 1,300 women.



# Solutions are Rights and Community-Based

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- Successful models are built from within community, based on expressed needs and have full community support.
- Education, outreach and services are culturally and linguistically appropriate.
- Continued training and support of promoters and midwives ensures quality of services offered.

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- Community health workers provide visits where best for clients, offering SRH services where women are most comfortable.
- Service model builds upon the capacity of trusted community members, ensuring services are offered within a rights-based framework.
- Local organizations are linked with larger community—offering support in cases of emergency.

Thank you!

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