

Planting the seeds for a better future

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The direct beneficiaries of the project are 300 families (1,500 people) from 13 women's groups organized in 12 communities in three municipalities: Nentón, San Antonio Huista and Petatán in northwestern Huehuetenango, Guatemala.

To date the following below mentioned activities of the project have been carried out.

1. Organizational Strengthening

13 community and group meetings were held to promote and raise awareness of the project (1 with each of the 13 groups) in 12 communities in the municipalities of Nentón, San Antonio Huista and Petatán; the purpose of these meetings was to inform the 300 families of the benefits they would be receiving under the project and to get their commitments for the project.



La Esperanza Women's Group, Aldea Las Palmas, municipality of Nentón attend the meeting in preparation for the project. June 2021.

2. Workshops

The workshop on Agro ecology scheduled to be held in the first months of project implementation could not be held due to the upturn of the pandemic in the Huista region, it has been rescheduled later this year, provided that the situation improves.

It was planned to carry out 13 agro ecological practices (1 x group) on selection and preservation of native corn and bean seeds, food herbs and techniques for vegetable crops. These were carried out counting only with the team leads, not with the members of each group, due to the restrictions that have by the cobid-19 in the Huista region.



Team leads of the Jacaltequita Women's Group participate in an agro-ecological practice for the selection and preservation of local native and creole seeds of corn, beans and food herbs.

3. Distribution of Crops and Technical Assistance

The purchase of local native and creole corn and bean seeds was carried out and distributed to each groups, taking advantage of the starting rainy season.

Each of the group members carried out the preparation (cleaning or stubble burning) of their available land.



Women's group La Esmerada, Cabic village, preparing their land for planting corn, beans, vegetables and herbs. July 2021.

It is important to note that during the rainy season it is not advisable to plant vegetables in the region because they rot due to the excess rainfall, not so the food herbs; the vegetable seed is already available but will be delivered at the end of October for planting at the beginning of November when the dry season starts.

During the next months pending activities such as the planting of medicinal plants, fruit trees and the delivery of chickens will be carried out.



Group members receiving corn, bean and food herb seeds to implement their crops. July 2021.



Group member of La Peña, Aldea Canquintic, returns home after receiving seeds for her corn, bean and herb crops. June 2021