

Empowering Maya Youth



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Ch'ieltik strenghtens the rights of indigenous girls, boys, adolescents and youth by empowering their skills through training, cultural and artistic activities. This work is carried out with our operational team of which 90% of its members belong to the Tsotsil, Tseltal, Tojolabal and Kanjobal Mayan cultures.

Our team is in charge of the formative processes of Mayan youth who learn how to build a voice of their own and take it back to their communities.

We have presence in three municipalities in Chiapas and, through the years, we have established solid alliances with the principal local actors in each of the 7 micro-regions in which our organization works.

CHIAPAS' CONTEXT

- It has the lowest **Human Development Index in Mexico (0.664)** and the highest child poverty rate: **83.6**%
- The highest dropout rate: only 39.8% of students complete their upper secondary education.
- The highest adolescent fertility rates. In the municipalities of Chenalhó, Las Margaritas and San Juan Cancuc the fertility rates are 157, 132 and 103 children, respectively, for every thousand women between 15 and 19 years of age.
- The Covid-19 pandemic has highlighted economic, health, education and access to ICT inequality. Internet availability in Chiapas homes is one of the lowest in the country (27.3%), and in indigenous communities coverage is practically non-existent.



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Intervention Model

It aims to empower Maya Youth of Chiapas with a focus on rights, interculturality and gender equality, through actions and projects that allow them to actively exercise their rights to be able to transform their lives and those of their communities.



Situation diagnosis Planning of activities Agreements with different authorities Covenants for the implementation of projects Application of lines of action

Lines of action



Education

We offer training tools to the care of emotions; the prevention of gender violence, adolescent pregnancy and early unions; the reinforce of youth leadership and school permanence.



Local Public Advocacy

Through awareness workshops and intersectoral tables we share youth's problems with key actors, generating spaces for dialogue and reflection among indigenous youth and adults, in order to discuss and address some of issues that affect Maya youth lives.



Leadership

Through youth initiatives, cultural projects from youth to youth and our Youth Leadership Diploma Course, we seek to increase youth involvement so that they can become active participants in the transformation of their villages and communities.



Creativity

Through art, we promote the expression of Maya youth. Via creative and artistic workshops the indigenous youth develop skills to carry out their projects, which are exhibited in intercultural meetings.







Monitoring and Evaluation are constant activities that allow us to generate knowledge of our achievements, results and opportunities for improvement. This knowledge allows us to adapt our model to the evolving situations related to Maya youth and their communities.

ACHIEVEMENTS

- In the last 13 years, Ch'ieltik has strenghtened the capabilites of 45,000 indigenous youth to claim and excercise their rights.
- Ch'ieltik is a founding member of Alianza Mx, which is part of the Latin American and Caribbean Network for the defense of the rights of children, adolescents and youth. She has participated in conversations on the rights of indigenous adolescents with UN agencies in Mexico, including UN Women, UNFPA and OHCHR.
- In 2021, Ch'ieltik and UNFPA organized a joint webinar on "The impact of Covid-19 on the indigenous populations of Mexico: multidimensionality of challenges, resilience mechanisms and opportunities for the future". Ch'ieltik is also a member of the Girls Not Brides global membership.
- In 2022, Ch'ieltik was elected to be part of the SIPINNA Chiapas the Comprehensive Protection System for the Rights of Girls, Boys and Adolescents in he Mexican state of Chiapas.





AWARDS

- In 2022 Ch'ieltik's Good Educational Practices have been recognized by Ashoka Mexico, Central America and the Caribbean among eight inspiring educational models that promote transformative skills from different social and educational contexts, via innovative methodologies and tools for students, teachers, fathers, mothers and/or family guardians. It is highlighted that in Ch'ieltik's Good Educational Practices, based on Empathy and Change Agency, there are: interculturality, empathy, inclusion, people at the center of learning, sustainability and help to learn and think on their own and in the community.
- **Ibero-American Youth Award 2018**. Winners of the Activism Category for promoting indigenous youth participation for the exercise of their rights.
- Human Rights Award of the French Republic, 2017. Special Mention on the topic "Promotion and protection of sexual and reproductive rights".
- 2nd Place 2017, of the OAS-SGIB-Vidanta Foundation Award, for contributing to the reduction of poverty and inequality in Latin America and the Caribbean.





STRATEGIC ALLIES













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