



GSC envisions a Guåhan where its people strive towards food sovereignty and greater food security, where its people are proficient in cultivating their own food and most importantly, where its land, air and sea are sustained for future generations.

Guam's history is explicitly tied to colonialism, with over 400 years of colonial powers dictating the food, information, and land that CHamorus, the indigenous people of Guam, had (and have) access to. Today, this reality looks different but has many of the same effects- CHamoru people have little access to land and resources needed to grow their own food and to decolonize their diets.

The indigenous word for Guam is Guåhan, which means "we have." CHamoru ancestors knew that everything we could ever need could come from the island. A long history of colonization has worked to change what it means to live in Guam and to be CHamoru- that we have to import food in order to eat, that indigenous foodways are outdated or nonsensical, and that a westernized diet is what's best for the island.

When it comes to food security, the entire island is affected by a general lack of access to fresh, healthy food, but indigenous and minority populations are particularly at risk. 90% of all food on Guam is imported. The reliance on imported and highly processed food has created an environment in which many island residents are extremely food insecure.

We humbly ask for assistance for our organization, so that GSC can help to rebuild our food systems through providing support to uplift and restore our farmers and our community as well as rebuild what was destroyed at our three community gardens that have been severely damaged. Many in the community are without food, and our farmers have lost much if not all of their crops. The typhoon has devastated our livelihoods, destroyed food, and is driving up hunger. It is our fear that we may permanently lose a majority of our farmers, resulting in a destruction of our food systems because of this disaster. We hope to provide help to our farmers, in areas of financial support, mental health and wellbeing needs and more, as well as to help provide food for those in need.