

Our Community Work in GUATEMALA

Working together with community-based partners, we support efforts that focus on saving and improving the lives of women and children, preventing disease among the most vulnerable, and strengthening the health care workforce.

▶▶▶ Promoting the Health of Children & Youth

Mil Milagros

In Guatemala's rural indigenous communities, child malnutrition and stunting rates exceed an alarming 70%, compromising children's growth and impeding healthy cognitive development. In 2015, with support from Johnson & Johnson, **Mil Milagros** was successful in reducing chronic child malnutrition and stunting by an average of 50% in Pahaj community and almost 100% of the children supported by the program graduated sixth grade, compared to the regional average of just 40%. Johnson & Johnson will continue to support the comprehensive early childhood development program for 400 young children (birth through age eight) and build the capacities of 125 mothers and 16 teachers in the areas of child nutrition, malnutrition prevention, health/hygiene and literacy in four rural indigenous communities in the Guatemala Highlands.



Johnson & Johnson supports the school-based feeding program run by Milagros that has been successful in bringing children to school, improving both children's nutrition as well as their life prospects

Fundación del Centavo

Fundación del Centavo (Fundacen) aims to reduce teen pregnancy among indigenous communities by encouraging and empowering youth to develop life skills, including setting goals and formulating life plans. Johnson & Johnson has partnered with Fundacen to increase the capacity of 18 schools to provide life skills education and sexual health information to 2,500 adolescents aimed at reducing risky behavior and promoting smart decision-making. Additionally the project will provide young women/mothers, ages 14-17, a better understanding of family planning methods and how to maintain optimal sexual and reproductive health. Overall the project aims to instill a culture of regular medical check-ups in the local communities, emphasizing preventive methods and family planning.

▶▶▶ Empowering Women & Girls

Let Girls Lead

Let Girls Lead (LGL) invests in local leaders and organizations working to address the cultural and social factors that contribute to adolescent girls' high rates of gender-based violence which lead to early pregnancy, school dropout, maternal mortality, and pervasive poverty in Guatemala and Honduras. With support from Johnson & Johnson, LGL will assist **OSAR-Jalapa** and **Asociación Generando** in Guatemala and **Unidad de Desarrollo Integral y de la Familia (UDIMUF)** in Honduras launch and implement community engagement and mobilization strategies focused on reducing gender-based violence in high-need areas of their countries. LGL will provide technical assistance to support the three organizations in achieving their project goals, including in person and remote support in implementation, monitoring, evaluation, resource mobilization, media and decision-maker engagement, and network building to ensure the successful implementation and sustainability of these initiatives.

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