

Integrated Project for Fighting against Poverty and Improving the Living Conditions of the Maya Peoples in the Department of Sololá



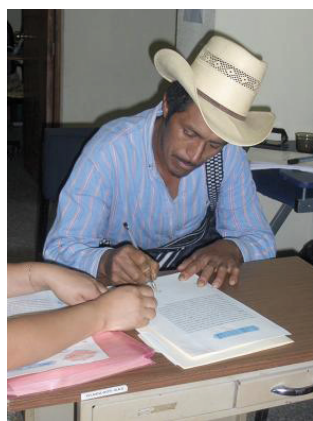
The project assists FEDEPMA in the establishment of democratic structures as well as in the increase of administrative capacities through structural reform. The members of FEDEPMA are also supported in articulating their demands towards local authorities.

Expected results:

The number of FEDEPMA associates has increased, which highlights the population's confidence in and acceptance of FEDEPMA. Moreover, the democratic decision-making processes of the partner have been strengthened. The project contributes to the progression of personal economic initiatives and the efficiency of the target group. One of the highlights has been the nomination of FEDEPMA as "strategic partner" by Starbucks thanks to the high quality of coffee which has been produced by the organization and which makes it possible to sell the products over world market prices.

Objectives:

- To reinforce the capacity of administration, finances and techniques of FEDEPMA in order to complete additional projects and to meet the demands of associates and non-associates.
- To provide financial aid, techniques and advanced education for small producers associated and non-associated with FEDEPMA.
- To strengthen the capacity of FEDEPMA in order to contribute to the



Context/short summary:

After Guatemala suffered of decades of armed conflict the main challenge after peace agreement was to establish rule of law and to overcome aggravating factors of conflict. The fight against poverty and inequality moved to the centre of attention. The initiated project seeks to contribute to the sustainable development and extreme poverty reduction in the Mayan territories of the department of Sololá. The project, which is EU co-funded, started in September 2004 in cooperation with the local partner and is expected to end in February 2010.

Partners*:

Federation of mayan peoples (FEDEPMA)

Activities:

The project's activities include among others the awarding and administration of microcredits. Counseling and infrastructural support in the cultivation and commercialization of coffee. Counseling in the production and commercialization of arts, crafts and carpentry are further activities.

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initiation of a process of sustainable development based on the generation of financial sources for the production and the opening of major commercial opportunities.

- To establish an adequate coordination between FEDEPMA and other local institutions including the Community Governments and Development Councils in order to initiate the design and execution of municipal strategies to reduce poverty and to integrate marginalized groups.



Final beneficiaries:

Final beneficiaries are the population of 6 municipalities (70.000 inhabitants).

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Website:

<http://www.kas.de/wf/en/71.6332>
<http://www.kas.de/proj/home/home/55/1/index.html>



Target group:

Indigenous, small farmers, producers and craftsman. FEDEPMA and its associates:

- Asociación de Servicios Varios Atitlán (ASEVA), Santiago Atitlán
- Asociación Maya de Oro (AMO), de la aldea Cerro de Oro, Santiago Atitlán
- Asociación de Desarrollo Nimajuyú San Pedro (ADENISA), San Pedro La Laguna
- Asociación de Autoayuda Chinimayá (ASOAC), San Juan La Laguna
- Asociación de Desarrollo Integral de la Producción Pauleño (ADIPP), San Pablo La Laguna



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