

GUATEMALA ANTI-TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS



DONOR: U.S. Department of State

LOCATION: Mixco and Coatepeque

PROJECT TIME FRAME: October 2018 – January 2021

PARTNERS: Asociación La Alianza

Overview

The Guatemala Anti-Trafficking in Persons Project (GATIP) works to improve the quality of victim-centered trafficking investigations by strengthening public institution coordination and supporting survivor-informed, victim-centered law enforcement, operations, and criminal justice proceedings. The project also promotes analysis, learning, and coordination of emerging Guatemala trafficking in persons trends. World Vision partners with Asociación La Alianza (ALA), a leading local non-governmental organization, to strengthen victim identification and the provision of comprehensive services. ALA operates two shelters in Guatemala, where adolescent females and children can access comprehensive support services that include lodging, psychosocial support, legal services, technical training, and economic support.

BY THE NUMBERS

BUDGET: \$750,000

PARTICIPANTS: 400 criminal justice officials and more than 100 vulnerable adolescents and their families



Key Interventions

- » Implement capacity building sessions to train members of the judiciary in applying trauma-informed and victim-centered solutions when dealing with cases of human trafficking
- » Implement awareness raising activities with community-based actors, such as teachers, health providers, and local council members to equip them to detect and respond appropriately to instances of trafficking
- » Pilot a program model for a walk-in care clinic for victims of trafficking and sexual violence
- » Provide comprehensive care that includes psychological, social, legal, and educational support to victims of trafficking and sexual violence

Objectives

- » Improve the quality of victim-centered trafficking investigations
- » Build the capacity for identifying and providing specialized services to more trafficking victims

Results

- » Trained 400 criminal justice officials on trauma-based and victim-centered investigation mechanisms
- » Trained 78 community-based partners on detecting early warning signs of trafficking in persons
- » Established a Municipal Protection Office
- » Established a walk-in care clinic for victims of trafficking and sexual violence

