

PUENTES PROJECT

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The USAID Puentes Project (2017-2023) is implemented by World Vision, in partnership with the following organizations: Asociación Grupo Ceiba, Fundación para el Desarrollo Integral (FUDI), FundaSistemas, Red Nacional de Grupos Gestores.

THE PROJECT AIMS TO SUPPORT

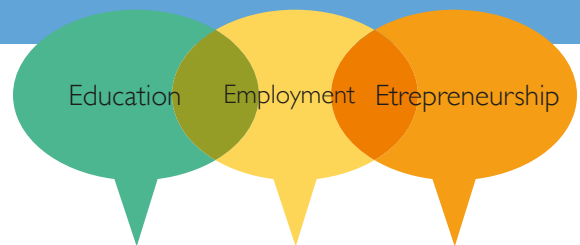
Young people between: 15 and 24 years of age



From the Western Highlands of Guatemala

TO TAKE CONTROL OF THEIR FUTURE
by providing them with the **information**,
knowledge, and **skills**
TO ACCESS OPPORTUNITIES AND IMPROVE
THEIR INCOME.

The project also helps them design and pursue a life plan, with a focus on:



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Nationally, the youth unemployment rate is five times higher for youth ages 15 to 24 than those 25 years of age and older (National Statistics Institute 2014). Youth ages 15-24 living in the Western Highlands experience poverty, violence, land shortages. They face lack of education opportunities and limited options for income improvement.

The access to social and health services is inadequate compared to their counterparts, resulting in a lower quality of life. This has led to increased levels of internal and external migration. The challenges are even greater for females and indigenous youth, who have lower school attendance rates and limited economic opportunities locally.



Municipal Youth Centers in Quiché, San Marcos, Totonicapán Huehuetenango and Quetzaltenango departments, enabled to offer services such as: **Puntos Crea, Centro de Desarrollo Humano y Tecnológico, and Espacio de Asesoría Empresarial.** The project currently operates 24 Youth Centers.

Puentes Project is currently being implemented in 25 municipalities of Huehuetenango, Quiché, Totonicapán, San Marcos y Quetzaltenango.

The **Diplomado Emprender con Éxito** is the project's core curriculum and entry point for youth participating in the project. It aims to help youth develop soft skills and design a life plan. It was originally designed to be delivered in person, but has also been adapted for delivery over the radio.

Project goals:
25,000 youth with improved soft skills and a Life Plan.
3,600 youth continuing primary and secondary education.
5,000 youth accessing technical and occupational training.
1,000 youth engaged in new entrepreneurial activity.
3,000 youth with new or improved jobs.

To date **18,279** young participants have completed the Diplomado Emprender con Éxito and have a Life Plan. **54%** **46%**
7,796 youth have received vocational training. **62%** **38%**
8,462 youth have participated in alternative education. **57%** **43%**

The project aims to achieve the following results

- 1. Youth will improve basic, workforce, and entrepreneurship skills.**
- 2. Increase employment and entrepreneurship opportunities for youth.**
- 3. Increase equitable access for youth to social services.**

The Puentes Project focuses on preparing youth to access economic opportunities by providing competencies and skills-building training.

The Puentes Project facilitates the access to education, employment and entrepreneurial opportunities.

The Puentes Project aims to ensure that youth have access to the social services that are critical to their overall well-being, so that they may take full advantage of the opportunities available to them and improve their quality of life.



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