

Vital project in Guatemala



Project: Boys scholarships

Objective:

Secondary school scholarship for 695 boys in Gualan, Jalapa, Salama, Rabinal, Carcha and Polochic

Approximately £53 per student

Target: £37,130



Why Plan works in Guatemala

Guatemala is a very poor country and three decades of civil war have left their mark. Education and literacy rates are very low in some regions and the country is plagued by organised crime, drug trafficking and violent street gangs. Only a quarter of children go on to study at secondary school, as many parents simply cannot afford to pay for their education. As a result, children make up 23% of the countries labour force – often engaged in dangerous, unskilled employment.

Plan recognises that education is a crucial way to beat poverty – enabling boys and girls to gain the skills and knowledge they need to pull their communities out of poverty and reach their full potential in life.

How you can help

We aim to raise £37,130 to provide secondary school scholarships to 695 boys in Gualan, Jalapa, Salama, Rabinal, Carcha and Polochic so that they can continue their education and realise their full potential regardless of their family's financial position. (Separately, Plan also currently supports a scholarship project for girls, ensuring that girls also receive an education for a brighter future.)

Plan staff will also help communities to set up committees which raise awareness of the importance of education to parents. These committees will also select, enroll and monitor the boys from start to finish, making sure they attend lessons and gain the most out of their scholarships.

Plan enables poor communities to take action together to achieve children's rights to an education, decent healthcare, clean drinking water and more. We give long-term practical support so poor communities can improve the lives of their children and themselves. We also campaign to change the way a whole range of adults - from parents to politicians - think and act, because we know their decisions can perpetuate poverty.

Children themselves can be powerful advocates for change, so we encourage them to take part in decision making, from village councils to national assemblies. And because children will be the leaders of tomorrow, we believe that strengthening their voices now will create a fairer, better world - now and in the future.

This is just one of many projects within Plan's wider education programme. With your support, this project can make a difference to the lives of many children, families and communities in Guatemala.

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Project: Savings and loans groups

Objective:

To set up savings and loans groups for 40 separate women's groups in Alta Verapaz

Target: £37,650



Why Plan works in Guatemala

Guatemala is a very poor country and three decades of civil war have left their mark. Education and literacy rates are very low in some regions and the country is plagued by organised crime, drug trafficking and violent street gangs. Many families are so poor that the cost of treating minor illnesses or repairing a bicycle could literally force an already poor family into destitution.

Plan is helping to provide communities with the financial education and financial services they need to earn a living and allow families to support their children's education and ensure their wellbeing.

How you can help

We aim to raise £37,650 to set up savings and loans groups in 40 villages benefitting up to 800 women. The scheme aims to help women – generally mothers – to save and take out loans for the capital they need to start a small business. A regular income means that women will be able to pay for their children's education and food to improve their general wellbeing.

They do this by forming groups with their neighbours and paying in a fixed small amount – either as a one-off or on a regular basis. They can continue to save or take out a loan with the agreement of the other group members. This helps them develop their own small businesses: things like growing vegetables for market, or producing and selling rugs.

Plan works closely with communities, governments and non-governmental organisations at a local and national level to make sure projects such as this work as effectively as possible. This is just one of many projects within Plan's wider livelihoods programme. With your support, this project can make a difference to the lives of many children, families and communities in Guatemala.

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Secondary scholarships for boys (GTM0120)

Savings and loans groups (GTM0091)

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