





MAYA HEALTH ALLIANCE WUQU' KAWOQ

Transforming Health in Rural Guatemala community led, data-informed



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Wuqu' Kawoq | Maya Health Essentials

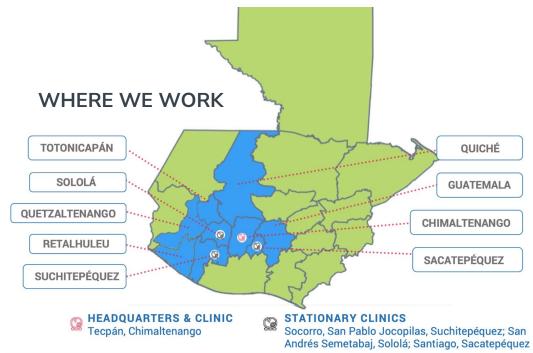
Our mission is to transform health and build equity across Guatemala.

Our vision is for high-quality care, health, and well-being to be within reach for everyone, no matter where they were born or what language they speak.

Patients Served Annually: 10,000

Annual Visits: 34,000+

2023 Budget: USD \$2.4M





The Challenge

Guatemala is one of the most unequal nations in the world. Indigenous Maya, especially women and children, shoulder the brunt of this inequality.

Barriers like language, distance, cost, and mistrust make health care inaccessible to many rural, indigenous Guatemalans.





Health Gaps

Nearly half of Guatemalans speak a Mayan language but most health care is delivered in Spanish.

47% of all children under five and 70% of children in rural, indigenous communities suffer from malnutrition.

Highest birth rates and rates of teen pregnancy in Latin America.

Mayan women are twice as likely as nonindigenous women in Guatemala to die as a result of preventable pregnancyrelated deaths.



Maya Health Solution

We build capacity with community health workers, patients, and communities to foster health and well-being and prevent avoidable illnesses and death by providing culturally-relevant, high-quality health care.



Access, Support, Education



Our team of 30 nurses provide community-based family planning services in 6 languages.

Women can choose from the full range of methods, delivered in their homes at no cost. These include contraceptive implants (Jadelle/Femplant) and intrauterine devices—copper IUD (ParaGard) and progesterone IUD (Mirena), as well as short acting methods of Microgynon pills, depo provera shots and condoms.







Community Collaboration







Gender Equity and Inclusion



Guatemala has the worst gender equity gap in the Americas. (WEF)

We are involving Male
Partners and Community
Members in the process
of human development
and providing education.



Maternal Health: Detecting High Risk Pregnancies



Challenges: Reaching Indigenous Youth





Center for Indigenous Health Research

Maya Health Alliance has published more than 100 peer-reviewed articles and publications. This research informs our practices and allows us to continually assess if our approaches are as effective as possible.

Active research programs include those in:

- Child nutrition and development
- Adult diabetes treatment and education
- Preventing maternal and child mortality
- Women's reproductive health

Funders include: National Institutes of Health, Harvard University, Canada Grand Challenges, World Diabetes Foundation



Publications available at: https://www.mayahealth.org/research



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