



**2019-2020**  
**Global Grant Proposal**

**CROSS TIMBERS**  
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# Indigenous School for Integrated Rural Development in La Libertad Petén

This Global Grant provides equipment and training for a boarding facility and vocational high school in the Tikal region of Guatemala.



# Justification

Rural Mayan communities have extremely high rates of maternal-infant mortality, malnutrition and pregnant girls under the age of 14.



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Girls face forced marriages, early childbirth, high risks for domestic violence, incest and HIV-AIDS.



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Adolescent boys are often faced with the choice of being involved in the illegal extraction of tropical hardwoods, poaching, raiding archeological sites, working with the drug trade or attempting illegal migration to the United States.



## School in La Libertad Petén

- Opened this year (2019) with 100 boarding students
- Goal to reach 200 students in 2020 - eventually up to 300 students
- Co-administered by Association Ak' Tenamit, a Guatemalan organization that has 30 years experience providing vocational education for at-risk youth
- Ak' Tenamit's highly successful work-based training methodology has achieved the ***highest employment rate*** of any vocational school in the country, **10 times** the national average

## School in La Libertad Petén

- Specializes in identifying at-risk out of school youth and incorporating them into an appropriate learning environment
- Poor rural indigenous girls and boys learn skills they need to get good jobs related to conservation, sustainable community development, disaster risk reduction, sustainable agriculture and municipal management
- Students are also taught small business skills through courses in entrepreneurial studies, small business regulation and financial management

# #YOMEQUEDO

The motto of the students is “yo me quedo” or “I’m staying”  
“I’m the future of Guatemala and Guatemala is my future”



# Global Grant Opportunity

- This Global Grant will help equip this growing school with:

Bunkbeds	Computer lab
School desks and furniture	Recreational equipment
Kitchen equipment	Vocational training equipment

- Grant Amount: \$65,000
  - Cross Timbers ~ \$8,000
  - Other Clubs: ~ \$10,000
  - DDF: \$18,000
  - TRF: \$29,000

## Service Trip Opportunity

A service trip to work on the school is planned for the Spring of 2020. After working, a trip to Tikal or diving in Belize will be available for those interested.



## Please consider supporting this project

- Our goal is to have this project completely funded by October 2019
- Please register your support for the grant using MatchingGrants.org website – search for **G-2044**  
<http://bit.ly/g-2044>
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