

AAAFOOD FOR THE HUNGRY GUATEMALA COMPREHENSIVE LEADERSHIP TRANSFORMATION COMMUNITY TRANSFORMATION PLAN “NARRATIVE”

REGION: Alta Verapaz

SUPERVISION AREA: 11

COMMUNITY: Chitul

CFCT FACILITATOR: Heidi Isabel Caal Sierra

COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS: Community Leaders and Volunteer Mothers

A. HISTORY.

- **Meaning of the name of the community:**
- Its name comes from the language Q’eqchi’ “Chi” meaning place and “Tul” (q’eqchi’) o Tulul (in poqomchi’ both terms mean banana or between banana planting.
- **Year of foundation and the way it was founded / organized.**
- 1,880 - The community was constituted and formed by the first neighbors: Mr. Martin Tul, Lorenzo Caal, Manuel Jalal, Luis Narciso, in memory (RIP) Vicente Mó. They were the ones who started the first villages.
- 1953 - 1953 the National Palace through the Ministry of Public Education appoints Carlos de León Gonzales as Director with a Degree for the Chitul Mixed School. According to the teacher, he settled in a property owned by the family of Mr. Vicente Mó in Saquijá.
- 1965 - Began the project of the Construction of the first building with tasks of young children and parents living in this community. 2 classrooms and teachers’ office were built.
- 1985 - 1 more classroom was added with the support of Public Works.
- 2015 – The Middle School was established
- 2014 - Start of rural collective transport services

B. LOCATION

- **Geographic location:**

The territorial limits of the Chitul village are:

To the North with the municipality of Cobán. AV

To the south with Finca Holanda, Santa Cruz Verapaz, A.V.

To the East with the Santa Elena farmhouse and the María Auxiliadora farm, Santa Cruz, A.V.

To the west with La Aurora farm and with Saquijá farmhouse, Santa Cruz, A.V.

Its entrance is located at Km199.5 of the CA-14 highway in Guatemala. Chitul is surrounded by several hills known as Wach Q’anchee’- place of the Guachipilín tree-, Chi ‘Kunub’, Muqha ’- buried water- and Chi Ehtz’ or Chi Ab’aj -The caves.-.

- **Distance (Km) from the municipal seat:** 2.5 km from the municipal seat
- **Access roads:** 2 km on the main road, the access to the community is a paved road, off the main highway to Guatemala City.

- **Transport services:**
 - private vehicles.
 - Bikes.
 - Bus service

Public bus transportation is available to the community that runs along the Santa Cruz-Saquijà and Chitul route. It provides its service every day from 6.30 a.m. to 7 p.m.

C. WEATHER

Summer season: March, April, June and July, however, rainfall can be observed during these months.

Rainy season: August, September, October, November,

Cold season with light drizzles: December, January, February.

D. CURRENT STATUS

1. COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION

1.1 INTERNAL ORGANIZATIONS:

INTERNAL INSTITUTIONS	FREQUENCY OF MEETINGS	GOAL GROUP	OBSERVATIONS / EFFECTIVE TIME.
Community Development Council	Monthly	People from the community	2 years of validity
Drinking Water Committee	Monthly	Families with drinking water benefit	2 years of validity
Women's committee	Bimonthly	Community women	2 years of validity
Road Committee	Monthly	People from the community	2 years of validity
Health committee	Monthly	People from the community	2 years of validity
Culture committee	Quarterly	People from the community	2 years of validity
Environment committee	Quarterly	Community	2 years of validity
Growth Promotion & Monitoring Team	Monthly	Children under 5	Undefined

		years	
Volunteer mothers	Monthly	Community families	Undefined

1.2 DEMOGRAPHY

- **N° of families:** 430
- **N° of households:** 394
- **N° of inhabitants (approximately):** 2,514
- **Average N° of members per family:** 5 members.

AGE GROUP	MEN	WOMEN	TOTAL
0 to 2 years	88	112	200
3 to 5 years	95	76	171
6 to 18 years	448	416	864
19 to 49 years	495	456	951
50+ years	143	185	328
TOTAL	1265	1221	2514

Source: Population census 2021, provided by the Health service and community leadership.

2. HEALTH.

Service centers / posts:

In the community there is a health center with its own land, located in sector 1, they work three days a week. When health personnel are not in the community, the population goes to the Permanent Attention Center (CAP) in Santa Cruz (the main town).

- **Community agents:**
The Growth Promotion and Monitoring team, volunteer mothers from the Cascade Group and the Health Commission.
- **53% chronic malnutrition in the community:**
- **Causes of infant and general morbidity:**
Acute respiratory infections, diarrheal diseases, skin diseases and the common cold
Chronic diseases: high blood pressure and diabetes
- **Causes of infant and general mortality:**
Natural and fever causes.

3. EDUCATION.

- **Type of educational service to which you have access:** Formal school with 5 classrooms and sanitary service, it works throughout the school year.
- **No. of school-age children: 664 (including middle school and high school)**
- **No. of teachers for elementary school: 13**
 - o Kindergarten:2

- Elementary School: 11
- Middle School: 3
- High School: 0

GRADE	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL
Kindergarten	46	40	96
First	53	42	95
Second	49	38	87
Third	35	37	72
Fourth	41	26	67
Fifth	33	32	65
Sixth	22	21	43
Seventh	19	14	33
Eight	23	11	35
Ninth	17	9	26
High School	31	14	45
40GENERAL TOTAL	369	295	664

Source: community school and community leaders.

RELIGION

NAME OF THE CHURCH/denomination	DEVELOPED PROGRAMS	No. OF CHILDREN	No. OF FAMILIES	TOTAL OF LEADERS
Church of God	Sunday services	85	75	3
Catholic Church	Sunday services	35	32	1
Other churches	Sunday services	65	70	3

Source: Community Leaders.

4. INFRASTRUCTURE

Community: Description of meeting places. They provide the facilities of the school or of the health center that the community has, since it does not have a communal hall.

Education: Type of infrastructure: 14 classrooms. The community was heavily affected by the ETA / IOTA storms. The school was submerged under water for 44 days and to date it remains humid inside the classrooms. Due to the situation, the CONRED declared the school uninhabitable and therefore the children and young people are now being cared for in a gallery that is in the part attached to the Health post.

- **No. of classrooms:** 14 classrooms
- **Services available to the school:** Sanitary services in poor condition, drainage has collapsed and the school remains closed for being declared uninhabitable.



- **Health services:** Type of infrastructure: In the community there is a health center with its own land, which needs some repairs and expansion. Due to the storms ETA / IOTA the front part collapsed and this has put the structure of the health post at risk.

Water:

- Type of supply system: the water supply system is through piped water service; some families also carry water from wells. Water reaches homes two days a week, due to the lack of water, the leadership has seen the need to locate and keep drinking water, ensuring at least two days a week for each sector.
- Number of water springs: 1 spring at "La Aurora" Farm.

Services for the population:

- Average type of home (description of materials): some of block, most of wood and dirt floors.
- No. of households with electricity: 363 with it and 31 without
- No. of homes with piped water: 350 with it and 44 without
- No. of households with Improved Latrines: 0
- No. of households with a well: 140
- No. of households with ecological stoves: 0
- No. of households with cement sinks: 276
- No. of households with water filters: 0
- No. of families with drainage. 0

5. PRODUCTIVITY.

AGRICULTURE

- Productive infrastructure: Sowing, rent of land to people for the cultivation of vegetables. There are two farms that have livestock and some crops.
 - Current land use: agriculture, rent of land for growing potatoes, tomatoes, Güisquil (squash).
 - Traditional crops: Corn, beans, cabbage, and some fruit trees.
- Sowing times:**
- Beans: June and January
 - Corn: May, November and July
 - Crops with commercial potential: cabbage, potato, güisquil (squash) and tomato

LIVESTOCK

- Locally managed animal species: poultry, chickens, ducks and turkeys.
- On the farms, cattle
- Some families raise pigs
- Type of use: Consumption and marketing
- Critical production dates: June, July, August

ARTISANAL: carpenters and some weavers.

6. HUMAN RESOURCES

OCCUPATION	No. MEN	No. WOMEN
Health promoters.	0	0
Midwives	0	1
GP&M Groups	0	5
Volunteers mothers and Cascade group	0	24
Plumbers	3	0
Carpenters	11	0
Bricklayers	55	0
Religious leader	4	1
Others	158	35
University Professionals	7	4
Farmers	140	0

Source: Community leaders and diagnosis made by the health sector.

E. VISION

To be a model community that, with access to basic health, education and comprehensive development services that allows children to be better and more prepared, away from negative behaviors, with a focus on community service, that can come together to get ahead before all kinds of circumstances.

F. VALUES

Friendship
Compassion
Teamwork
Solidarity
Education and respect
Gratitude

G. IDENTIFY NEEDS (list a maximum of 10)

Note:

- ✓ Construction and relocation of elementary and high school.
- ✓ Construction of the retaining wall and circulation of the health center.
- ✓ Improvement of the drinking water supply system.
- ✓ Provision of a minimum roof to families affected by storms.
- ✓ Construction of community hall
- ✓ Construction and roofing of sports center or court
- ✓ Provide sources of employment

H. PRIORIZATION OF COMMUNITY NEEDS (In a period of 3 years, a maximum of 5)

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I. ANNEXES

1. DIRECTORY OF KEY PEOPLE IN THE COMMUNITY.

Name	Position in the community
Luis Cholom Jor	Community Mayor
Cleotilde Olivia Caal Cho	Health Commission / VMCG
Flaviano Caal	Vice-president of the Community Council
Adela Cho	GP&M Team
Gloria Josefina Coy	Volunteer Mother

GENERAL INFORMATION CHITUL (Currently)

Year of entry into the community as an organization: 2017

ACTIVITIES IN EACH SECTOR

HEALTH AND NUTRITION:

- Nutributter Delivery
- Lentil Soups Delivery
- Trainings on essential care for a mother and newborn
- Growth Monitoring of children under 5 years of age.



- Cases of malnourished children have been treated
- Reinforcement of healthy practices for families with children under 5 years of age and pregnant women.
- Family prioritization for nutrition for my family
- Covid-19 prevention training
- Dissemination and sending of key messages on Mental Health and prevention of covid-19
- Culinary practices on the preparation of lentil soups.
- Training on the prevention of domestic violence
- Follow-up of special cases.
- Provision of food to families affected by the ETA / IOTA storms
- Delivery of prenatal pills to pregnant women.
- Provision of hygiene kit to vulnerable families
- Provision of kit to volunteer mothers
- Provision of kit on mental health.
- Delivery of protein shake “incaparina” to prioritized families within the community.
- Coordination of medical assistance to families reported with emergency cases.

INSTITUTIONAL STRENGTHENING

- Provision of a roof to families affected by the ETA / IOTA storms
- Leadership training on community resilience
- Leadership training on the prevention of domestic violence
- Delivery of a hygiene kit to the community leadership.
- Provision of construction material for a retaining wall for the health center.
- Strengthening local capacities in risk management.

EDUCATION:

- Training for young people and teens with the project “Preparing us for the future”
- Training for parents or caregivers with the project “Families free of violence”
- ECD kit (Early Childhood Development)
- Delivery of boxes “Ana” with preschool children
- Post-storm kit delivery
- Provision of hygiene kit for ladies
- Dissemination and sending of key messages on the complaint forms
- Visits and monitoring of young scholarship holders for the respective reinstatements.

AGRICULTURE:

- Seed delivery for home gardens
- Delivery of livestock project
- Delivery of organic fertilizers for post-storm recovery
- Follow-up to families with the livestock project and family gardens.



SPONSORSHIP RELATIONS:

- Preparation of mail and photography.
 - Christmas card
 - Answer cards
 - Introductory letters
 - Taking full-body photographs
 - Half body photography.