

CAMY FUND GRANTEE RESULTS, 2015

In 2014, the Seattle International Foundation founded the Central America and Mexico Youth Fund (CAMY Fund) in collaboration with the Summit Foundation and other partners. In 2015 the CAMY Fund provided financial support and technical assistance to three organizations in Guatemala during the first round of funding. Here are key results from that first year:

GOJoven Guatemala

Project leader, Ingrid Galvez, 31

GOJoven Guatemala and its partners capitalized on the electoral context in the country to raise awareness about the consequences of child marriage among candidates in five states and at the national level. The activities carried out by GOJoven formed part of a larger campaign that resulted in the reform of the country's Civil Code to raise the age of marriage to 18 years of age.

COINCIDIR

Project leader, Benilda Martinez, 22

COINCIDIR created an Adolescent Development Center in the municipality of San Luis Jilotepeque, Jalapa. Nearly 80% of the adolescent girls that use the Center's services associated the benefits they receive from the Center with their academic success, and expressed greater intention to not drop-out of school. COINCIDIR succeeded in negotiating with education authorities for improved conditions in two middle schools to make them safer spaces for girls.

Women's Justice Initiative

Project leaders: Elvia Raquec, 31, Sandra Cocón, 29

Women's Justice Initiative (WJI) increased the life skills of 165 Kakchiquel girls in six communities of Patzun, Chimaltenango. They also educated and changed the perspectives of 124 mothers in regards to preventing early marriage. As a result of the training provided to community leaders, these leaders developed Community Action Plans as a mechanism for responding to early and forced marriages in five communities.

The CAMY Fund is proud to support these organizations in a collective effort to educate and promote girls equality and sexual and reproductive health and rights.

For more information about the other project leaders and organizations we support, please visit our website at:
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