

COMMUNITY PROTECTION APPROACH IN CENTRAL AMERICA

ChildFund Alliance in Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras and Nicaragua



COUNTRY NAMES:

Guatemala, Nicaragua, El Salvador, Honduras

ORGANIZATIONS:

WeWorld, EDUCO, ChildrenBelieve, ChildFund and local organizations*

Between June and October 2021 partners of ChildFund Alliance and local organizations have implemented a joint exercise using the Community Protection Approach (CPA) to identify the principal protection risks in 62 communities of Central America (illustration no. 1).

The involved communities comprised of:

- More than 18.200 households in 4 countries,
- Approximately 72,000 persons.
- With 1,742 persons directly involved in activities

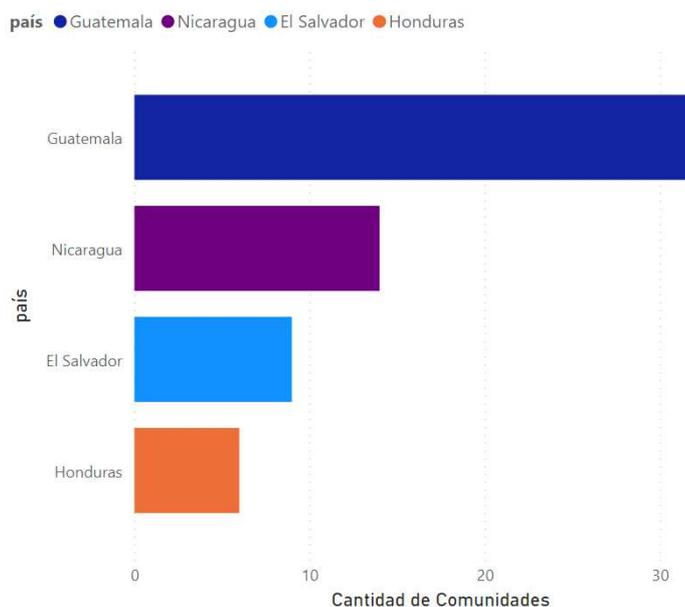
The methodology used gives the possibility to obtain quantitative and qualitative data generated in data gross and in protection risk indicators.

LOCATION OF COMMUNITIES IN CENTRAL AMERICA:



COMMUNITIES' CHARACTERISTICS

Illustration 1. Communities by country



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Source: CPA initiative

Also, a system of triggers can be generated, to investigate the protection environment in greater depth, as well as the identification of particularly vulnerable groups. During this first exercise in the communities in Central America, the vulnerability of households was characterized.

Among the different results, it was found that 1 in 5 households are considered vulnerable; and most of them are headed by an elderly woman or a single mother (women alone), as can be seen in illustration no. 2.

This allows us to work together with the community, in identifying actions focused on addressing the risks they face, and connecting communities with those responsible for upholding their rights.

The methodology not only allows for the recollection of data and identification of risks as an integral part of the process, it focuses on identifying actions together with members of the communities..

Illustration 2. Distribution of vulnerable households



These actions are structured in protection response plans to mobilize and facilitate contact and coordination with duty bearers and service providers.

This exercise has only been the first step of a system that aims to generate community participatory strategies.

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