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# Climate action rooted in women's Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR)



*“Community empowerment for climate action begins with the recognition of women's sexual rights and their access to health.”*

Karen Dubois

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FUNDAECO has rolled out a unique development model based on implementing indigenous-owned forest conservation and ensuring the SRHR of adolescent girls in 100 Mayan and Q'eqchi communities of Guatemala. While officially recognizing midwives as essential contributors to the well-being of the communities, 28 health clinics were established, providing maternal and health care to 50,000 people and supporting victims of gender-based violence. These clinics provide spaces for indigenous women, who are the main users of forest resources, to strengthen their knowledge and skills on agroforestry and production systems while accessing information on family planning and women's rights.



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## UNIQUE VALUE

### What's special about this project

- ▶ Ensuring women's SRHR has fostered their participation in sustainable management of natural resources in protected forest areas. The care economy model promotes biodiversity conservation and women's empowerment in ecotourism services and agroforestry systems.
- ▶ Thanks to a scholarship and youth leadership program, indigenous adolescent girls attend school and learn about women's rights and 64 young women reach secondary grade and university studies so they could become community leaders.



## MENTION OF HONOUR'S IMPACTS

- ▶ FUNDAECO enlarged their network allowing the organization to replicate and promote this unique development model.
- ▶ The mentoring program offered by the WGC strengthened their capacities on women's entrepreneurship and social-economic empowerment.

## TRANSFORMATIVE OUTCOMES



**50,000 women and men are direct beneficiaries**



**90 midwives officially recognised by the Ministry of Health as community service providers**



**5 productive groups support 300 women in generating new income**



**300 women leaders participate in decision-making processes**



**28 health clinics (2 mobile) provide regular care and counseling over 4,000 people per year**



**500 indigenous families adopted innovative agroforestry systems**



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