



## Project Promoting Resilient Livelihoods for the Indigenous Families of the Territory -IXOQUIB´JUYUB´ II-

Within the framework of the ALTIPLANO RESILIENTE project; whose objective is to reduce the impacts of climate change on the hydrological cycle in selected watersheds, through better land use practices; and contribute to improving water recharge and production, as well as improving the resilience of communities and ecosystems to climate change. Helvetas has executed the IXOQUIB project JUYUB´ Women of the Mountain´ from 2023 to date. During this intervention, the project has developed various actions aimed at improving women's capacities in the face of the effects of climate change and the implementation of EbA practices. Based on the results of this project and considering the relevance for families of the consolidation of adaptation actions in the territory, as well as the lessons learned and the limitations encountered; it is proposed to give continuity to key actions and strengthen new strategic actions that favor the resilience capacity of the communities, has participated in the fourth call of ALTIPLANO RESILIENTE.

For the development of this second proposal for the territory, the process of prior, free and informed consultation has been carried out with the 18 prioritized communities through the women's groups organized in the first project. This process has been developed in conjunction with the Municipality of San Antonio Ilotenango through the Municipal Directorate for Women (DMM).

Based on this process, the **project "Promoting Resilient Livelihoods for the Indigenous Families of the Territory - Ixoquib Juyub´ II -** "proposes its intervention in the municipality of San Antonio Ilotenango in the department of Quiché.

The project will maintain its actions in the prioritized micro-watersheds, focusing specific actions on 18 communities: Patzala, Xebaquit, Aldea and Caserio Tzancaguip, Chiaj, Ajanel, Chicho, Sacxac, Temala, Xeul, Canamixtoj, Tzancaguip, Ixchop, Pacomon, Agua Caliente, Pajuyum, Lobos and Cortez; and Ajanel; of the municipality of San Antonio Ilotenango in the department of Quiché. 100% of the prioritized communities are located within micro-watersheds 22,23,24 of the Upper Salinas River basin. The grassroots community organizations for the implementation of this project are the 17 women's groups and the 37 promoters that have been strengthened in the framework of the previous project. As strategic actors for the achievement of the sustainability of the project, it has been considered to maintain cooperation with the municipality of San Antonio Ilotenango, delegating to the Municipal Directorate of Women DMM and the Municipal Forestry Office -OFM- the accompaniment in the operational execution, as well as coordination and joint work with the agricultural extension office of MAGA and SE-CONRED.

Women represent 52.5% of the total population of the municipality, a high percentage do not know how to read and write, and their communication is mainly in their Mayan language Kiché.

Through the actions promoted in the **IXOQUIB´JUYUB´ - Women of the Mountain-** women's organizations have been strengthened, which has allowed them to obtain training and technical assistance for the implementation of EbA practices. Based on this condition and knowing the potential of the territory, HELVETAS has prioritized consolidating and expanding actions towards this target group.

## GENERAL OBJECTIVE

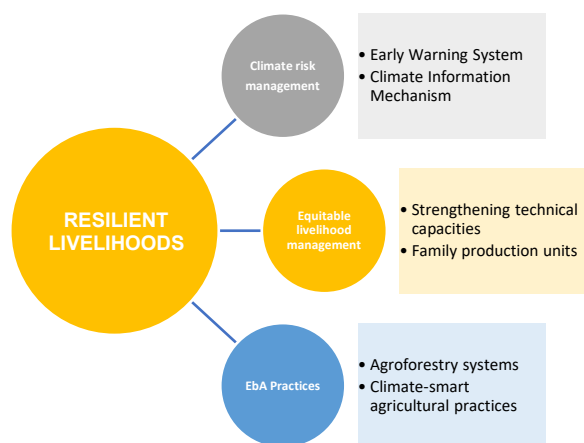
To contribute to the improvement of the livelihoods of indigenous families in the Paxocol, Joj and Tzununá micro-watersheds, through the implementation of EbA practices that favor the resilience of communities to the effects of climate change, in the municipality of San Antonio Ilotenango in the department of Quiché.

## SPECIFIC PROJECT OBJECTIVES

The specific objectives expected with the implementation of the project are:

- Strengthen the capacities of communities with high vulnerability to forest fires in climate risk management; through early warning systems and access to climate information information at the community level.
- To develop capacities and technical skills of people, mainly indigenous women, in the management of their family plots; through equitable livelihood management and the implementation of comprehensive farm models, making them more resilient to the effects of climate change.
- Contribute to the recovery of the hydrological coverage and functionality of the Paxocol, Joj and Tzununá micro-basins through EbA practices and climate-smart agriculture practices that favor the productivity of the livelihoods of the local population.

## MAIN ACTIONS



## META

With the intervention of this project, it is expected that the actions of the project will impact 1810 people, 50% of whom are women; with an intervention in at least 472.17 hectares with agroforestry systems, soil conservation works and climate-smart agriculture practices, integrated into family plots.

## FAST FACTS

### Geographical Location:

The IXOQUIB project 'JUYUB' II' has prioritized its intervention in the upper basin of the Salinas River, specifically in the Pucal-cacá Sub-basin; in the following level 6 micro-basins: Paxocol River (22), Joj River (23) and Tzununa (24) in the municipality of San Antonio Ilotenango in the department of Quiché.

The communities prioritized for the intervention of the project according to their category are:

- **Villages (8):** Patzala, Xebaquit, Tzancaguip, Chile, Chicho, Sacxac, Temala, Xejip.
- **Caserios (7):** Xeul, Canamixtoj, Tzancaguip, Chitun, Ixchop, Pacomon, Agua Caliente.
- **Sector (2):** Lobos and Cortez; Ajanel
- **Zone (1):** Zone 4 Chujiip

**Phase and duration:** II Phase, 13 months (1.1 years)

**Start date:** September 01, 2025

**Fecha de finalización:** December 31, 2026

**Phase Budget:** Q 2,938,573.48

### Main Stakeholders:

**At the local level:** Local Advisory Committee -CAL- Quiché.

**At the departmental level:** Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources (MARN), National Institute of Forests (INAB), National Coordinator for Disaster Reduction (CONRED).

**At the municipal level:** Municipality of San Antonio Ilotenango: Municipal Directorate for Women (DMM) and the Municipal Forestry Office (OFM), Municipal Agricultural Extension Unit of the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Food (MAGA).

**Grassroots organizations:** Auxiliary Mayors, Community Development Councils (COCODE), women's groups already organized that have areas available to establish, expand and strengthen their SAF agroforestry systems.

The project will seek to add to the local mechanisms and platforms already established for decision-making at the municipal level (Municipal Development Council -COMUDE-, Municipal Commission for Food and Nutritional Security -COMUSAN- and Coordinator. Municipal for Disaster Reduction -COMRED-).

**Beneficiary population:** Women, men, girls, boys, adolescents, the elderly, the disabled.

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