



“I am living with my grandparents because my mother left. No one helped me at home but with the help of Anabela (mentor) now I learn more and better. I don't want her to stop helping me.” Houstin Edin Javier Pop, Mentee (Las Arrugas, Guatemala)

Impacting lives

“(The learning circles were) very good since they taught me many things that I did not know or that I could not do. For example, now I understand mathematics better and I believe I'm ready for Telesecundaria”. 11-year-old mentee Marvin Estuardo Cal Chu



Guate Groundswell

EMPOWERING EDUCATION
AND LEADERSHIP

López (mentee's father) Ojo de Agua said: "The mentors come to the house to teach the young children; they share with them. They have already lost their fear of participating. When they arrive at my house, they ask me for permission to work with my daughter. They draw, sing, and they are very happy. I hadn't seen that in the community before".



What is Guate Groundswell?

Is an initiative designed to empower youth to be mentors and leaders in their community. In each community, mentors (aged 14-20) have been selected and supported with training, scholarships, and access to technology to facilitate weekly 'learning circle' sessions for younger students. Through these sessions, they help students academically and socially, in order to achieve educational attainment, gender equality, and sustainable community development. Of great importance to the program is that 60% of our mentors are young girls and women, with a strong focus on gender equality included in all aspects of planning and running the program.



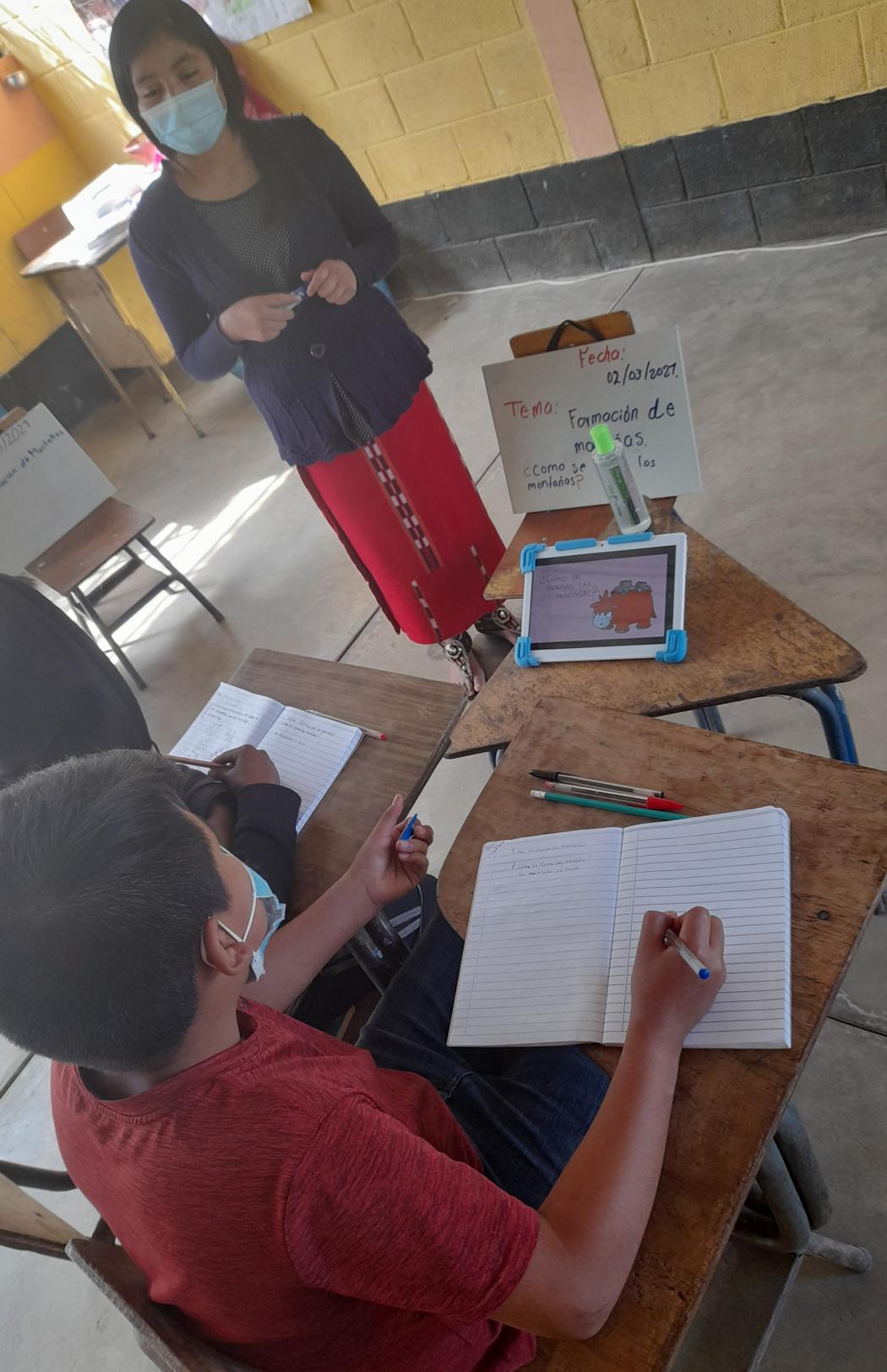


Guatemala Groundswell Program Includes:

1. PEER TO PEER TUTORING OR "LEARNING CIRCLES"

- Youth mentors are supporting students from 4th, 5th, and 6th grade. Each mentor has an average of 8 to 10 mentees and are meeting 7 - 10 hours per week.
- Beneficiary communities are located in the departments of Quiché & Alta Verapaz, two regions of Guatemala with among the highest levels of poverty, lowest levels of educational performance, and strongest presence of Mayan culture (United Nations, 2010).





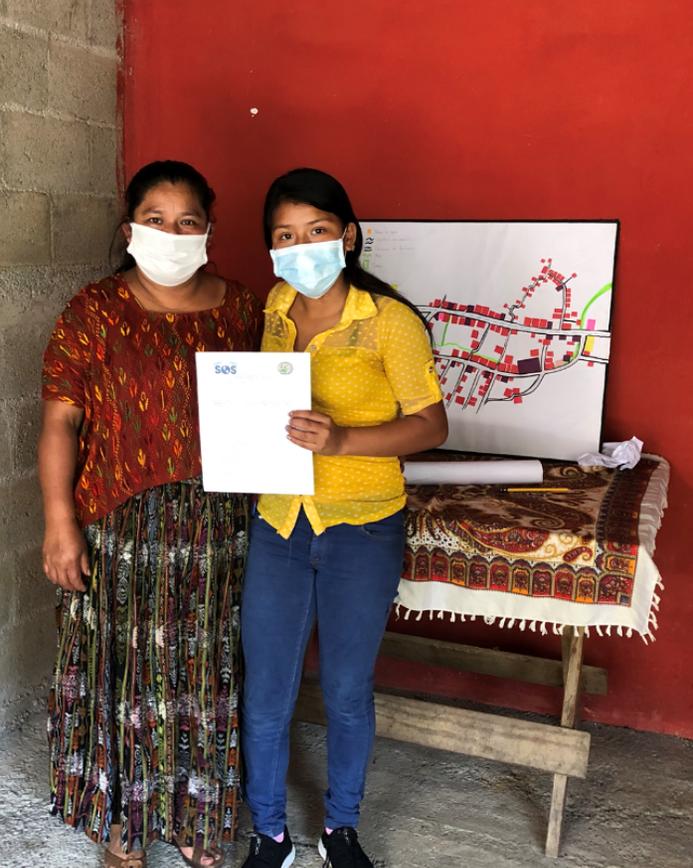
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2. DIGITAL LEARNING TOOLS

- Each youth mentor is being loaned a tablet that includes various educational resources. Mentors are also using tablets to assist mentees with their studies.
- Until now 334 content items (11GB) were curated into customized e-learning content libraries, including original content, and gender equality curriculum materials translated into local Mayan indigenous dialects

When I started I was afraid to use the Tablet, I did not know how to use (it), but the teacher Antonio taught us videos on how to use the Tablet, we also did exercises and activities with which little by little I lost my fear.” Maria Sulamita Us Chití, Mentor in OdA





Guate Groundswell Program Includes:

3. SCHOLARSHIP

- Each youth mentor is receiving a modest monthly scholarship of 250Q (45 CAD).
- The scholarship helps the program's participants to reduce financial burdens (school fees and supplies) and enabled their financial capacity to be able to consider further education.

"Faced with the pandemic, boys and girls were going to stop attending school. Guate Groundswell came to support the children to continue with their learning through mentoring. Not only mentees learned but also mentors were trained to become leaders of their community. I see more participation of youth and children in school and community meetings." Orlando Ostuma Cruz, Parent (SFC)