

# Asociación Vivamos Mejor Solalá - Guatemala



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## Description:

Vivamos Mejor Guatemala is a non-profit and non-governmental organization established since the end of 1980 with support of Vivamos Mejor Switzerland, working towards the development of indigenous rural people in Guatemala. Its original focus was on social development issues and has been gradually expanded its work to the extent of economic and environmental development. Currently all efforts are concentrated on improving the livelihoods of the population and the ecological systems of the basins of the Department of Sololá, Guatemala; expecting in the future to extend its expertise to other basins and lakes in the country.



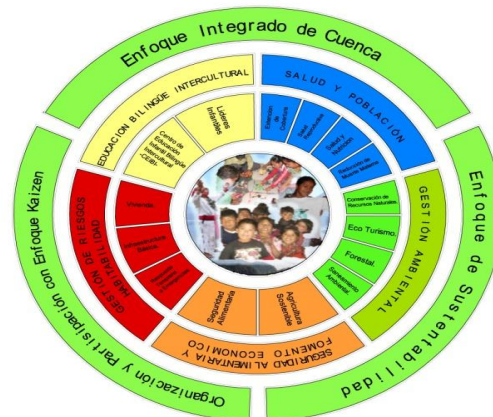
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**Mission:**

Vivamos Mejor Guatemala is a private non-profit and non-governmental organization, committed to improve the livelihoods of rural communities, primarily from the department of Sololá, establishing the integrated watershed management approach as a strategy to promote sustainable development and self-management from communities and municipalities.

**Objectives:**

- **General objective:** Improve the livelihoods for families living in the Nahualate river, Madre Vieja river and Lake Atitlan basins in the department of Sololá.
- **Specific Objectives:**
  - Preserve natural resources of the department of Sololá through the implementation of recovery, restoration, conservation and environmental sanitation programs and projects in terrestrial and aquatic ecosystems.
  - Improve the educational conditions of the population of Sololá through the development of innovative educational programs based on intercultural bilingual approach.
  - Improve the living conditions of the population of Sololá through housing construction, improvement and implementation of social infrastructure in areas with low levels of risk to disasters.
  - Improve the economic conditions of the population of Sololá through potentate comparative and competitive advantages of the territory.
  - Strengthen the focus on gender and cultural relevance in Vivamos Mejor, and in programs and projects that are being implemented.



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## Lines of Action

### Environmental Management Area

Solalá department has an incalculable natural wealth that is subject to multiple threats to which Vivamos Mejor develops programs such as Ecosystem Conservation, Forestry, Environmental Sanitation and Ecotourism taking into account the particular characteristics of the communities and municipalities involved.

### Intercultural Bilingual Education Area

This area involves finding solutions to the issues of education in Guatemala through a program of Children's Centers with Intercultural Bilingual Education and Children's Leaders Program.

### Population Health Area

Due to the importance that should be paid to the health of each of the residents of the basins of the department of Solalá, Vivamos Mejor implements programs such as Primary Health Care, Reproductive Health and Maternal and Child Health.

### Risk Management and Habitability Area

The Mesoamerican region and Guatemala is one of the most vulnerable to natural disasters on the planet. The region of the Department of Solalá, by their geographical and social conditions, is one of the most vulnerable regions of the country, so any management in the territory has to consider the risk approach.

### Food Security and Economic Development Area

In this area the organization seeks to improve basic conditions in the life of the farmers, with the approach of the concept on Kaizen Life Improvement through programs for Sustainable Agriculture and Food Security.

