

# March 2020 Featured Grantee WINGS



**Guatemala**

## Introducing WINGS



**The Women's International Network for Guatemalan Solutions (WINGS), provides quality reproductive health education and services to underserved, primarily rural, Guatemalan youth, women, and men.**

## Where in the world?

- **Guatemala: estimated population of 17 million**
- **Most populous country in Central America, highest fertility rate in Latin America**
- **One of the poorest countries in Latin America and the Caribbean**
- **Highly unequal incomes and chronically malnourished children, political insecurity, lacking skilled workers and infrastructure**
- **Health and development struggles include infant, child, and maternal mortality, malnutrition, literacy, and contraceptive awareness and use**

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## Life Challenges of the Women Served



**Guatemala has a very young population (56% below age 25) and one of the highest fertility rates (3.1 children per woman) in the region, placing unprecedented pressure on the economy and resources, resulting in more people living in poverty.**

## Life Challenges of the Women Served

- **Girls and women are more likely to be denied food and education when household resources are limited**
- **Girls are at risk of becoming child brides, suffering sexual violence, and being kept out of school to work or raise children**
- **Contraceptive use among indigenous women is 50% vs. 67.8% for non-indigenous women - women and girls feel the need to hide contraceptive use**
- **Adolescent pregnancy in Guatemala in 2018:**
  - **Ages 10 - 14 had 8% increase in pregnancy from 2017**
  - **Ages 15 - 19 had nearly a 27% increase from 2017**

## About the Featured Grantee

**WINGS** was established by Sue Patterson, a retired U.S. Foreign Service Officer based in Guatemala, who in 1999 began mobilizing resources for Guatemalan women unable to afford voluntary tubal ligations.



Since then, **WINGS** has promoted leadership among women and youth, culturally appropriate services, and sustainable change through education and access to contraceptive methods.



## What are we supporting?



- Expansion of reproductive health services to three hard-to-reach departments in Guatemala: Huehuetenago, Quetzaltenago, and San Marcos.
- Mobile units will provide long-acting reversible contraception, short-acting contraceptives, and rapid cervical screening and treatment.

**Direct Impact: Year One – 1,130; Year Two – 1,130**

**Indirect Impact: Year One – 1,745; Year Two – 1,745**

# Budget

**DFW's grant of \$50,000 for two years will fund:**

Item	Detail	Total
Travel per diem	Meals and overnight stays in hotels when the team (3 nurses, community health promoter, driver) is in the field	\$ 5,337
Gasoline	Fuels the mobile unit vehicle, making transport of the team and supplies possible	\$5,068
Clinical Supplies	Nitrogen, gauze, gloves, gowns, sheets, chlorine to sterilize, surgical instruments, crepe paper, uterine elevators, CO2, propane gas, antibacterial soap, paper for clinical records, lidocaine, micropore, syringes, suture thread, and vaginal specula	\$10,540
Other operating expenses	Rent at the new regional hub in Quetzaltenango and administrative support from headquarters in Antigua	\$4,055
<b>Total per year</b>		<b>\$ 25,000</b>
<b>Total (2 years)</b>		<b>\$ 50,000</b>

## Share Your Thoughts

1. How do you think this project can affect poverty?
2. How do you think the other benefits, aside from contraceptive care, make an impact?
3. How does WINGS' work impact gender equality?

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## March's Sustained Grantee: African People and Wildlife

### Women and Girls in Conservation – Driving Economic & Environmental Sustainability in Northern Tanzania



- Living Walls ensure human and livestock security and allow women to pursue environmentally sustainable business opportunities
- Scholarships, mentoring, and internships
- Entrepreneurship seminars, micro-grants, and business training build economic and conservation opportunities in the community
- The purpose of the project is to elevate women and girls' involvement in and benefits from community-driven conservation.

**Direct Impact: 1,128 women and girls; Indirect Impact: 21,710**