

Rebuilding after a hurricane

Following hurricanes Eta and Iota last year, two Christian Aid partners in Guatemala (CONGCOOP and Caja Lúdica) have been supporting families in recovering a small part of their losses. Women from the Mayan K'iche' have been working with CONGCOOP and used their experience to help their community after the devastation of the hurricanes.

The women's group have been working on a project to help them to claim their rights and they participated in a 'Picture Power Workshop' in 2019. The group was trained as a 'Social Audit Commission' to monitor problems in their community and lobby their local municipal government for additional funds to solve them. Members of these groups received extra training in photography and used these skills to take pictures of the needs within their community and use these to put in reports to the local government.

Using the skills from the Social Audit Commission and the Picture Power Workshop the women from the Mayan K'iche' community worked with CONGCOOP to assess their needs following the hurricanes. They were then given tomato plants and vouchers to spend at a local grocery store to help them rebuild their livelihoods after the storm and feed their families in the meantime.

Women from the community took photos of the distribution of the



Women from the Mayan K'iche' indigenous community in Guatemala queuing at a local shop to spend their grocery vouchers.

plants and people spending their vouchers.

Tomasa Sicay Pérez is one of the women who is now actively participating in local politics after training and being part of the Social

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Audit Commission. She says, 'The training made me lose my fear of going to other communities, expressing my opinion, speaking and demanding my rights. I'm now a leader in my community.'

Thank you for your support through Commitment for Life which has helped communities to assess their needs and demand their rights.

Act now for climate justice

With only a short time until COP26 starts in Glasgow time is running out to speak up and demand action on the climate crisis.

Churches and civil society groups are coming together from across the world to demand that leaders make strong commitments to climate justice which will help the poorest communities to weather the storm.

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