

# Secure Perspectives International



Woman in front of her house in our current project community Belejú, Quiché

## Organizational structure

Sichere Perspektiven International e.V. is a non-profit, non-governmental organization (NGO) that was founded in 2004. It has its seat in Bonn, Germany. We promote development aid in Guatemala and function as umbrella organization for our further seats in Guatemala, Spain, and Switzerland.

## Vision

We believe that aid for self-help is indispensable for personal, social, and economic development. People become independent and free themselves from poverty and socio-economic dependence when they have the freedom of choice and the capability set to take and critically reflect their actions. We envision education to be the transformative tool for creating opportunities and empowering people to become change makers and active agents in the shaping of their own life.

We believe in an integrated and holistic development approach, which respects different cultures, traditions, beliefs, and the integrity of family structures. Thus working with children means to foster their healthy upbringing while actively involving their families and promoting their socio-economic independence.

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## Who we are



## Our work

### Mission

Secure Perspectives works on the strengthening of civil society and its leaders as well as community development, especially in Guatemala's indigenous Mayan communities in a participatory fashion. We work on the improvement of education, health, and infrastructure and in the realm of capacity building, human rights, gender mainstreaming, and social entrepreneurship.



We want to encourage self-initiative within society and stimulate responsible action. Our goal is the mutual collaboration with our partners in order to find locally relevant solutions for the improvement of their living conditions. An indispensable requisite is the active participation of our project partners.



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### Aid for self-help in Guatemala – Projects

Together with the team on-site in Guatemala we have already realized numerous projects in different communities, e.g. the construction of an elementary school for 500 children, toilets with a septic tank, vaccinations, health and hygiene education, capacity building of community leaders and teachers, and different creative workshops.

Since December 2010 we have been working together with the Mayan Poqomchi' community Belejú in Quiché. It can be only reached through an unsurfaced road and was placed in a red alert for the highest death risk by the Guatemalan Ministry for Food Security and Nutrition. Belejú was heavily affected by the 36-year civil war. 75% of its inhabitants live in extreme poverty.

Together with the community's inhabitants and after a detailed situation analysis following the Participatory Rural Appraisal (PRA) approach, the following projects were defined („Hands of Friendship against Poverty“):

#### Closed projects:

- 1.) Founding of an „Asociación Civil“, a legally registered, community-based non-profit organization that represents the interests of the community and manages its projects.
- 2.) Health Emergency Fund in order to help children, who acutely suffer from malnutrition.
- 3.) Summer school „Rayito de Sol“ (little sun ray)

#### Project in process:

- 4.) The „LA RED“ (Recreación, Educación, Desarrollo)

lo) project (THE NETWORK – recreation, education, development), including the construction of a community center for communication and capacity building, two social businesses (Internet café and a bakery), library, and a community area.

#### Projects in the planning stage

5.) Support of a women's cooperative: Founding of a bakery, awarding scholarships for apprenticeships and providing adequate infrastructure, start-up capital, and an officially recognized legal status. Use of innovative renewable energy .

6.) Installation of a water system, bringing drinking water to the village

7.) Creative project on child rights and peace education

### International Awareness Building

Both in Guatemala and internationally we collaborate with children and youth in interactive lessons and engage in topics such as social responsibility, peace education, child rights, cultural exchange and development cooperation. We encourage children to take initiative and stimulate a creative and conscious life style.



Workshop on development cooperation & child rights with school kids in Essen, Germany