

# Annual report 2022

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### Yaqu'el ta na'el te te sbahbeyal c'op

Welcome message

**Dear Ixim Family and Community:** 

This report - the product of much effort and collective enthusiasm - summarizes a year of hard work by a happy, motivated and professional team that has grown together with the Tzeltal indigenous communities that we are fortunate to accompany.

If we were able to free ourselves from this paper format and transport us to the dirt roads of the Chiapas jungle, we could feel the distance, the complexity and the enormous challenges that the team faces daily. Among all this, I am pleased that in the 9 communities that we accompany to date, we have created, together with the women that we accompany, spaces where they can work as a team, meet agreements and commit with the entrepreneurial projects that they choose and in which they are actively involved. .

Among all the results that you will see below, the startup of the productive ventures Hi'lum Antsetic (Women of Sand), Ajaw Chab (Lord of Honey) and Yo'tan Te' (Heart of Wood), personally stole my heart. I admire with emotion these women who, after 4 years of work, now guide and take care of their initiatives with commitment. I confirm that their effort is our reason for being.

How lucky those of us who are close and accompany Ixim! This year has been a year of strengthening ourselves together, a year of much community. Thanks to the women there in Chiapas, to the team, to the Council, to allied organizations and to each and every one of the people who make this family. We keep walking together

Verena Grimm

Chairman of the Board of IXIM A.C.

### Our heart

### **Nuestro corazón**

We are moved by the Tseltal concept of Buhts'an Qu'inal or tasting life, which implies self-respect and harmony with others, nature and transcendence.

From this cosmovision we articulate our accompaniment model that lasts 6 continuos years through wich we work with women, youn people, girls and boys in the areas of physical, social, environmental and economic well-being.



As they advance in these 7 programs, they progressively move as a group through directed autonomy, where IXIM is the one who establishes the work structures; later, accompanied self-management, which is when the group has built its own structures such as group rules and convenes its own meetings, and finally, autonomous self-management, which is when the group directs the steps to take guided by their own coordinators.

Our mission is to accompany the Tseltales indigenous communities of Chiapas, so that they build alternatives for a dignified and self-managed life based on their own values.

We have worked with women, girls, boys and young people for 6 years, through 7 programs that combat malnutrition, develop hygiene habits, facilitate access to healthy and varied food, ensure access to sufficient and drinkable water, and develop leadership skills, collective organization and productive entrepreneurship with a social economy approach.

In 2022 we accompany 189 families belonging to 9 communities, get to know them by entering this map:



## Ta cha'oxp'ahl nax c'op

In a nut...



4.7%

less children with anemia, compared to 2021

79%

of families consuming drinking water with the water purification system



29%

more families cover their water needs without carrying rivers

95%

of families saving milk with the use of the patsari stove 10%



of children got stomach sick less often than in 2021

100 People saving in

**6** self-financing groups



90 young tutors of girls and boys

20.3%

of profits of the collective venture
Hi' Lum Antsetic



81%

of families have more water with the rainwater harvesting system



95%

of families producing organic fertilizers with vermicompost systems

social service providers

volunteers



What do we sow?

We delivered deworming to 88 families and vitamin supplements to 58 children and adolescents with anemia.

We concluded the monitoring program focused on anemia and malnutrition in 6 communities that have participated in it since 2019.

We celebrate an alliance with the Joy Joy organization, so that the groups we accompany can strengthen their knowledge about reproductive health and HIV detection.





Particularly Pinabetal, San Pedro Tulijá and San Jerónimo Tulijá made significant progress by reducing 20% of anemia casesia.

What do we sow?

### We equip homes with:

71 water purification systems.

56 rainwater collection systems.

41 systems for the treatment of gray water.

8 vermicomposts

Domestic visits were made to monitor the use and maintenance of the eco-technologies installed during 2021.





With the installation of systems rainwater harvesting, 29% of families no longer make demanding efforts, such as hauling water from rivers, streams and neighboring houses, to cover their water needs.

28% of girls and boys got sick to their stomach two or more times a year in 2022, that is, 10% less than the previous year

What do we sow?

We started the traveling toy library project in 6 communities, with 90 young volunteers as tutors for 120 girls and boys to improve fine motor skills, creativity and reading comprehension of girls and boys.



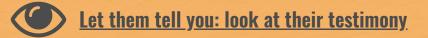


What do we sow?

We trained 5 groups to carry out collective savings exercises and we accompanied the closing of the first year of savings for a sixth group that began activities in 2021.

We promoted children's savings in 120 girls, boys and adolescents through the delivery of piggy banks and templates to record the savings of each one.







89% of the participants in the self-financing group of San Jerónimo Tulijá exceeded 70% of their savings goals

With the money collected from fines, supported the sick in their community and in December 2022 they started a second year savings, inviting their relatives to join the group.

What do we sow?

We continued the productive training of the Hi'lum Antsetic, Yo'tan Te' and Ajaw Chab ventures, and in November we led their first large-scale sale.

Representatives of Hi'lum Antsetic and Yo'tan Te' visited the company En.Concreto (Guadalajara), Cooperativas de la Unión Tosepan and Cooperativa Qualli (Puebla), respectively, to exchange experiences with other women entrepreneurs and carry out productive practices.





Hi'lum Antsetic earned 20.3% profit and Ajaw Chab 48.1% thanks to sales that they carried out at the end of 2022

The Yip Ca'teltic collective marketer was created, which will be managed by the ventures it hosts and will manage secondary services that they require to optimize

expenses

### Yipintesel te schaplejal jwohc'tic

institutional strengthening

Casa Gallina trained us in working techniques with girls and boys, and in recreational activities to raise awareness about caring for the environment



LideAC Consultores gave us workshops on psychosocial health and guided us to design our institutional policy for the prevention of psychosocial risks..



Within the Program for the Resilience of Civil Society, we continue to strengthen our alliances with organizations in Chiapas, Oaxaca and Yucatán and develop strategic communication and adaptive planning capacities.

# Bayel hocolawal Thanks

























































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