AK'TENAMIT

EMPOWERING COMMUNITIES THROUGH THE PREVENTION OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND GIRLS AND STRENGTHENING ENVIRONMENTAL RESILIENCE

Capacity building on CONRED systems, Ak Tenamit focus group (Educational Center) ©UNHCR/Amalia C.

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94 Students trained in prevention of violence against women and girls and empowerment

58 Students trained in socio-environmental disaster prevention

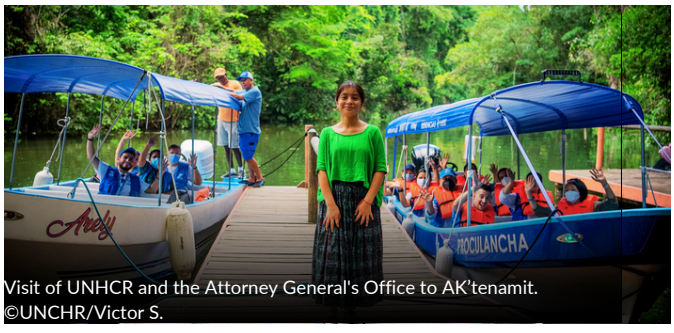
30 Teachers trained in prevention of violence against women and girls.

Ak'Tenamit is an association founded in 1992 to respond to the development needs of Livingston. It focuses on providing educational opportunities to the indigenous peoples of Guatemala to increase employability and self-employment. Its academic and livelihood programs follow an ethnic approach that helps students strengthen their cultural identity, maintain their worldview, and preserve the environment.

In 2024, UNHCR partnered with Ak'Tenamit to strengthen the capacities of students and teachers through a comprehensive initiative focused on preventing violence against women and girls, promoting equality between women and men, empowering women, and enhancing community resilience to socio-environmental disasters. The intervention expanded academic and livelihood opportunities, particularly for indigenous girls, while reinforcing cultural identity, advancing community self-reliance, and fostering safer, more inclusive communities. This joint effort reflects UNHCR's global commitment to empowering local organizations like Ak'Tenamit, demonstrating that addressing social and environmental challenges can create lasting impact and transform lives while preserving indigenous knowledge and protecting the environment.

800-900 Girls, boys, and adolescents attend classes at Ak'tenamit and come from Indigenous and Afro-descendant communities in Izabal, Alta and Baja Verapaz, Peten, Huehuetenango, San Marcos.

It's a local organization **with a national reach.**



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