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Indigenous women mappers for the environment

Is a project implemented by the Delegadas Comunitarias Committee in Bajo Chiquito, an Emberá-Wounaan indigenous community in the Darien region, with the support from UNHCR. It aims to address some of the environmental and climate change impacts experienced by the community of Bajo Chiquito, particularly on waste management, given the lack of infrastructure and systems to address these challenges.



How?

By engaging Emberá-Wounaan Indigenous communities for a participatory mapping that will enable them to use digital tools to map places, services, and socioecological risks in their communities. Using the data, the communities can design a strategy for solid waste management.



Who?

The Delegadas Comunitarias Committee is a community-based group composed of 10 Indigenous women leaders who work alongside community members and traditional leaders to finding solutions to social and environmental issues facing the community of Bajo Chiquito.

Implementation support is provided by UNHCR Panama, with financial and technical support from UNHCR's Innovation Service.



Expected Results

Improved environmental mitigation measures, based on knowledge gathered and produced by local communities, to support human and environmental health. Enhanced capacity among the community to use digital tools to advance local knowledge.

Timeframe: January to December 2024

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