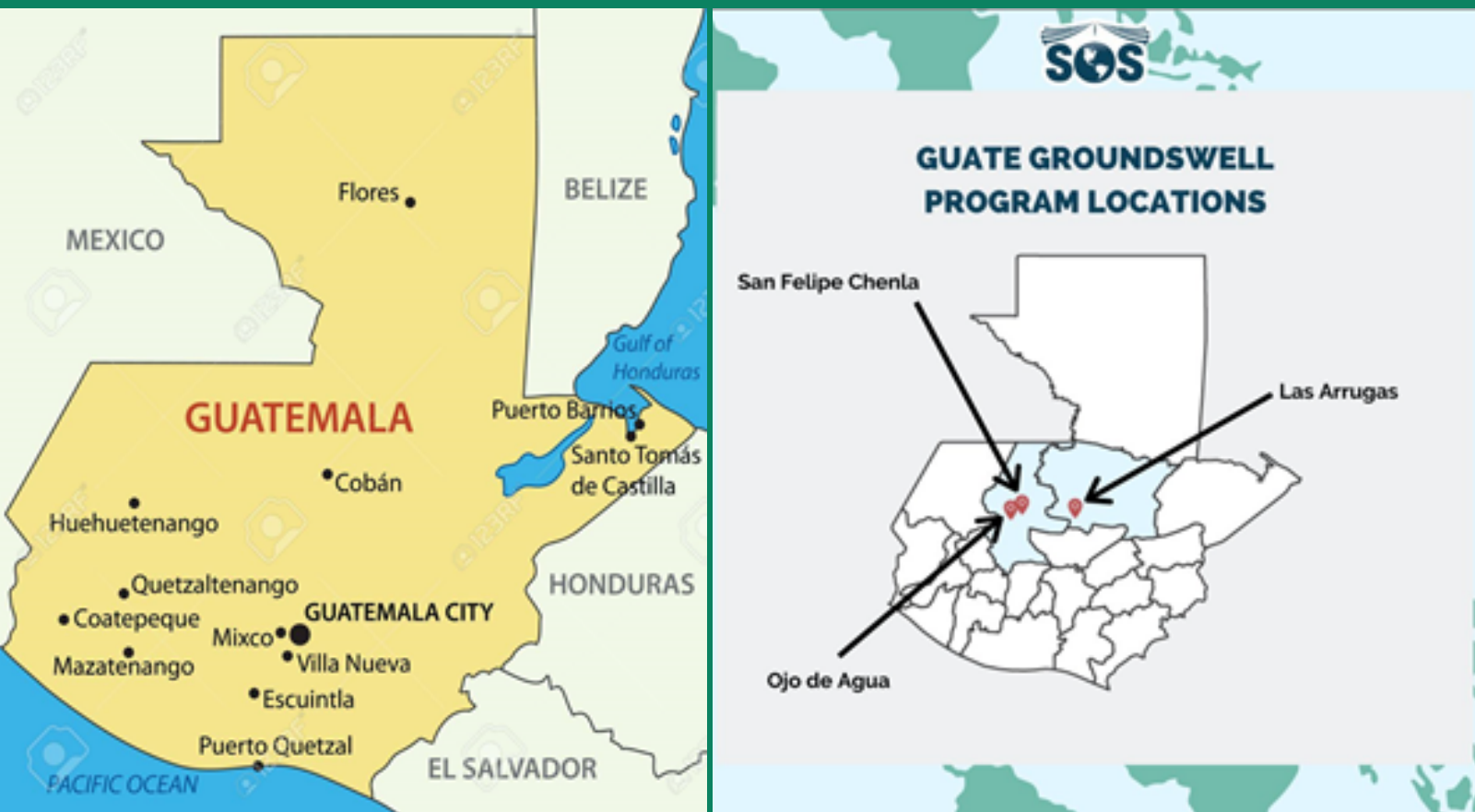


GUATEMALA FACTS

As a participant in the FLCA @ Home, you will have the chance to work alongside youth from three communities of Guatemala: Ojo de Agua, San Felipe Chenla, and Las Arrugas.



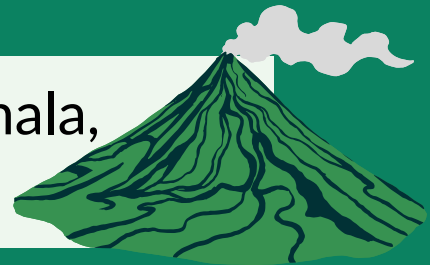
5 FAST FACTS

Guatemala means "the place of many trees"



Guatemala's population is 17 million

There are 30 volcanoes in Guatemala, including 3 that are still active



Guatemala is the heart of the Mayan Indigenous civilization. Over 50% of the population is indigenous and there are over 20 different Mayan ethnic groups

Guatemala experienced a violent 36 year-long Civil War, ending in 1996. Mayans faced the most severe and violent impacts of the war. 83% of the 200,000 casualties of the war were Indigenous. The war has contributed to ongoing challenges with poverty, access to education, gender equality, and cultural discrimination

PARTNERSHIPS

FACTS



Durham College partners with SOS (Students Offering Support) and their partnered local communities in Guatemala.

2020

In 2020, Durham College students delivered digital storytelling workshops (supported by the donation of iPads) to enable local students to share their visions of gender equality and sustainable development.

MEET LOCAL LEADERS



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REGIONS

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ALTA VERAPAZ

Home to Las Arrugas

- The community is located approximately 210 km from Guatemala City.
- Las Arrugas is located within the “subtropical rainforest” region of Guatemala. It has a warm climate with significant rainfall, especially during the rainy season of May to September.
- Las Arrugas belongs to the Poqomchi' linguistic area
- Their Poqomchi language is sacred to them.
- Agriculture is the main source of income for families.

ALTA VERAPAZ

Home to San Felipe Chenla and Ojo de Agua

- Tucked away in the remote valleys of northwestern Guatemala lies the municipality of San Juan Cotzal. This is where the smaller communities of San Felipe Chenla and Ojo de Agua are located
- The region is a mountainous region and foggy, with pine-forested hills
- There are two main Mayan groups represented in the community, each with their own language
- San Felipe Chenla and Ojo de Agua are both located in the region known as the “Ixil Triangle”. This region experienced some of the most severe impacts of Guatemala’s civil war

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