“If I could speak to another woman suffering from abuse, I would tell her to get help from WJI. I would explain to her that she has options and doesn’t have to endure the abuse. As women, we have rights and no one has the right to mistreat us.”

María, Client, Legal Service Program
Mission

WJI improves the lives of indigenous Guatemalan women and girls through education, access to legal services and gender-based violence prevention.

Community-based Approach

WJI believes that community-based responses are critical to successfully combatting gender-based violence and inequality in rural Guatemala. Without support from their communities, women and girls face significant obstacles in exercising their rights to live free from violence.

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LEGAL SERVICES PROGRAM

The Legal Services Program greatly expands Mayan women’s access to justice by bringing free legal services directly to their communities and by providing services in their local language. The Program advises clients on a range of legal issues, including domestic violence, property rights, and family law.

WJI’s mobile legal outreach ensures that the most marginalized women have access to legal services.