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List of Swiss / Swiss-based organizations and their respective activities in Guatemala

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| Association for the Prevention of Torture (APT) | Philippe Tremblay (OPCAT Campaign Coordinator) ptremblay@apt.ch 022 919 2170 | Professional activities in Guatemala focused on the capital Guatemala City | 2005 | Promotion of the Optional Protocol to the UN Convention against Torture (OPCAT) | <p><u>In Guatemala:</u> Oficina de Derechos Humanos del Arzobispado de Guatemala (ODHAG); Procuraduría de Derechos Humanos de Guatemala (PDH)</p> <p><u>In Switzerland and/or internationally:</u> Research and Rehabilitation Centre for Torture Victims (RCT; www.rct.dk)</p> |
| Caritas Schweiz, Suisse, Svizzera, Svizra | Georges Farine gfarine@caritas.ch 041 419 22 35 | Petén; Alta Verapaz; Quiché; San Marcos; Sololá | 1976 | Access, legitimization and legalization of the use of land; access to justice; gender, empowerment of women and children; peace-building and conflict transformation; advocacy for human rights; reconstruction after hurricane Stan | <p><u>In Guatemala:</u> Caritas Switzerland in Guatemala ; Lic. Silvia Valenzuela; Organización de Procuradores y Procuradoras de justicia agraria del Petén; Pastoral Social Alta Verapaz: Pastoral de la Tierra, de la Mujer, Derechos Humanos; Programa Paz Ixil, Nebaj; Pastoral Social-Caritas Sololá; Pastoral Social-Caritas San Marcos: Pastoral de la Tierra, Casa Tya Kya</p> <p><u>In Switzerland and/or internationally:</u> Fastenopfer (Swiss Lenten Aid), Swiss Solidarity, SDC, Caritas Switzerland</p> |

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| Fastenopfer (Swiss Lenten Aid) | Daniel Hostettler hostettler@fastenopfer.ch 041 227 59 41 | Huehuetenango; Quiché; Alta Verapaz; Baja Verapaz; Petén; Guatemala City | 1970 | Rural development; nutritional safety; peace-building, human rights; and (as transversal themes) gender and HIV/Aids. Support of local grass-root organisations, focussing on organisational development and education. Cooperation with local NGOs and churches in order to reach people at the grass-root levels and to help them become self-sufficient. | <u>In Guatemala:</u> Programa de Paz Ixil; Proyecto Tierras Norte; Pastoral Social de Huehuetenango; UNASGUA (Unidad de Asentamientos de Guatemala); ACDIJ. <u>In Switzerland and/or internationally:</u> Caritas Switzerland; HEKS; KOFF; EDA PA IV; DEZA; CIDSE |
| Fijáte | Barbara Müller barbara-m@bluewin.ch 044 241 44 43 | Switzerland, Germany, and Austria | since 1999 in Switzerland; before 1999 in Germany, Nicaragua and Mexiko | Publication of the journal "Fijáte – news, informations and reports on Guatemala" (released twice a month) | <u>In Guatemala:</u> alternative news agencies; social justice organizations <u>In Switzerland and/or internationally:</u> Guatemala-Committee Zurich; Guatemala-Netz Zurich and Bern; Peace Watch Switzerland; various humanitarian relief organisations and NGOs; Guatemala Committees of Solidarity |
| Guatemala Netz Bern | Madeleine Rumpf koordination@guatemalanetz.ch 031 931 63 24 Ursi Baumgartner (Ressort Presse) ursib@dplanet.ch | Kanton Bern | 1991 | Annual event "Mesa de Paz"; workshops, lectures, and exhibitions, featuring experts from Guatemala | <u>In Guatemala:</u> Human rights and victim organizations including Pastoral de la Tierra, Conic, PDH, CALDH, Fundacion Myrna Mack, CAFC, COPREDEH, GAM <u>In Switzerland and/or internationally:</u> Humanitarian relief organisations; Amnesty; PBI; Peace Watch; other local NGOs |
| Guatemala-Netz Zurich | Toni Steiner t_st8037@bluewin.ch 044 271 63 08 | Zurich | 1996 | Evening events and seminars on the current political and human rights situation in Guatemala; Information bulletin (published twice a year); Educational tours to Guatemala; Lobbying on topics related to Guatemala in Switzerland | <u>In Guatemala:</u> Various civil society organisations <u>In Switzerland and/or internationally:</u> Guatemala-Committee Zurich; Guatemala-Netz Bern; Amnesty International Switzerland, Coordination for Central America, Peace Watch Switzerland |

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| HEKS (Swiss Inter-Church Aid) | Heuberger Karl Heuberger@heks.ch 044 360 89 23 Maya Krell (Peace Desk) krell@heks.ch 044 360 88 62 | Quiché (Ixcán); Baja Veapaz;, community of Purulhá; Esquintla; community of Puerto San José; national-wide projects | 1972 | Human rights advocacy; legal education of community representatives; educational work in conflict management and transformation; in order to deal with the past and to overcome war traumas: exhumations, search for disappeared or displaced children, promoting local self-help groups; empowerment of rural women; promoting organisations of Maquila workers; education of peasants in sustainable agriculture in order to promote their autonomy; relief and reconstruction after natural catastrophes. | <u>In Guatemala:</u> CALDH; Liga Guatemalteca de Higiene Mental; CAFCA; Pastoral Social del Ixcán; AMPI (Asociación de Mujeres El Progreso Ixcán); ADDHHAI (Asociación de Derechos Humanos del Ixcán); Asociación Red de Derechos Humanos Primavera del Ixcán; ACDIJ (Asociación Comunitaria de Desarrollo Integral, Purulhá); ACT Guatemala <u>In Switzerland and/or internationally:</u> ACT International, Geneva; Fastenopfer (Swiss Lenten Aid); Caritas Switzerland; Peace Watch Switzerland |
| Helvetas | Bettina Jenny bettina.jenny@helvetas.org 044 368 65 17 Karin Füeg (focus: civil society and state institutions) karin.fueg@helvetas.org 044 368 65 37 | Western Altiplano and Petén | 1972 | Sustainable resource management; Sustainable agricultural production and marketing (support of value chains); Decentralization; capacity - building; Dual education for young farmers; Water and sanitation management; Promotion of cultural activities; Rehabilitation activities after hurricane Stan (water and sanitation, irrigation systems, disaster prevention) | <u>In Guatemala:</u> Local and regional NGOs (Acofop, Corci, Muni-k'at and others); associations; municipalities; national institutions <u>In Switzerland and/or internationally:</u> GEF, SDC (funding) |
| medico international schweiz | Lis Füglistner Lis.fueglistner@medicointernational.ch 044 273 15 55 | | 1937 | Medical projects Strengthening women rights Psychodrama trainings Rehabilitation of victims of the war | Asociacion Guatemalteca de Personas con Discapacidad, AGPD Manuel Tot 1ª. Avenida. "B" 2-55, zona 1, ciudad Guatemala, C.A. agpd@intelnet.net.gt |
| MIVA Switzerland | Peter Ganther ganther@miva.ch 071 912 15 21 | Northwestern Altiplano and Verapaz (regional focus may vary from one year to another) | around 1930 | Financing means of transport and communication for partners working with peasant and indigenous communities (in the following fields: education, agriculture, human rights, pastoral work) | <u>In Guatemala:</u> Two vehicles for Fundación Nuevo Amanecer, an NGO based in San Lucas Sacatepéquez; truck for Instituto Agroecológico de Educación Bilingüe Fray Domingo de Vico at Cahabón, Alta Verapaz; vehicle for Movimiento de Trabajador@s <u>Campesin@s</u> (MTC), San Marcos |

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| Peace Brigades International (PBI) | Sabine Ziegler sabine.ziegler@peacebrigades.ch 031 372 44 44 | Guatemala City, Quiché, Izabal, San Marcos, Sololá, Alta y Baja Verapaz, Zacapa, Retalhuleu, Huehuetenango | since 2003: Guatemala City since 2004: Quiché, Izabal, San Marcos since 2005: Sololá, Alta y Baja Verapaz, Zacapa, Retalhuleu, Huehuetenango | Accompaniment of social activists who are threatened because of their leadership role; Presence of observers in headquarters of threatened organizations; Accompaniment of human rights defenders; Presence at and observation of public events; Visits and trips to investigate the need for international accompaniment in different areas of the country; Creation of security workshops. | <u>In Guatemala:</u> Association of the friends of lake Izabal; Madre Selva; CONAVIGUA; CONAPAMG; H.I.J.O.S.; CONIC; indigenous community of Sololá and FUNDAMAYA; Union of peasant organizations in Verapaz; SINTICA; trade union of Bocadeli; Peasant workers movement; CALDH; Community of the estate El Maguey; United peasants committee and the regional movement of the victims of armed combat of North Quiché <u>In Switzerland and/or internationally:</u> DFA DP IV, human security; FEDEVACO; Fribourg Solidaire; various cantons and towns; Protestant and Catholic church communities |
| Peace Watch Switzerland (PWS) | Philipp Gerber guatemala@peacewatch.ch 044 272 27 88 | Alta Verapaz, Baja Verapaz, Quiché, Huehuetenango | 2003 | In Guatemala: International presence, security and protection, Human rights observation, protective accompaniment of civil society activists; In Switzerland: Trainings, public events | <u>In Guatemala:</u> AGOGUATE; Caig; Cald; <u>In Switzerland and/or internationally:</u> Amnesty International; HEKS; Guatemala-Netz Bern |
| Pestalozzi Children's Foundation | Sandro Giuliani s.giuliani@pestalozzi.ch 071 343 73 79 | Chimaltenango, Sacatepéquez, Sololá, Huehuetenango, Petén, Quiché and Guatemala. | 1999 | Promotion of a peaceful intercultural living together of children and youth from different cultural and social groups. The projects are focused on the fields of Bilingual Primary Education, Intercultural Education, Intercultural Exchange, Child Right's and Culture of Peace. | <u>In Guatemala:</u> Proyecto de Desarrollo Santiago (Prodesa), Fundación Kaqchikel (Funkaq) and potentially Centro de Investigaciones Regionales de Mesoamérica (CIRMA) <u>In Switzerland and/or internationally:</u> SDC (funding), IBIS |

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| Seco (State Secretariat for Economic Affairs), Economic Development Cooperation | Philipp Keller philipp.keller@seco.admin.ch 031 324 92 13 | | 2002 | Support of the Registro de Información Catastral (RIC) and the National Geographic Institute (IGN), public institutions responsible for Guatemala's national land-registry. Provision of a grant to support flights to take aerial photographs of the Chimaltenango district. Building up a decentralized land registry should increase legal security and contribute towards mitigating land conflicts in terms of the 1996 peace agreement in Guatemala. Secure land titles also are the prerequisites for private investments and access to mortgages, and lay the foundation for property taxes. | <u>In Guatemala:</u> Registro de Información Catastral (RIC) and the National Geographic Institute (IGN) <u>In Switzerland and/or internationally:</u> Swissphoto / ITV (mandate for project preparation) |
| service civil international (SCI) | Theres Bärtschi Haider Theres.baertschi@scich.org 031 381 46 20 | | | Workcamps organised by the Guatemalan "seed plant" of sci: secint | <u>In Guatemala:</u> secint Guatemala |
| Stiftung Vivamos Mejor | Sabine Maier maier@vivamosmejor.ch 031 331 39 29 | Atitlán region | 1989 | Social development: nursery schools for indigenous children and school accompaniment programs; basic medical care for 28 communities; Economical development: cultivation of grain and vegetables, cultivation of biological coffee | <u>In Guatemala:</u> Asociacion Vivamos Mejor; Panajachel; Guatemala <u>In Switzerland and/or internationally:</u> DEZA |
| Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA), Political Division IV | Mô Bleeker (Central America and Dealing with the Past) mo.bleeker@eda.admin.ch 031 322 86 18 | Guatemala and Mexico | 2002 | DFA has programs on civilian conflict management; with regard to the peace agreement, DFA supports state initiatives against impunity, the fortification of the judicial system, state and non-state human rights organisations, organisations promoting the understanding between different cultures. Furthermore DFA engages in dealing with the past. | <u>In Guatemala:</u> ADIVIMA; CAFCA; CNR; CIRMA; Fundacion Myrna Mack; PBI; PDH; PROPAZ; SEDEM <u>In Switzerland and/or internationally:</u> SECO; UNHCHR; ICTJ |