

# **EXECUTIVE REPORT**

July 2019-2021

Activity-based brief Eat Better Wa'ik / Come Mejor Wa'ik



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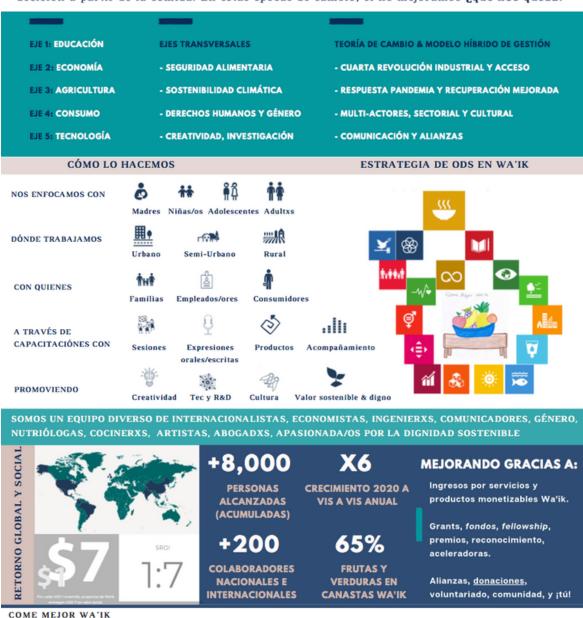








Come Mejor Wa'ik genera con(s) ciencia y acciones alimentarias para reducir la malnutrición. Colaboramos radicalmente en interconectar a la población y múltiples sectores de forma diferente, creativa e inclusiva para tener efectos transformadores en el cambio de narrativa, comprensión y comportamiento sobre nuestra relación y toma de decisión a partir de la comida. En estas épocas de cambio, si no mejoramos ¿qué nos queda?



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RECONOCIMIENTOS 2020/2021: HÉROES DE LA PANDEMIA. 50NEXT DE THE WORLD'S 50 BEST RESTAURANTS FORO ECONÓMICO MUNDIAL Y NBC NEWS: MUJER PIONERA E INSPIRADORA EN LA EQUIDAD DE GÉNERO.

Eat Better Wa'ik is a registered non-profit association in Guatemala since 2016, starting their pilot programs in 2015. The community projects in Guatemala led by Wa'ik were put on stand-by while consulting for WFP in the country from end-2017 to mid-2018, and other community projects until mid-2019. By that time, we had already impacted more than 1,000 lives around multiple countries and departments in Guatemala.

## **MAY - DECEMBER 2019**

In mid-2019, the Board of Directors of Eat Better Wa'ik (Come Mejor Wa'ik) was renewed, as well as adding more depth into our mission with the experience since our initial pilot projects in 2015 and establishment in 2016. This was the start of a full-on focus and dedication in the organization. With three aims:

- New Board Members and expertise into the organization and internships;
- Projects will only be implemented once funding was secured;
- Expanding the variety of products and services Wa'ik provides and community understanding of how to merge food, climate and rights.



**TROPICAL FOREST ALLIANCE**: Annual Meeting of the Tropical Forest Alliance, article author, vloger for the event, invited to the Annual Meeting, and speaker at the closing plenary. Bogotá, Colombia, May 2019. (Expenses covered personally). 200 attendees

**SHAPING HORIZONS:** lead by the Global Shapers Cambrigde Hub, Guatemala City Hub, University of Cambridge, Universidad Rafael Landívar, Wa'ik delivered healthy and nutritious food catering for the four-day hybrid Shaping Horizons Satellite event in Guatemala, September 2019. (Income generator, funds by Shaping Horizons). 100 attendees







UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY (UNGA) WEEK: Invited to Nature Now Hub events, UN Women, Peace and Security high-level meeting, UNICEF, Freedom Fund conferences, WEF Sustainability Summit writen article, in New York, USA, September 2019. NEW YORK UNIVERSITY: guest speaker at the Emerging Markets Course(Dr. Busch) - 20 students

**TRUST CHANGEMAKER, THOMSON REUTERS FOUNDATION:** Selected over 5000 application, the Founder of Wa'ik, Bibi la Luz, was one of the 60 human rights defenders as Changemakers fellow and speaker for the Trust Conference of the Thomson Reuters Foundation, in London, UK, November 2019 (Sponsorship by Trust and White & Case). 200 attendees





**BIODIVERSITY FESTIVAL:** We delivered food and biodiversity workshops for the week of Biodiversity in Guatemala (Sponsored by Fundación Crecer and partners), Guatemala, November/December 2019. 80 attendees.

## **JANUARY - DECEMBER 2020**







**BOARD MEETING:** pre-pandemic and during pandemic

**UNIVISIÓN:** interview in preparation of the Improved Food Baskets













Selected for Grants from The Pollination Project, SGM Fund, YLAI, into the Accelerator of Pomona AgTech, did online campaigns.



## **JANUARY - JUNE 2021**



**THE OUT-OF-THE BOX CREATION: THE EXTRAORDINARY COLLABORATION FOR ENTREPRENEURS IN PANDEMIC UNCERTAINTY:** Developed an entrepreneurial program for Guatemalans in food, climate and rights. 25 entrepreneurs. January - April 2021, with online sessions, pitch, media coverage, and 50 collaborators from Latin America, North America and Europe. (Grant Funding from the US. Department of State through YLAI - Young Leaders of the Americas Initiative).

Meeting in Washington DC with Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Western Hemisphere Affairs of the State Dept, to discuss food security and youth. June 2021.





#### **IMPROVED FOOD BASKETS / CANASTAS MEJORADAS WA'IK:**

Continuation to deliver healthy nutrition baskets to Concepción Pinula and workshops, with the support of community participation in March and May 2021, reaching 400 people each visit (TOTAL 800 meals at least provided).

**UN FOOD SYSTEMS SUMMIT INDEPENDENT DIALOGUE:** we convened, coorganized and curated a diverse multi-stakeholder and people's dialogue "Mejorando nuestra comida al darle vuelta a la tortilla y a nosotros también", with 10 focus topics led by facilitators. May 2021, 80 participants. Also moderated all Faith + Food Coalition Dialogues convened by the Center of Earth Ethics. More info on work done on UNFSS: <a href="https://www.waikgt.org/2021/05/03/dialogos-del-food-system/">https://www.waikgt.org/2021/05/03/dialogos-del-food-system/</a>



**WORLD ECONOMIC FORUM affiliations:** Part of the Innovation Lever and Transformation Leadership Network at the Forum towards the UN Food Systems Summit. Speaker on Food Innovation at the Global Technology Governance Summit. Part of the Food, Agriculture, Commodity Trade Taskforce with the Tropical Forest Alliance, UK Gvt on COP26.



#### **FOOD SYSTEMS GAME CHANGERS**

**LAB:** Solution selected for the challenge and Accelerator



**MOVIE FORUM:** online on food inequalities, Guatemala June 2021.



## **HIGHLIGHT OF SOME RECOGNITIONS**



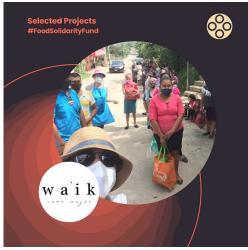
Trust Changemaker selected for the Trust Conference, of the Thomson Reuters Foundation, London, November 2019. Climate Reality Leader, 2021.

inspirational female leaders, published in the

World Economic Forum.

Five female trailblazers leading the fight for gender equity, NBC News + Know Your Value.

March 2021, Women's Month





Food Solidarity Fund (SGM) selected project in August 2020. Heroes of the Pandemic (Fundación Isabel Gutierrez de Bosch) awarded third place for our nutritious food baskets im November 2020.



female leaders

DESIGNING INTERVI

Bibi La Luz Gonzalez merges food security, climate sustainability and human rights. In 2020, Bibi and her organization Eat Better Wa'ik were awarded the pandemic heroes of Guatemala for their work in providing healthy and nutritious food baskets to all





New Zealand's Prime Minister: Jacinda



The policymaker:



extraordinaire: Avesta

The infographic

The powerful poet:





**50Next of The World's 50 Best Restaurants:** selected in the inaugural list, April 2021 Forbes Central America & Life: coverage report of our Wa'ik work, May/June/July 2021







## **Income status**

**2019:** USD 500 (service income)

**2020:** USD 14,000 (grants, donations, services and product income)

MID-2021: USD 4,500 (grants and donations income)

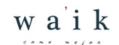


# **Example of Workshops**

Our workshops have included a variety of topics, from the origin of food, nutritional economics for children and adults, health and cooking guidance, agricultural resilience, and women's health and protection.

The workshop below was included into our curriculum when being selected for vegan-grant (TPP).

#### TALLERES 2019/2020 Creatividad alimentos y consumo: VEG parte 1



Optar por alimentos que produzcan un bienestar íntegro a los humanos, animales, biodiversidad y del planeta es aquel que la forma vegetariana, vegetaliano y vegana promueven. Muchas veces, ya eres uno de estos pero sin haberte dado cuenta. Por ello, dentro de la filosofía de Wa'ik, desarrollamos este material educativo para adultos principalmente, y luego en su medida para las

- Conocer las diferentes formas de alimentación principales, enfocado en lo vegetariano y
- vegano para traer más de cerca en conceptos cotidianos y no abstractos.

  2. Identificar los cultivos y formas de producción vegetariana y vegana en toda la cadena alimenticias
- Encontrar alternativa vegetarianas y veganas para las necesidades nutricionales Introducir recetas fáciles, ricas y creativas veganas sin darnos cuenta
- 5. Dar relevancia a la alimentación vegana en cuanto a su huella de carbono, hídrica y respeto a la vida de todos los seres vivientes del planeta.

#### ¡Midamos tus conocimientos vegetarianos y veganos!

Marca con una X todas las que corresponden y escribe su procedencia

	Carnívora/o	Vegetariana/o (ovo-lacteo-veg)	Vegana/o	Procedencia y comentarios
Pescado*				
Huevos				
Avena				
Banano				
Fresas				
Piña				
Yogurt/leche de vaca				
Yogurt/leche de soya				
Yogurt/leche de almendra endulzado con miel		×		
Yogurt/leche de arroz endulzado con agave		×	×	
Aguacate				
Pollo				
Pan				
Dátiles				
Montón de frutas!!!!				
Montón de vegetales!!!!!				
Remolacha				
No usa cuero			X	Viene de estrés al animal
Usa cuero/lana	x	x		
Carne vacuna				
Aguacate				
Frutos secos				







We kindly appreciate your brilliant support and trust,

thank you, gracias, maltyox

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