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Political formation for organized action processes in two Guatemalan municipalities

The political formation for organized action processes sponsored by the Institute for Democracy of the NGOCOOPC (NGO and Cooperative Coordination) in Sayaxché and Panzós, have been carried out in contexts of conflict caused by the expansion of the extractive economic model expressed through the African palm, sugar cane, mining and Oil. As well as the poverty and extreme poverty in which the population lives, of which 98% are members of the Q'eqchi' people.

However, after ten years of experience, we review the strengthening of the political platform that started in 2004, composed of representative and legitimate leadership in the communities, being the product of a process that is laid through municipal organization spaces linked to the CODECO (Community Development Councils), local organizations, among others.

When the idea of medium and long term processes is applied to actions, instead of punctual and activist projects, sustainable actions can be done with time and the institution can commit to them, as well as the people involved in them. Linking political formation with organized action is an element of utmost importance in the accompaniment process because it involves a formed and sensitized population that doesn't stay inactive.