

8 million indigenous families live in conditions of poverty in Mexico

In Mexico, one out of each five indigenous people live in extreme poverty, CONEVAL reveals. During the period from 2018 through 2020 precariousness increased from 75.8 to 76.8 percent

In Mexico about 12 million indigenous families live in the country, and 69.5 percent of them live in conditions of poverty; that is to say, 8 million 340 thousand people, as mentioned in the report "Evaluation of Social Development Policy 2020".

We assume that indigenous population refers to all the people living in indigenous communities, where indigenous languages are spoken by any of the family members; as explained on the criteria developed by the National Institute of Indigenous Communities (INPI).

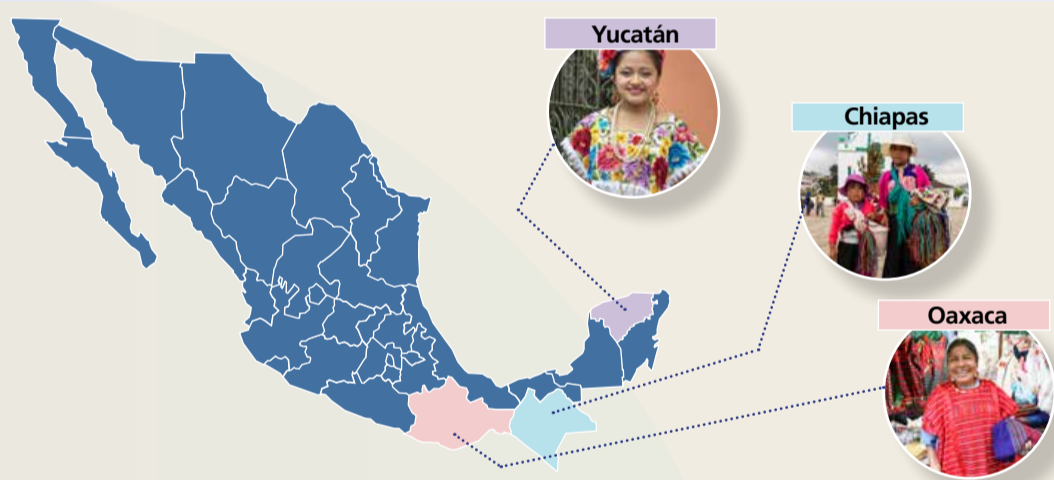
In the country there are 126 million 14 thousand people, and 12 million are indigenous people. In that group there are 5.7 million men and 6.1 million women, as mentioned by the National Council for Evaluation (CONEVAL).

As a result of that data, Mexico was ranked in the eighth position in the list of countries with indigenous population around the world, however they unfortunately face discrimination and social backwardness.

Analysis by areas

Indigenous people living in poverty are generally found in states located in the South of the country, however, Durango and San Luis Potosí, which are located in the middle area and North of the country are also in the list.

States with the highest number of indigenous people in the country



The areas with the highest number of indigenous people are: Oaxaca with 31.2 percent, Chiapas with 28.2 percent, and Yucatán with 23.7 percent.

According to data provided by the National Council for Evaluation (CONEVAL), one out of four indigenous people live in extreme poverty. This fact shows a remarkable contrast as only one out of twenty non-indigenous people live in those conditions.

In rural areas almost 40 percent of the people live in extreme poverty, and only 6 percent of the indigenous population is not vulnerable and they do not face any social backwardness, declared the National Commission for the Development of Indigenous Communities (CDI).

If people living in those conditions do not get economic resources, they are not able to buy a basic food basket, and on top of all that they have to face severe social backwardness.

Poverty in Mexico increases

Poverty increased among people belonging to indigenous communities who also speak an indigenous language. During the period 2018 through 2020, it increased from 75.8 to 76.8 percent. CONEVAL mentioned that in those communities, extreme poverty increased from 35.1 to 35.7 percent, that is to say, it increased 0.6 points during the same period.

Extreme poverty



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40 percent of extreme poverty is found in rural communities all over the country.



SUMMARY

The conditions of marginalization in indigenous communities is a determinant factor of vulnerability, as more than 8 million people live in those situations all over the country. The status of poverty does not even allow them to have access to a basic food basket.

CMT combats poverty

Congregación Mariana Trinitaria (CMT) develops a Welfare Ecosystem Model with 11 networks, which have direct and indirect impacts on areas where people face different lacks and needs.

Through the Network of Education, it is possible to benefit thousands of students by delivering cell phones, laptops, computers, and connectivity plans to have access to the internet and wireless networks. The objective is to allow students to continue with their studies while they are able to have better conditions for their future.

Therefore, the support offered by the Network of Productive and Financial Inclusion contributed to the improvement of economic incomes for thousands of families. CMT aims to increase the opportunities to have access to different financial and productive mechanisms, especially those related to providing infrastructure.

Congregación Mariana Trinitaria collaborated with Caja Solidaria San Dionisio Ocotepec to benefit about 70 families in that municipality by delivering solar heaters. "People are excited because they will be able to have hot water at home. The next benefit will be the delivery of computers", mentioned the executive director of Caja Solidaria, Pánfilo Antonio Martínez.

Another success case in CMT was focused on supporting the field production. In the states of Querétaro and Chihuahua more than 800 producers and their families were benefited as almost 700 tons of corn and oat seeds were delivered in those areas, as well as 700 tons of fertilizers. Those actions were developed during the planting processes this year because the production was at risk in those areas as there was not enough support for field producers.

CMT successful case



Congregación Mariana Trinitaria (CMT) has been able to have an impact, directly and indirectly, in several areas where there are gaps and needs.