SAVING NATURE TO SAVE LIVES

Conserving nature to reduce disaster risks for vulnerable communities

2008 - 2017: Over 20 million people in Latin America were impacted by storms, drought, floods, and landslides.

In Latin America, climate-fueled disasters occur five times more frequently than they did in 1980. Many marginalized communities live in places where natural systems that once protected them are gone—wetlands altered by dams, mangroves cut down for development, forests logged for timber. A vicious cycle of inadequate planning, more frequent extreme weather, and rebuilding without a nature-based approach is contributing to displacement of people and regional instability.

Climate-fueled Disasters in Latin America Are Rising

Our Approach

Making people safer.
Reduce disaster risk by restoring nature, training local disaster managers in environmentally responsible disaster management, and advocating for improved disaster management policies and financing.

Step 1
Work with community members, government staff, and humanitarian partners to identify needs and opportunities for building disaster resilience

Step 2
Restore, manage, and protect nature (mangroves, forests, wetlands) for risk reduction; implement early warning systems and emergency management

Step 3
Train hundreds in environmentally responsible shelter, water, and livelihood restoration practices

Step 4
Help governments integrate nature into disaster management plans

Step 5
Secure financing to replicate and scale

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**PROJECT LOCATIONS**

- Belize
- Colombia
- Guatemala
- Haiti
- Honduras

**WHAT SETS US APART?**

- **We have a strong record of collaborating with communities, decision-makers, practitioners, and volunteers to green disaster management and improve resilience.**
- **We've worked 15 years at the intersection of natural resources, climate adaptation, disaster management, and development.**
- **We created the industry-standard guide, Green Recovery and Reconstruction Training Toolkit for Humanitarian Aid.**
- **We cover the full disaster management cycle, from risk reduction to reconstruction.**

**Measuring Success**

**Success** = Latin American communities are more resilient to climate disasters.

**We measure our success by the number of**

- people with reduced disaster risk
- hectares of nature restored
- disaster management plans improved
- volunteers and emergency responders trained
- dollars secured to increase scale

**Our solutions are designed to endure**

- We build the long-term capacity of local institutions to apply green practices into the future.
- We restore wetlands, mangroves, and forests based on the latest climate science.
- We support disaster-response groups as they institutionalize environmentally responsible disaster management practices.