



## Promoting Security and Human Rights: **Formative Process in La Paz**

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The event had the active participation of 45 leaders of Lenca population (thirty-five women and ten men) who carried out replicas in their communities with the purpose of providing self-care and protection tools to current and future generation of human rights defenders.

This process was delivered by specialists with the technical support of USAID Reducing conflict through Indigenous Women and Youth project team.



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## Community Strengthening in Intibucá: **Self-protection and Human Rights Training**

In La Esperanza city, Intibuca, Honduras, from February 25 to February 27, 2024, USAID Reducing conflict through Indigenous Women and Youth project carried out the modular training process for the Self-protection of Human Rights Defenders (HRD) developing the modules on Human Rights, Mapping of Risks and the construction of security plans for Lenca indigenous leaders, Lenca indigenous Human Rights defenders and volunteers, belonging to the Community Indigenous Women's Councils and the Community Indigenous Youth Councils of the Municipalities of Intibucá and Jesús de Otoro, departamento of Intibucá, Honduras

The event had the active participation of 29 leaders of Lenca population (twenty-two women and seven men) who carried out replicas in their communities with the aim of providing self-care and protection tools to current and future generation of human rights defenders.

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## Conversation on Community Development: **Reflections and Actions in Santa María, La Paz**

On May 2, 2024, in the Public Library Hall of the Municipality of Santa María, La Paz, Honduras, a conversation was held with adult female Lenca leaders and young Lenca leaders of the Women's Indigenous Councils and Youth Indigenous Councils of the Communities of Santa María Centro and the Community from El Roblar Santa María, the conversation included Dominic Brain, global head of programme funding in Christian Aid UK, and Yanni Vilchez Chief of Party of USAID Reducing conflict through Indigenous Women and Youth project

In the conversation, issues of the problems of indigenous communities in the current context were highlighted, such as the causes of migration, unemployment and possible solutions, as well as environmental pollution and the training processes of the project with the purpose of integrating local solutions for global problems in future actions.

A field visit was held at the place known as El Mirador, where the indigenous youth indigenous council will carry out actions to protect the environment as part of the actions supported by USAID Reducing conflict through Indigenous Women and Youth project.





## Strategic Meeting: Reflections and Actions of the Regional Network in Marcala, La Paz

On May 4, 2024, in the city of Marcala, La Paz, Honduras, a discussion was held with members of the Regional Network of Human Rights Defenders, from the departments of La Paz and Intibuca and the Coordinadora Ambiental Indígena Lenca y Campesina de La Paz, which brings together community-based organizations as Palagua, CNT, UTC, CILAC, Autogobierno de Nahuaterique and ACILPAZ, this event included Dominic Brain, global head of programme funding in Christian Aid UK, and Yanni Vilchez Chief of Party of USAID Reducing conflict through Indigenous Women and Youth project

The event focused on the problems of indigenous communities and their grassroots organizations, the incidence and defense of the rights of indigenous peoples in the current context, causes of migration and unemployment of indigenous youth and possible solutions, extractive and hydroelectric cases in indigenous territories, the forced displacement of indigenous peoples and human rights defenders, as well as damage to the environment (water, forests, land, health) and its objective was to agree on joint actions between USAID Reducing conflict through Indigenous Women and Youth project and Lenca population authorities.



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