

## 2024 report on the activities of Chocruz Clinic

We began the year 2024, as we do every year, with the enthusiasm to serve the people in our community who need our support. During the first months of the year, we started with a great attitude, providing medical care to all those in need. Patients came in with various health issues, and we also conducted home visits for critically ill patients and elderly patients. We attended to all the patients who arrived at the clinic without any distinction, always with kindness, no matter their health problem.

In March, we organized a deworming campaign for the children of the FUNIGA school in collaboration with the local health post. The teachers at the school were notified, allowing us to carry out the deworming process by visiting each classroom. Approximately 200 children received a deworming treatment.

Additionally, we held an informational session with the mothers of FUNIGA school students, discussing the different types of parasites and their consequences for children's growth. The purpose of this session was to educate mothers about the issue of parasites and to emphasize the importance of hygiene in their children's nutrition. Around 50 mothers attended, and the session was highly successful, as they showed great interest in the topic and were concerned about deworming their children.



In April, we organized a vaccination campaign for children aged 9 to 11 at the school, in collaboration with the official health post of the region. The vaccines, which were completely free, were administered to protect against the Human Papillomavirus (HPV). This activity was carried out at the Chocruz Clinic.

Similarly, in October, we coordinated another HPV vaccination campaign for children with the

local health post. The children were summoned to the clinic for their vaccinations.



In June, we scheduled a dental extraction day in collaboration with a dentist from the Momostenango health center. We attended to some children from FUNIGA school as well as people from the surrounding area. In total, around 30 patients were treated. The event was held at the clinic, and the dentist was accompanied by a nurse from the health center. All services were completely free. Additionally, the dentist and doctor gave a talk to the children about the importance of teeth-brushing and dental care.



In October, we also submitted a request to the German embassy for new projects at the clinic. Given the age of the building, there were several renovations needed. We requested:

- The remodeling of the clinic's roof
- The construction of a washing station

The washing station is essential for washing the clinic's linens and supplies. Fortunately, this project was approved by the embassy. Thanks to good communication with the German embassy representative in Guatemala, the process took only two months, and we were able to begin execution in December. That same month, we took all necessary measures and successfully completed the project. As a result, we now have a new clinic roof and a new washing station to maintain hygiene in our clinic.



Throughout the rest of the year, we continued to provide care for patients in need and in particular the children of the FUNIGA school. When they experience health issues, consultations are completely free for them, as well as for their teachers. In some cases, medication was donated to children depending on the severity of their illness.

In total, throughout 2024, we attended to 1,362 patients. Approximately 600 of them visited the clinic solely to purchase medication, while the rest received medical consultations. Among these patients:

- 285 were charged a minimal consultation fee
- 80 FUNIGA school children received free medication and consultations
- 300 patients were not charged for the consultation because they could not afford it; they only paid for the medication
- 16 patients received both medication and consultation completely free of charge



We are fortunate to have had a dedicated doctor at the clinic for a long time now. She has been supporting us for three years by providing patient care. Her presence has greatly helped build trust among our patients. For this reason, we want to express our gratitude to Dr. Suleyma Merida from Quetzaltenango for her continuous support of our project.

Our patients are very grateful for the care they receive, as it allows them access to free or very affordable medical services based on their financial situation. Many of our patients could not afford these services elsewhere due to the high costs. All of this has been possible thanks to all of you who continue to support us with your donations year after year. With your help, we can assist low-income individuals, especially during these very challenging times. All the clinic staff is deeply grateful for the financial and moral support you provide, which enables us to help our community and our families. Thanks to you we can continue our work, providing care to those who need it most in our community.

For this reason, we kindly ask you to continue supporting us with your donations in 2025 through the German association MIRADOR.

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Greetings from Clínica Chocruz,  
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