



Kano'j

Technical data sheet:

Name: Asociación Jóvenes Mayas Kajib' Noj (KANO'J)

Start year: 2016

Number of families involved: 8 families

Value chain: Agroecological production and food and lodging services

Location of the producer organisation: Aldea Chajbal, Santa Cruz del Quiche, Guatemala

Social Centre supporting it: Asociación Comunitaria para el Desarrollo SERJUS

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Our products

Services provided: Food: Breakfast, Snacks, Lunch

Sale of products: Eggs, honey, tomatoes, onions, herbs (chard, lettuce, turnip, etc.), and vegetables (radishes, beets, carrots)

Currently, the Kanoj Agroecological Centre offers the following:

- Maya ceremonial space, intended for Maya ceremonies, gratitude, and connection with the creator to give thanks.
- Chuj or temazcal (Maya sweat lodge) for visitors with prior request, as preparation is necessary.
- Veterinary first-aid kit.
- Bank of native and local seeds.
- A hall for rent with appropriate furniture and equipment (tables, chairs, computer, projector, whiteboard, and electricity fees included).
- A kitchen providing food services (breakfast, snacks, lunch, and dinner) with agroecological inputs produced within the parcel or from association and COMDIQ parcels, or local products.
- Two greenhouses for vegetable production, as well as gardens for the centre's consumption, the dining hall's food services, and sale.
- Facilities for lodging services (rooms with bed and bedding - blankets, sheets, towels).
- Sanitary services and shower (not private).
- Open, landscaped spaces for visitors' use, suitable for large group work and interactive activities.

A great project behind this product

In the long term, the Kanoj Association aims to develop training cycles and workshops on:

- Citizen participation, organisation, and coordination of organisations at the community and municipal levels.
- Food sovereignty, agroecology.
- Economic empowerment of women.
- Community savings.
- Training for the production, conservation, and use of native and local seeds.
- Training in endogenous livestock management.

Currently, members of the Kanoj Association are engaging in methodological training processes so that in the future, they can become the trainers on these topics and provide training, workshops, and technical and political advisory services.

Words from the heart



The Kanoj Association is a community organisation made up of men and women from the Maya K'iche' culture, dreaming of a just and supportive society that respects and promotes values and cares for our common home.

At Kanoj, we aim to create a self-sustaining space that produces food free of agrochemicals, generating agroecological inputs for itself and for other organisations that converge in this space, including those forming part of COMDIQ.

The organisation serves as a meeting space for men and women from the communities that make up the municipality of Santa Cruz del Quiche, allowing them to propose sustainable life alternatives.

We seek to replicate these models at the community, municipal, regional, and national levels, allowing us to connect with other organisations across our territory. We involve both men and women to ensure that gender equity and complementarity, from our Maya worldview, are applied in both private and public spheres. We aim to create economic alternatives that respect, conserve, and protect biodiversity and our common home.

Through the Comparte Network, we have strengthened our capabilities by participating in training spaces (diplomas). The facilitation of methodologies, tools, and instruments allows us to apply these in the different work areas we develop in our organisation and our collective economic venture.

