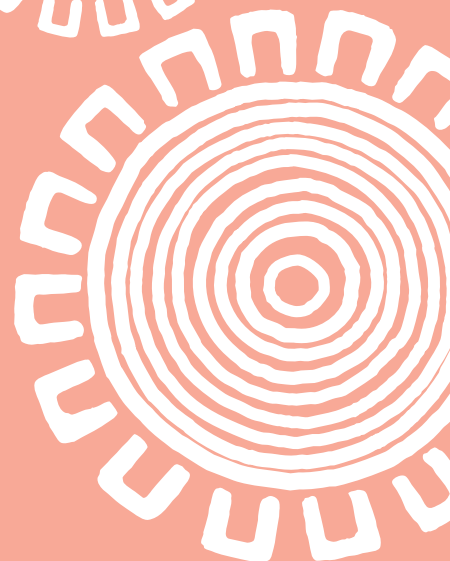
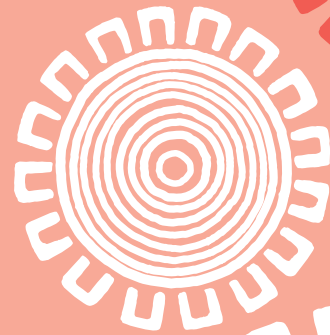


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# Locations of registered organisations

## Throughout Chiapas

'Fray Bartolomé de Las Casas' Human Rights Centre (CDHFC/ Frayba) • LacMater IBFANMEX

## By region

### BORDER ZONE (REGIÓN FRONTERIZA)

Centre for Economic and Political Investigations for Community Action (CIEPAC) • Comitán Centre for Health Research (CISC) • For the Advancement of Women (PSUM) • Formación y Capacitación (FOCA) • 'Fray Matías de Córdova' Human Rights Centre (CDHFC) • Marie Stopes Mexico–South-East (MSM SE) • 'Oralia Morales' Human Rights Committee (CDHOM)

### CANYONS ZONE (REGIÓN CAÑADAS)

Community Healthcare and Development (SADEC)

### CANYONS–JUNGLE ZONE (REGIÓN SELVA–CAÑADAS)

Good Government Council 'Way of the Future', Zapatista Caracol III 'Resistance Towards a New Dawn' (La Garrucha)

### CENTRAL ZONE (REGIÓN CENTRO)

Chiapas Centre for Women's Rights (CDMCH) • Organisation of Indigenous Doctors in the State of Chiapas (OMIECH)

### COASTAL ZONE (REGIÓN COSTA)

Autonomous Regional Council of the Coastal Zone (CARZC) • Support Program for Women (ProMujer)

### FRAILESCA ZONE (REGIÓN FRAILESCA)

Centre for Economic and Political Investigations for Community Action (CIEPAC) • Institute for Sustainable Development in Mesoamerica (IDESMAC) • Support Program for Women (ProMujer)

### HIGHLANDS ZONE (REGIÓN ALTOS)

Centre for Economic and Political Investigations for Community Action (CIEPAC) • Chiapas Centre for Women's Rights (CDMCH) • Council of Organisations of Traditional Indigenous Doctors and Midwives for Community Healthcare in Chiapas (COMPITCH) • Formación y Capacitación (FOCA) • Institute for Sustainable Development in Mesoamerica (IDESMAC) • Jolom Mayaetik Cooperative • K'inál Antsetik (Chiapas) • K'inál Antzetik (D.F.) • Marie Stopes Mexico–South-East (MSM SE) • Organisation of Indigenous Doctors in the State of Chiapas (OMIECH) • The Point, Youth Centre of Marie Stopes Mexico

### ISTHMUS–COASTAL ZONE (REGIÓN ISTMO–COSTA)

Institute for Sustainable Development in Mesoamerica (IDESMAC)

### JUNGLE ZONE (REGIÓN SELVA)

Agricultural Peasant Organisation of the Lacandon Jungle (OCPAS) • Community Healthcare and Development (SADEC) • Council of Organisations of Traditional Indigenous Doctors and Midwives for Community Healthcare in Chiapas (COMPITCH) • Formación y Capacitación (FOCA) • Institute for Sustainable Development in Mesoamerica (IDESMAC) • K'inál Antsetik (Chiapas) • K'inál Antzetik (D.F.) • Marie Stopes Mexico–South-East (MSM SE) • Marqués de Comillas Women's Collective (Colectivo de Mujeres de Marqués de Comillas) • Organisation of Indigenous Doctors in the State of Chiapas (OMIECH) • Women's Support House 'Ixim Antsetik' (CAM)

### JUNGLE–NORTHERN ZONE (REGIÓN SELVA–NORTE)

Chiapas Centre for Women's Rights (CDMCH) • Good Government Council 'Heart of the Rainbow of Hope', Zapatista Caracol IV 'Whirlwind of our Words' (Morelia)

### MOUNTAIN ZONE (REGIÓN SIERRA)

Council of Organisations of Traditional Indigenous Doctors and Midwives for Community Healthcare in Chiapas (COMPITCH) • Institute for Sustainable Development in Mesoamerica (IDESMAC) • 'Josefina García' Civil Society Coordinating Agency • Support Program for Women (ProMujer)

### MOUNTAIN–BORDER ZONE (REGIÓN SIERRA–FRONTERIZA)

Chiapas Centre for Women's Rights (CDMCH) • Enlace Communication and Capacity Building–Comitán • Good Government Council 'Towards Hope', Zapatista Caracol I 'Mother of Caracols, Sea of Our Dreams' (La Realidad)

### NORTHERN ZONE (REGIÓN NORTE)

Centre for Economic and Political Investigations for Community Action (CIEPAC) • Community Healthcare and Development (SADEC) • Council of Organisations of Traditional Indigenous Doctors and Midwives for Community Healthcare in Chiapas (COMPITCH) • Embroiderers' Collective of Pueblo Nuevo–Sitalá (Colectivo de Bordadoras de Pueblo Nuevo–Sitalá) • ISITAME Collective • K'inál Antsetik (Chiapas) • Northern Region Women's Group (Grupo de Mujeres de la Región Norte) • Organisation of Indigenous Doctors in the State of Chiapas (OMIECH) • Women's Support House 'Ixim Antsetik' (CAM)

### SOCONUSCO ZONE (REGIÓN SOCONUSCO)

Human Rights Promoters and Defenders (GD de DH) • Institute for Sustainable Development in Mesoamerica (IDESMAC)

## By municipality

### ALTAMIRANO

Enlace Communication and Capacity Building–Comitán • Ricaa-Antsetik Stz'ikos Swokolil (RICAA-MMR/Women of Corn in Resistance)

### AMATÁN

Latin American Women's Centre for Research and Action (CIAM)

### AMATENANGO DE LA FRONTERA

'Josefina García' Civil Society Coordinating Agency

### AMATENANGO DEL VALLE

Grameen Trust Chiapas

### ÁNGEL ALBINO CORZO

Promoters of Human Development and the Conservation of Nature in Mexico (EDHUCAR)

### ARRIAGA

Autonomous Regional Council of the Coastal Zone (CARZC) • Collective for Comprehensive Family Healthcare (CIFAM)

### BELISARIO DOMÍNGUEZ

'Josefina García' Civil Society Coordinating Agency

### BELLAVISTA

'Josefina García' Civil Society Coordinating Agency

### BENEMÉRITO DE LAS AMÉRICAS

Group for Research, Supervision and Action for Community Development (GIAADEC)

### BERRIOZÁBAL

DIFA Project, Alternatives and Innovations

### BOCHIL

AlSol

### CACAOATÁN

A Helping Hand in the Fight Against AIDS (UMA) • For the Advancement of Women (PSUM)

### CHAMIC

Grameen Trust Chiapas

### CHANAL

The Point, Youth Centre of Marie Stopes Mexico

### CHIAPA DE CORZO

Collective for Comprehensive Family Healthcare (CIFAM) • Grameen Trust Chiapas • National Front for Socialist Struggle (FNLS)

### CHICOMUSELO

'Josefina García' Civil Society Coordinating Agency • Latin American Women's Centre for Research and Action (CIAM) • 'Oralia Morales' Human Rights Committee (CDHOM)

### CHILÓN

AMBIO Cooperative • Latin American Women's Centre for Research and Action (CIAM) • Pajal Agroindustries

### CINTALAPA

DIFA Project, Alternatives and Innovations

### COMITÁN

AlSol • AMBIO Cooperative • Chiapas Centre for Women's Rights (CDMCH) • Collective for Comprehensive Family Healthcare (CIFAM) • Enlace Communication and Capacity Building–Comitán • Familia Nueva Birthing Centre • Grameen Trust Chiapas • Latin American Women's Centre for Research and Action (CIAM) • Pajal Agroindustries

### LA CONCORDIA

AMBIO Cooperative

### COPAINALÁ

Collective for Comprehensive Family Healthcare (CIFAM)

### ESCUINTLA

AlSol

### LA FRAYLESCA

AMBIO Cooperative

### FRONTERA COMALAPA

Institute of Intercultural Studies and Research (INESIN) • 'Josefina García' Civil Society Coordinating Agency • 'Oralia Morales' Human Rights Committee (CDHOM)

### FRONTERA HIDALGO

For the Advancement of Women (PSUM)

### HUITIUPÁN

Latin American Women's Centre for Research and Action (CIAM) • Pajal Agroindustries

### HUIXTÁN

Institute of Intercultural Studies and Research (INESIN)

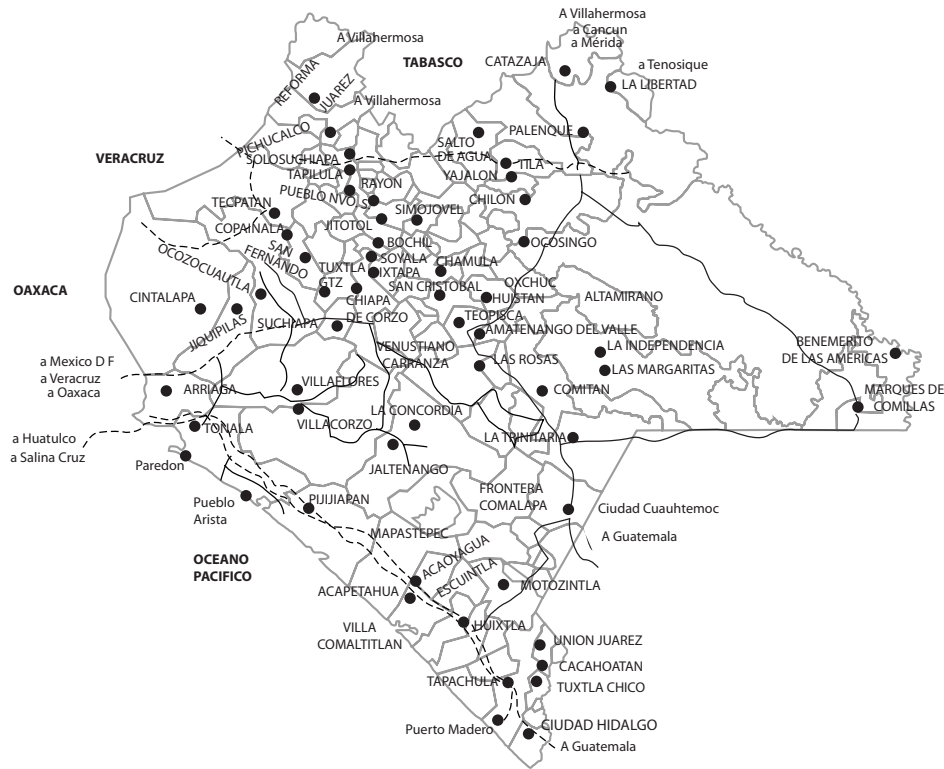
### HUIXTLA

A Helping Hand in the Fight Against AIDS (UMA) • National Front for Socialist Struggle (FNLS)

- LAS MARGARITAS**  
Enlace Communication and Capacity Building–Comitán • Grameen Trust Chiapas • Pajal Agroindustries • Ricaa-Antsetik Stz'ikos Swokolil (RICAA-MMR/Women of Corn in Resistance)
- LAS ROSAS**  
The Point, Youth Centre of Marie Stopes Mexico
- MAGDALENAS**  
Pajal Agroindustries
- MAPASTEPEC**  
Promoters of Human Development and the Conservation of Nature in Mexico (EDHUCAR)
- MARAVILLA TENEJAPA**  
AMBIO Cooperative
- MARQUÉS DE COMILLAS**  
AMBIO Cooperative
- MAZAPA DE MADERA**  
'Josefina García' Civil Society Coordinating Agency
- MAZATLÁN**  
A Helping Hand in the Fight Against AIDS (UMA) • For the Advancement of Women (PSUM)
- METAPA**  
For the Advancement of Women (PSUM)
- MONTECRISTO DE GUERRERO**  
Promoters of Human Development and the Conservation of Nature in Mexico (EDHUCAR)
- MOTZOINTLA**  
AISol • 'Josefina García' Civil Society Coordinating Agency • National Front for Socialist Struggle (FNLS)
- OCOSINGO**  
Agricultural Peasant Organisation of the Lacandon Jungle (OCPAS) • AISol • AMBIO Cooperative • Grameen Trust Chiapas • Institute of Intercultural Studies and Research (INESIN) • National Front for Socialist Struggle (FNLS)
- OSUMACINTA**  
Collective for Comprehensive Family Healthcare (CIFAM)
- OXCHUC**  
The Point, Youth Centre of Marie Stopes Mexico
- PALENQUE**  
AISol • AMBIO Cooperative • Grameen Trust Chiapas • Group for Research, Supervision and Action for Community Development (GIAADEC)
- PANTELHÓ**  
The Point, Youth Centre of Marie Stopes Mexico
- PICHUCALCO**  
Collective for Comprehensive Family Healthcare (CIFAM) • Grameen Trust Chiapas
- PIJIJÁPAN**  
AMBIO Cooperative • Autonomous Regional Council of the Coastal Zone (CARZC) • Group for Research, Supervision and Action for Community Development (GIAADEC)
- EL PORVENIR**  
'Josefina García' Civil Society Coordinating Agency
- PUEBLO NUEVO**  
AMBIO Cooperative
- PUJILIC**  
Grameen Trust Chiapas
- REFORMA**  
Collective for Comprehensive Family Healthcare (CIFAM)
- SALTO DE AGUA**  
AMBIO Cooperative
- SAN ANDRÉS LARRÁINZAR**  
Pajal Agroindustries • The Point, Youth Centre of Marie Stopes Mexico • Ricaa-Antsetik Stz'ikos Swokolil (RICAA-MMR/Women of Corn in Resistance)
- SAN CRISTÓBAL DE LAS CASAS**  
AISol • Chiapas Centre for Women's Rights (CDMCH) • Collective for Comprehensive Family Healthcare (CIFAM) • Collective for Peace Education and Human Rights (CEPAZ-DH) • Collective for the Promotion of Civil Rights and Social Development (DECIDES/ Civic Alliance Chiapas) • Communal Home Yach'il Antzetic (HCYA) • DIFA Project, Alternatives and Innovations • Diocesan Coordination of Women (CODIMUJ) • Grameen Trust Chiapas • Healthcare Supervision, Capacity Building and Assistance (ACASAC) • Institute of Intercultural Studies and Research (INESIN) • K'inal Antsetik (Chiapas) • Latin American Women's Centre for Research and Action (CIAM) • Luna Maya Birth Centre • MAFALDAS Collective • Melel Xojobal • 'Mercedes Olivera y Bustamante' Feminist Collective (COFEMO) • National Front for Socialist Struggle (FNLS) • Pajal Agroindustries • The Point, Youth Centre of Marie Stopes Mexico • Skolta'el Yu'un Jlumaltic–Ch'ulme'il (SYJAC) • Strength of Mayan Women (FOMMA) • Women of Native Corn
- SAN FERNANDO**  
Collective for Comprehensive Family Healthcare (CIFAM)
- SAN JUAN CHAMULA**  
The Point, Youth Centre of Marie Stopes Mexico • Ricaa-Antsetik Stz'ikos Swokolil (RICAA-MMR/Women of Corn in Resistance)
- SAN PEDRO CHENALHÓ**  
DIFA Project, Alternatives and Innovations • The Point, Youth Centre of Marie Stopes Mexico • Ricaa-Antsetik Stz'ikos Swokolil (RICAA-MMR/Women of Corn in Resistance)
- SILTEPEC**  
'Josefina García' Civil Society Coordinating Agency • Promoters of Human Development and the Conservation of Nature in Mexico (EDHUCAR)
- SOCOTENANGO**  
Grameen Trust Chiapas
- SUCHIAPA**  
Collective for Comprehensive Family Healthcare (CIFAM)
- SUCHIATE**  
A Helping Hand in the Fight Against AIDS (UMA) • For the Advancement of Women (PSUM)
- TAPACHULA**  
A Helping Hand in the Fight Against AIDS (UMA) • Collective for Comprehensive Family Healthcare (CIFAM) • For the Advancement of Women (PSUM) • Grameen Trust Chiapas
- TENEJAPA**  
Luna Maya Birth Centre • The Point, Youth Centre of Marie Stopes Mexico
- TEOPISCA**  
Grameen Trust Chiapas • The Point, Youth Centre of Marie Stopes Mexico
- TILA**  
National Front for Socialist Struggle (FNLS) • Pajal Agroindustries
- TONALÁ**  
Autonomous Regional Council of the Coastal Zone (CARZC) • Collective for Comprehensive Family Healthcare (CIFAM) • Tonalá Civic Front
- TRINITARIA**  
Grameen Trust Chiapas • Latin American Women's Centre for Research and Action (CIAM)
- TUMBALÁ**  
AMBIO Cooperative • National Front for Socialist Struggle (FNLS)
- TUXTLA CHICO**  
For the Advancement of Women (PSUM) • National Front for Socialist Struggle (FNLS)
- TUXTLA GUTIÉRREZ**  
A Helping Hand in the Fight Against AIDS (UMA) • Alcoholics Anonymous: 'Lois' Women's Group • Collective for Comprehensive Family Healthcare (CIFAM) • DIFA Project, Alternatives and Innovations • Grameen Trust Chiapas • Institute of Intercultural Studies and Research (INESIN) • National Front for Socialist Struggle (FNLS) • Network for Sexual and Reproductive Rights in Mexico (DDESER)
- UNIÓN JUÁREZ**  
For the Advancement of Women (PSUM)
- VENUSTIANO CARRANZA**  
Collective for Comprehensive Family Healthcare (CIFAM) • Pajal Agroindustries
- VILLA COMALTITÁN**  
A Helping Hand in the Fight Against AIDS (UMA)
- VILLACORZO**  
AMBIO Cooperative
- VILLAFLORES**  
AMBIO Cooperative • Collective for Comprehensive Family Healthcare (CIFAM) • Grameen Trust Chiapas
- YAJALÓN**  
AISol • Chiapas Centre for Women's Rights (CDMCH) • Nichmal K'ak'alek'inal • Ricaa-Antsetik Stz'ikos Swokolil (RICAA-MMR/Women of Corn in Resistance) • Traditional Midwives' Association 'Tzoblej Chihchil Nich Romero' (Tzoblej)
- ZINACANTÁN**  
Grameen Trust Chiapas • Institute of Intercultural Studies and Research (INESIN) • Pajal Agroindustries • The Point, Youth Centre of Marie Stopes Mexico • Ricaa-Antsetik Stz'ikos Swokolil (RICAA-MMR/Women of Corn in Resistance)

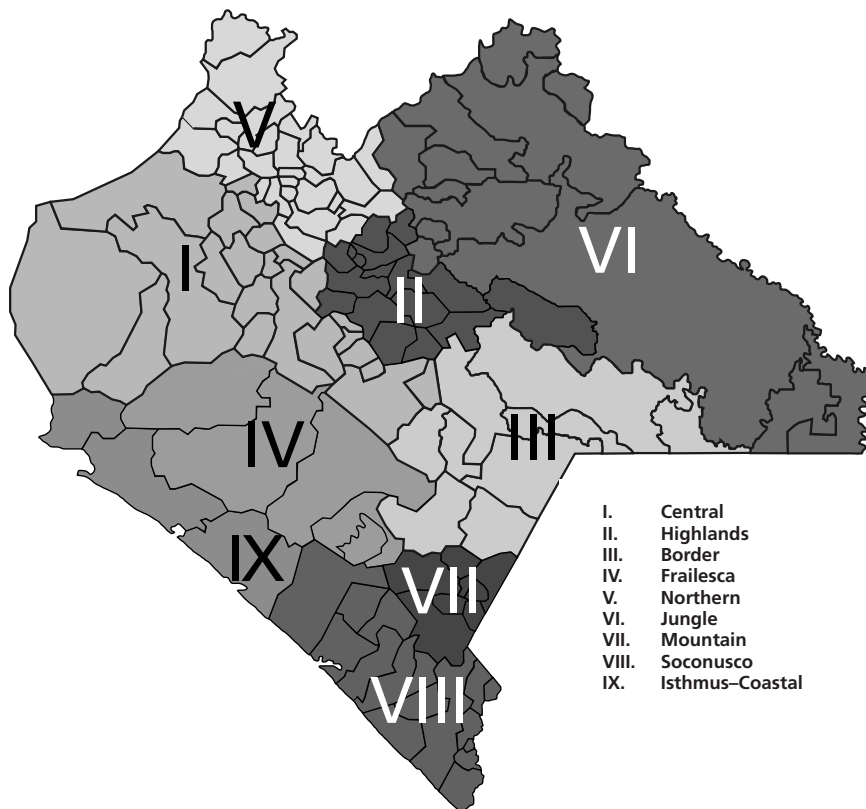
# Maps of Chiapas

## CHIAPAS: ROAD MAP



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## CHIAPAS: REGIONAL MAP



- I. Central
- II. Highlands
- III. Border
- IV. Frailesca
- V. Northern
- VI. Jungle
- VII. Mountain
- VIII. Soconusco
- IX. Isthmus-Coastal

Source: Adapted from *Chiapas Religioso*; Rivera Farfán, Carolina; Lisbona Guillén; Miguel and García Aguilar, María del Carmen (Tuxtla Gutiérrez, Mexico: Secretaría de Educación del Gobierno de Chiapas, 2004).