Johnson & Johnson (J&J) and The Resource Foundation (TRF) collaborated with 5 nonprofit organizations across 5 countries in Latin America – Dominican Republic, Guatemala, Mexico, Nicaragua and Peru – to design and launch the Girls’ Education and Empowerment Regional Program in January 2016.

Founded on the J&J vision to co-create sustainable, healthy communities, the initiative addresses three (3) key barriers that impede at-risk girls’ access to quality education:
- Early pregnancy
- Violence
- Community attitudes towards girls’ education

The network of local NGOs implement a common, inclusive methodology that works to engage girls, boys, teachers and parents in activities that ultimately create a community culture conducive to girls empowerment and success.

**Year 1 Results**
January 2016 - March 2017

**Direct Beneficiaries**

1,838 adolescent girls engaged in program activities related to leadership, self-esteem, gender, sexual and reproductive health (SRH), and violence prevention.

**Indirect Beneficiaries**

25 empowered communities in five (5) countries

1,382 boys exposed to reproductive health, violence prevention, and masculinity topics.

1,649 caretakers understand their role in ensuring girls’ access to education.

158 teachers at 24 schools trained to reinforce human rights and gender equity in their classrooms.

One (1) network established and active in supporting one another in program implementation.

“"This program is very important, as it provides the opportunity for our students to understand the topics, ask questions and get answers...Parents often don’t have the time or sufficient knowledge to talk with their children about these topics, especially sexual and reproductive health...in this way, this project is helping to minimize adolescent pregnancy across Alta Verapaz.”

- Participating Teacher in Guatemala referencing program activities and their impact in Alta Verapaz department, located in north central Guatemala.

Left: Parents in the region of Chumbivilcas, Peru gather for a “School of Parents” activity on the importance of education.