# The Indigenous Miskitu Circle Corp.

### Who we are



The Indigenous Miskitu Circle Corp. is an international non-profit 501(c)(3) that works to bridge existing gaps that impact the people in three areas: environmental, health, and education.

We were founded on January 20, 2017.

<u>Check out a short video about The Indigenous Miskitu Circle</u> <u>Corp.</u> - It is in spanish, if you have any questions or concerns please, let us know.

## Our goal

To strengthen the indigenous communities and Nicaraguan people by providing self-sustaining programs.

> A few examples are: awareness workshops, medical seminars, and resource management.









**Vision statement:** To see the indigenous communities empowered with access to resources for long term success, as well as, to gain autonomy over our culture, and empower each other with literacy.



## Mission statement:

To help children, families, and the future generations to come by empowering the indigenous Miskitu, Ramas, Mayagnas, Ulwa, Twahka, Creole, Garifuna communities and the Nicaraguan people through health, environmental, educational, and social collective programs to gain and maintain self-autonomy.



We have separated the indigenous Miskitu and others' biggest problems into issues within four branches that spread throughout the region and country at large.



## The branches



#### Education

Nicaraguan students typically attend school for 4.5 years, and very few complete primary schools.

#### Environment

The nation lost an average of 2.5% of its forest and woodland each year between 1990 and 1995.

#### Health

Between 35% to 40% of the population lack access to basic health resources.

#### Social

Access to educational workshops and social programs to develop sustainable, community-based economic development



### Health



*We hope to* incorporate better-quality healthcare for the indigenous communities who are not able to seek nor access proper health checkups, neither for further assistance for any mental health and physical issues.

*We have planned* to do this by bringing in Doctors Without Borders and other volunteers to help ship in medical supplies and equipment as needed, and to build and remodel hospitals and clinics as well as adding a research laboratory or medical facilities that are in need.



## Environment



*We hope to* introduce reforestation projects back into the Bosawas Reserve and Indio Maiz Rainforest to protect wildlife and ecosystems for the future generations to come.

*We have planned* to do this by improving the environmental quality of the Bosawas Reserve and Indio Maiz Rainforest by proving a cleaner and safer method for the 21 ecosystems to coexist and cohabitate, as there are also a multitude of species, several of which are vulnerable of extinction. We plan to introduce reforestation projects, wildlife preserves, focus on oceanic and lagoon preservation, and river reserves.



## Social



*We hope to* develop a sustainable, community-based economic development for the indigenous region to have a brighter future while also preserving and respecting the natural ecosystem.

*We have planned* to introduce recreational projects to the indigenous community. For instance: build parks, public libraries, and community and learning centers, create museums and galleries about the indigenous history, establish upgraded infrastructures in urban cities to historical rural areas, including improving transit systems which will provide an enhanced social way of living for the indigenous population. Additionally, we intend to introduce the exotic and organic agricultural products of Nicaragua to overseas markets to increase international economic development. It is our hope that these social benefits will connect tourists and visitors with the ancient indigenous ways of cohabitation with mother earth while raising revenue for indigenous communities.



## Education



*We hope to* build up a supportive educational system by providing school supplies, remodeling schools, introduce amazing opportunities like student and teacher exchanges, and volunteer and internship programs.

*We have planned* to improve the indigenous population that is literate by amplifying the percentage of students to further increase literacy rates, furthermore to aid students successfully reach from primary to secondary schooling, and then university level education to better their future.

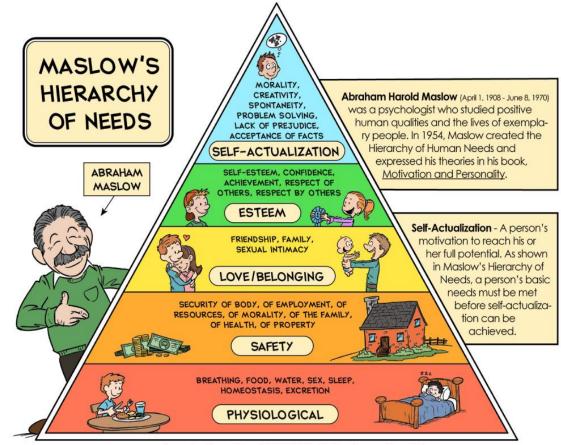


#### Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs & Psychocolonization

We tackle psychocolonization by providing a need in the Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs Pyramid with every branch we work in.

Colonization is the action or process of settling among and establishing control over the indigenous people of an area.

Psychocolonization is the psychological action of colonization.



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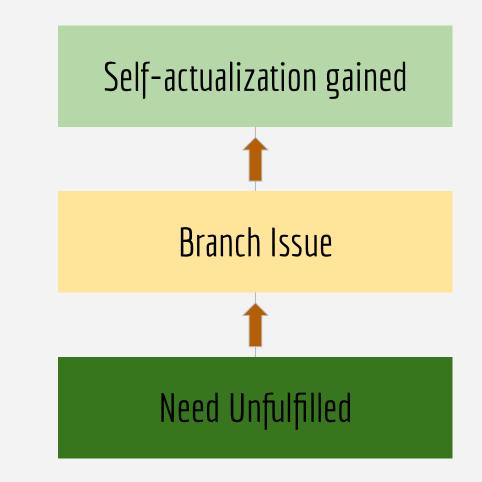
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#### **Disaster Relief**

Hurricane Eta and lota left a devastating impact on the country this past year. We've fundraised and accepted any donations possible to help aid Nicaragua in the aftermath. We filled 2 whole containers!







#### Disaster Relief

Our first container arrived successfully in Managua on December 10th!



## Connect with us on Social Media

If you are interested in partnering or volunteering you may contact us at:

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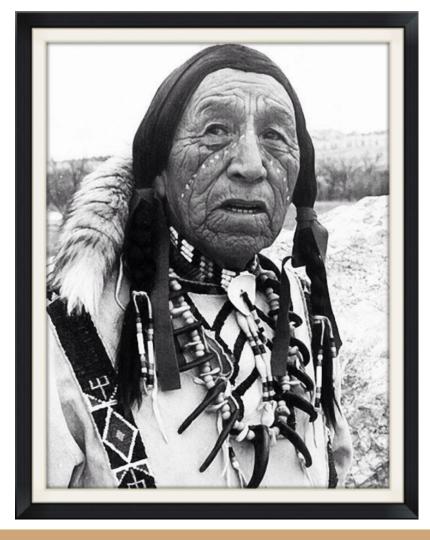
Youtube: Indigenous Miskitu



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"Everything an [indigenous] does is in a circle because the power of the world always works in circles." -Heháka Sápa, Black Elk

#### The Indigenous Miskitu Circle Corp nonprofit 501(c)3





