

# TOGETHER ALBERTA

## “As COVID-19 Happens”: An Unfolding Story from a Mexican Village

PlanNET is an international network of evaluation, training and performance management consultants that work to support organizations, such as Atzin Mexico, to improve livelihoods, protect the environment, and secure peaceful relationships.

Atzin is a non-profit humanitarian organization that assists rural communities in Mexico to attain better life opportunities, stronger cultural wellbeing, and greater self-sufficiency with more peaceful governance with a focus on health and healing; income generation for women; community education and literacy; and environmental and water sanitation.

Since March, Canadians have shifted their way of life to working from home, staying 6 feet apart, and constantly reminded to wash their hands. In many ways, this has become an inconvenience for us but in Tlamacazapa, Mexico, these preventative measures are everything.

Listen as Susan Smith, director of Atzin, speaks with Philip Cox, Executive Director of PlanNET, on the realities of community members in Tlamacazapa in light of the pandemic. Since mid-March, Atzin has taken action to mitigate COVID-19, while facing the challenges of cultural denials, inequalities, gender roles, and multiple deaths within the village.

You can also find out more about how PlanNET has supported Atzin through building communities in Mexico on their blog here:

[Part 1: The Power of Shared Vision, Local Empowerment and Tenacity](#)

[Part 2: Fighting the Spread of COVID-19 Door to Door](#)

[Part 3: Witnessing COVID Take Its Toll](#)

