

Meet the amazing...

GUARANI PEOPLE

Don't forget, sometimes human beings need help, too!



Get ready to jump into action, gang. Because right now, deep in the wilds of Brazil, an incredible group of people are fighting for their lives. And they need *our* help! They're the Guarani, the biggest tribe in Brazil with 46,000 people split into three groups — the Kaiowá, Nandeva and M'byá. So join us as we to meet the Guarani-Kaiowá tribe, and find out how we can help.

Land is life

The Guarani people have a very strong bond with their land and everything on, beneath and above it. For the Guarani, land is not just what they see on the ground — it includes the plants, roots and minerals underground, the rivers and streams, the air, the sky and the clouds above. It means *everything* to them. Because of this they treat their land with respect, hunting, fishing and harvesting crops in a way that they know will allow the earth to thrive for future generations.

The planet-protecting Guarani are nature experts and can name hundreds of types of plants on their land. They know how to grow many different crops and can make tools and crafts from the forest's natural

resources. They even make medicines for headaches and toothache out of plants!

Forest home

Traditionally, the Guarani live in communities of between 100 and 300 people. They build their houses using wood for the walls, thatch for the roof and sometimes other forest materials, too.

Each community also has a large prayer house, called an 'oca', where the people can get together for meetings and celebrations. The Guarani have many rituals and festivals throughout the year and often gather together to sing, dance and dress in traditional costume. Sounds like fun!

This tribe also like to live close to rivers and streams where they can bathe and catch fish. And, just like you, Guarani kids like nothing better than splashing about in the water to cool down on a hot afternoon!

Tough times

In the state of Mato Grosso do Sul, the Guarani-Kaiowá once lived in 350,000km² of forest — that's bigger than the UK! Sadly, most of the Kaiowá's land has been taken away by ranchers

DID YOU KNOW...?

Some Guarani people also live in Paraguay, Bolivia and northeastern Argentina.



Can you help?

who cut down the trees to make space for cattle and crops. Thousands of Guarani have been forced to leave their homes and are squeezed onto tiny patches of land. Some have been left with no land at all and are forced to camp by roadsides.

The loss of land is the worst thing that can happen. Without it they have no water, they can't grow or hunt for food and they are unable to continue their important relationship with the forest.

What can we do?

The Guarani need *our* help to get their land back! Spread the word by talking to your friends or write to the Brazilian government by visiting Survival International's website, survivalinternational.org today!



Guarani children love their animals!

WHERE IN THE WORLD ARE THE GUARANI-KAIOWÁ?



Red area shows where they live

LOCATION In Brazil, there are around 46,000 Guarani living in seven states. The Guarani-Kaiowá people you've been reading about live in Mato Grosso do Sul which means 'Thick Forest of the South'.

HOW TO GET THERE It takes 13 hours to fly from the UK to the Brazilian city of São Paulo. From there, catch another flight to Campo Grande, the capital of Mato Grosso do Sul. Then pick up a car or bus and finally trek to find the Kaiowá.

LANGUAGE The Guarani tribe speak... Guarani! Try learning a few words below.



Traditional homes are made from natural materials



Despite living tough lives, Kaiowá kids still know how to have fun!

How would your life be different...

IF YOU WERE A YOUNG GUARANI?!

	NAME	FOOD	CHORES	FOR FUN
KIDS IN THE UK	Chloe, Hassan	Pasta and tomato sauce	Washing the car, dusting	Drawing, cycling
GUARANI GIRLS	Adelsa, Rosangela	Fish, pumpkin and corn	Helping wash clothes in the river	Dancing, singing
GUARANI BOYS	Eliseu, Marcos	Armadillo and rice	Fishing, carrying firewood	Football, swimming



The Kaiowá make nearly everything they need from scratch

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LEARN TO SPEAK GUARANI

• HELLO - Mbæ chepa • WHAT'S YOUR NAME? - Mbæ chepa nderéra • MY NAME IS... - Che cherera... • HOW ARE YOU? - Mbæ chepa • I'M FINE - Ipõra