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Reducing Chronic Malnutrition in Guatemala

Mapping Food and Nutritional Security projects in the Western Highlands.



*Photo: Presentation of mapping results to SESAN and international donors.
Photo: USAID PRS Project*

“Clarify where cooperative international interventions exist in order to organize them and jointly achieve the expected results in the fight against malnutrition and hunger.”

- Luis Enrique Monterroso Secretary of SESAN

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Among the problems facing the Western Highlands of Guatemala, chronic malnutrition and poverty are some of the most daunting. To tackle these problems, the Government of Guatemala created the National Zero Hunger Plan, which provides a detailed strategy for combating chronic malnutrition in Guatemala over the next four years. As part of the Feed the Future Initiative, the USAID Policy Regulatory Support for Economic Growth (PRS) Project has supported the implementation of this plan, specifically in prioritized territories. In coordination with the Secretariat of Food and Nutritional Security (SESAN, Spanish acronym), the PRS project has mapped the Zero Hunger projects in the departments of Quiché, Huehuetenango, San Marcos, Totonicapán, Sololá, and Quetzaltenango. The results of this mapping exercise were then documented in a database that was submitted to SESAN and will be used to streamline the Zero Hunger plan efforts, making them more efficient and effective.

Specifically, the information collected by the PRS project will allow SESAN to quickly and easily determine which departments and municipalities are being served, which government agencies are serving them, and which objectives of the zero hunger plan are being addressed. This information will also highlight gaps in programmatic coverage or complementary programmatic interventions contained in the Plan. Although no information could be obtained on the coverage at the community level, this information will be collected at the municipal level when the Municipal Commissions for Food and Nutritional Security meet and share their activities and coverage at the local level.

With the assistance of the PRS project, ten bilateral and nine multilateral donors have been identified to support 55 projects in the Western Highlands; of these, 32 have exclusive coverage in this geographic area. USAID supports 37% of these projects, with other international donors supporting an additional 57%. The total value of the 55 projects is \$724 million and the total value of the 32 projects that have exclusive coverage in the western highlands is \$353.7. In addition to donor support, the executing government agencies, non governmental organizations and cooperation agencies who implement the projects have also been identified.