



# GUATEMALA

About half of Guatemala's population live in rural areas. The World Bank reports that 41 percent of Guatemala's land area is used for agricultural purposes and 32 percent of its total population rely on agriculture for their livelihoods.



Guatemala rates 125 out of 187 countries in poverty according to the United Nation's Human Development Index (2014). About 14 percent of its 15 million people live below the poverty line, on \$1.25 a day, and 13 percent of children under 5 are malnourished.



Isabel Lopez Garcia (68) feeds his sheep fodder in Quilenco village.

Source: World Bank, unless otherwise specified.

## HEIFER GUATEMALA

**FAMILIES ASSISTED  
IN FY14**

**7,523**

**LIVESTOCK PLACED  
IN FY14**

**Hens | Turkeys | Ducks | Fish |  
Dairy Goats | Sheep | Bees |  
Rabbits | Worms**

Heifer Guatemala works with small-scale farm families to improve their local environment and the management of their natural resources. Our programs are designed to encourage collaboration between individuals and between individuals and community entities. We work to establish and develop strong community-based organizations (i.e. farmer associations and cooperatives) that emphasize the empowerment of women and youth.

Families are improving their livelihoods by becoming key players in strengthening their food and nutritional security. They are learning to grow a variety of nutritional foods in an Earth-friendly, sustainable way, and raising healthier animals that provide a good source of protein. Our work is helping families expand their farm's production, generate additional income by accessing new markets, and foster local value chains (i.e. coffee, cocoa, cardamom and honey).

### CURRENT PROGRAMS

- **PROMESA: Economic Improvement and Food Security in Coffee, Cocoa, and Other Crop Commodities**
- **GANASOL: Livestock and Sustainable Agriculture on Latin American Hillsides**
- **SAN SECO: Food and Nutritional Security in the Central and South American Dry Corridor**

## KEY SERVICES

### WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT

Leadership and Decision Making Training | Women's Self-Help Groups | Farmer Exchange Visits | Full Participation

### INCREASED INCOME

Value Chain Development | Ancestral Knowledge Education | Good Manufacturing Practices | Organizational Strengthening | Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) Training

### SOCIAL CAPITAL

Passing on the Gift® | 12 Cornerstones for Just and Sustainable Development | Self-help Groups | Community Leadership | Resource Mobilization | Cooperative Development

### NUTRITION

Animal and Crop Management | Vegetable Gardening | Medicinal Herb Gardens | Food System Development

### ENVIRONMENT

Natural Resource Management | Soil and Water Conservation | Risk Management | Reforestation | Agroforestry | Agroecology



Nazaria Sarita Vasquez Vicente (34) works near one of her beehives in Rancho Viejo village.

## PROJECT PARTNERS

### Funders

- Keurig Green Mountain
- Ford Foundation

### Local implementing partners

- Centro Agronómico Tropical de Investigación y Enseñanza (CATIE)
- Asociación de Organizaciones de los Cuchumatanes (ASOCUCH)
- Fundación Hanns R. Neumann Stiftung (HRNS)
- Asociación para el Desarrollo Rural Integral (ADRI)
- Fundación Defensores de la Naturaleza
- EcoLogic Development Fund
- Fundación para el Fortalecimiento de las Organizaciones de Base (FUNDEBASE)
- Asociación de Cooperación al Desarrollo Integral de Huehuetenango (Cooperativa ACODIHUE)
- Asociación de Productores Organicos para el Desarrollo Integral del Polochic (APODIP)
- Texas A&M University
- Cooperativa Santa María Nebaj
- Asociación de Asentamiento Unidos del Area (ASAUNIXIL)
- Cooperativa Maya Ixil
- Organización de Cooperación Internacional de Proyectos de Desarrollo (DISOP)
- Asociación Regional Campesina Chorti (ASORECH)
- Asociación de Servicios y Desarrollo Socioeconómico de Chiquimula (ASEDECHI)
- Diakonía
- Cooperación Alemana
- Oro Verde
- Secretaría de Asuntos Agrarios (SAA)
- Coordinadora Nacional para la Reducción de Desastres (CONRED)
- Secretaria de Seguridad Alimentaria y Nutricional (SESAN)
- Instancia de Consulta y Participación Social (INCOPAS)
- Ministerio de Agricultura, Ganadería y Alimentación



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