



TOGETHER SHOULDER TO SHOULDER

CABEI cooperations and donations promote Guatemala's well-being and economic recovery

The multilateral has supported its founding partner country in dealing with emergencies and promoting the development of strategic sectors.

Reinforcing its role as the region's strategic ally and main source of resources, over the past three years the Central American Bank for Economic Integration (CABEI) has granted several cooperations and donations to Guatemala for the benefit of Guatemalans and micro, small and medium-sized enterprises (MSMEs).

CABEI support was provided in different areas, ranging from emergency aid to overcome the effects of health and climate-related disasters, to technical support for the development of public infrastructure and the strengthening of institutional and business capacities.



Non-reimbursable resources granted during this period amounted to approximately US\$7 million, which also supported the catalyzing of innovations in strategic sectors in the country and the development of technical studies for the preparation of projects in sectors such as mobility and energy, environmental sanitation, entrepreneurship and education, to mention a few.

CABEI plays a key role in the development of the Central American region and is aware of the challenges that must be faced in the future, which is why it works hand in hand with its member countries to formulate new financial products and programs, and provide resources to reduce social, environmental and climate vulnerabilities in order to promote the well-being of the people.

Learn about some of the initiatives supported by CABEI in Guatemala in the last 3 years:



Emergency care

To counteract the losses and damages caused by storms Blas, Celia, Julia and Eta, CABEI granted the Republic of Guatemala a total of US\$1.25 million in aid to provide timely attention to those affected and to provide food, clean water, medicines and infrastructure repairs.

In addition, since the COVID-19 pandemic was declared, CABEI has provided donations totaling US\$2.5 million, which enabled the temporary hospital to be set up and equipped to deal with the virus, medical supplies and mobile canteens. In addition, 26,000 PCR tests, 33,000 sample collection kits and 816,000 masks were delivered.



Urban mobility and clean energy

Through technical cooperation in the amount of US\$40,000, IIC assisted in determining the technical and financial feasibility of Transmetro Line 5 with electric buses, and in preparing the project's bidding conditions. The new circuit will be 12 kilometers long, connecting Parque Colón with the Civic Center in zone 1 of the capital city, and will carry 15,000 users daily.

Technical studies are also being carried out to make a 3 MW photovoltaic energy project viable in the department of Jutiapa. This assistance of up to US\$50,000 comes from the Green MSMEs Initiative, a tripartite effort of CABEI, the Government of Germany through KfW, and the European Union.





Environmental sanitation

One of the cooperations developed in this sector is the pre-feasibility study of a sanitary landfill in the area of influence of the Las Vacas river, which seeks to analyze the technical, economic, social and environmental feasibility of a potential project that could be executed by private sector actors and/or local governments.

A program for the sanitation of Lake Atitlán is also being formulated to identify technological alternatives, infrastructure and equipment with potential for implementation for wastewater treatment. CABEL provided US\$175,000 in financial support for these two initiatives.

In addition, this year technical cooperation in the amount of US\$650,000 was approved to prepare feasibility studies and the final design of the Integrated Solid Waste Management System, which will help the Municipality of Guatemala and the Environment and Natural Resources Ministry to manage the technical closure of the current disposal area at the landfill in zone 3 of the capital city and the expansion of a new area with the necessary infrastructure and equipment.



MSMEs and entrepreneurship

Various financial education programs and credit products were implemented to support Guatemalan entrepreneurs through technical assistance from the DINÁMICA Initiative, a tripartite effort between CABEL, the German government through KfW and the European Union, for up to US\$150,000.

These programs were implemented through BANRURAL and BANCO PROMERICA, and have benefited more than 1.14 million people, with the objective of improving family and business financial well-being, as well as promoting a change in financial decision-making behavior.





Institutional strengthening

In 2022, CABI approved a non-reimbursable cooperation grant for US\$1 million to promote the Digital Transformation of the Public Finance Ministry's (MIFIN) Service Management Project, through the implementation of better pre-investment, administration and accountability practices, as well as to improve the experience of Guatemalan users.

We also supported the Planning and Programming Secretariat of the Presidency of the Republic of Guatemala (SEGEPLAN) in finalizing the processes required to obtain the certification of the Quality Management System under ISO 9001:2015 in its process "Issuance of Technical Opinions for Investment Projects, Loans and Grants".

The multilateral also supported other sectors such as the promotion of electromobility, protection of cultural heritage, financial mechanisms for access to housing, educational scholarships and capacity building in cleaner production.

These technical cooperations, emergency assistance and donations are part of CABI's 2020-2024 Institutional Strategy, and reaffirm its commitment to work shoulder to shoulder with Guatemalan institutions and people to support initiatives that contribute to solving social and environmental challenges, as well as to improve the population's well-being and quality of life.