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Introducing our
founding member country

Guatemala



More than 16 million Guatemalans benefit from CABEI-financed infrastructure, health, transportation, business and MSME projects.

Guatemala has a territorial extension of 108,889 km² and is bordered to the west and north by Mexico; to the east by Belize and the Gulf of Honduras; to the southeast by Honduras and El Salvador; and to the south by the Pacific Ocean. Its topography is mountainous, except for the southern coastal area and the northern lands in the department of Petén. Two mountain ranges, from east to west, divide Guatemala into three regions: the highlands, where the highest mountains are located; the Pacific coast, south of the mountains; and the Petén region, to the north.

It has 37 volcanoes, the highest is the Tajumulco volcano of 4,222 meters above sea level. The territory is made up of 22 departments, which are divided into 340 municipalities and its capital is Guatemala City. As for the climate, it presents significant contrasts, from tropical and warm to humid.

A multicultural and multiethnic country: with a

population of about 16.9 million inhabitants, 51.84% live in urban areas and 48.16% in rural areas. The official language is Spanish, but, due to the existence of some 25 indigenous peoples (of which 22 are of Mayan origin), approximately 23 languages are spoken, such as Mayan, Xinca and Garifuna. In the 2018 census, 56% of the population identified themselves as ladino or mestizo, 41% as Mayan and the rest is distributed among Xinca, Afro-descendant and Garifuna.

Production increases and prices slow down: after a 1.5% drop in production in 2020, the gross domestic product (GDP) of the region's largest economy registered a growth of 7.5% in 2021; and for this 2022, economic growth of 4.5% is projected. The activities expected to show the most dynamism are accommodation and food service, quarry mining, financial activities, electricity supply, commerce and construction.

CABEI strengthens institutional framework and infrastructure in Guatemala

The multilateral has approved investments in health, security and justice, infrastructure, energy and transportation; it has also channeled resources to financial institutions to meet the credit needs of companies, MSMEs and individuals.

This financing has made it possible to improve the public function through investment in infrastructure in strategic sectors, to support the private sector in its operations, and to address the emergency caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, as well as those caused by natural phenomena.

Some of the initiatives underway

Impacts

Justice sector modernization.

CABEI Financing: US\$300.0 million

- It will benefit 16.2 million Guatemalans throughout the country.
- It will facilitate access to justice and prosecution of crime by strengthening the capacity of the administration of justice of the State of Guatemala.
- It will strengthen the infrastructure and equipment in penitentiary centers, courts and tribunals, police stations and police stations, among others.

Investment in infrastructure and equipping of 5 national hospitals.

CABEI financing: US\$193.2 million, of which US\$79 million from Korea

- It will benefit 6.6 million people in 13 departments.
- It will improve the quality of health services offered to the population, mainly women and children.
- It will strengthen the capacities of the hospital network of the public health system and improve the medical care of 1,040 beds

<p>Improve the quality of public investment approval processes carried out by the Secretariat of Planning and Programming of the Presidency (SEGEPLAN).</p> <p>CABEI Financing: US\$26,250</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continuous improvement process to modernize SEGEPLAN, strengthening the civil service process, human resources and transparency, control and accountability mechanisms in the investment and cooperation processes.
<p>Credit lines with 3 intermediary financial institutions for the benefit of MSMEs in the face of the COVID-19 pandemic.</p> <p>Amount: US\$ 32 million (2019-2021 Period)</p>	<p>By the end of 2021:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2,258 MSMEs accessed credit (70% are microenterprises). • The employment of 8,582 people was protected and recovered (30% for women). • Financing was granted to MSMEs in urban and rural areas in 22 departments of the country.
<p>Credit lines with 4 intermediary financial institutions to finance foreign trade programs, social housing, productive sectors and MSMEs.</p> <p>Amount: US\$ 284 million (2019-2021 Period)</p>	<p>By the end of 2021:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 11,318 people benefited. • Sectors benefited: import and export, housing acquisition, women-led MSMEs, agribusiness.
<p>Consultancy for a pre-feasibility study for a sanitary landfill in the area of influence of the Las Vacas River</p> <p>CABEI Cooperation: US\$75 thousand</p>	<p>Analyze the feasibility of a sanitation project that could be promoted by private sector actors and/or local governments to contribute to the reduction of pollution in the Motagua River. With the support of The Ocean Clean Up.</p>
<p>Execution of emergency cooperation in the areas of health and social assistance.</p> <p>CABEI Cooperation: US\$ 2.0 million</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve the conditions of a temporary hospital. • Medical equipment. • Purchase of medical and personal protection supplies. • Setting up of mobile canteens. • Educational campaigns to reduce the spread of COVID.
<p>Support for the Digital Transformation of the Public Finance Ministry's (MINFIN) Service Management</p> <p>CABEI Cooperation: US\$ 1.0 million</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Modernization of Institutional Capacities in the processes of Fiscal Transparency, Procurement, State Assets and Customer Service. • Economic reactivation plan for the tourism sector that includes investment initiatives and models for their financial structuring.

In order to improve the quality of life of Guatemalans, CABEI will continue to support other programs and projects in road and hospital in-

frastructure, solid waste management, electrical interconnectivity and electromobility projects in 2022.

Guatemala, founding member

Guatemala is one of CABEI's founding members. Its shareholding is 10.79%, with subscribed capital of US\$714.0 million. In the 2016-2020 five-year period, the Bank approved US\$977.4 million and disbursed US\$629.3 million in interventions that improve the quality of life of Guatemalans.

About CABEI

CABEI was created in 1960 as the region's financial arm for integration and development. Its resources are continuously invested in projects with an impact on development to reduce poverty and inequalities, strengthen regional integration and the competitive insertion of its partners in world economy, paying special attention to environmental sustainability. CABEI is based in Tegucigalpa with offices throughout Central America.

CABEI's financial strength as the best credit in Latin America is supported by its high credit rating granted by the different international agencies: Standard & Poor's with a rating of AA, Moody's with a rating of Aa3, and Japan Credit Rating with AA.



