



FOOD FOR PEACE FACT SHEET

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Food Security Situation*

• Guatemala, with the fourth highest rate of chronic malnutrition in the world and the highest in Latin America and the Caribbean, faces a serious challenge to reduce chronic under nutrition, currently at 49.3% among children under 5. Guatemala is also prone to natural disasters including hurricanes, earthquakes, floods and frosts.

• According to FEWS NET, crop damages and losses caused by the heavy rains in October are not significant as initially thought. Areas most impacted by the rains were the southern coast, Alta Verapaz y Petén. However subsistence households impacted by crop losses will experience a deterioration in food security earlier than normal, especially in the Highlands, where households have only one season and do not have the option of re-sowing.

• The postrera season is expected to be normal. Prices are expected to stabilize with incoming harvests through December, and to increase seasonably through March, though they will remain above the five-year



Map: CIA World Factbook

Total Food for Peace Contributions

Fiscal Year 2012 (to date)	\$9.7 million	7,680 MT
Fiscal Year 2011	\$38.1 million	24,090 MT
Fiscal Year 2010	\$42.4 million	34,820 MT
Fiscal Year 2009	\$22.4 million	17,333 MT

Food for Peace Contribution Breakdown

Partners	FY 12		FY11			
	Development (to date)		Emergency		Development	
	USD in millions	Metric tons	USD in millions	Metric tons	USD in millions	Metric tons
Awardee	\$9.7	7,680	\$15.3	6,770	\$22.8	17,320

Food for Peace Program Details+

Awardees: Catholic Relief Services; Save the Children Federation; Share de Guatemala; Mercy Corps International; Project Concern International

Targeted Beneficiaries:
CRS: 156,511 beneficiaries
SCF: 149,868 beneficiaries
SHARE: 139,500 beneficiaries
MCI: 82,633 beneficiaries
PCI: 18,395 beneficiaries

Current Projects: Chronic child malnutrition; agriculture; maternal and child health; income generation; water and sanitation

Project Locations: Baja Verapaz; Chimaltenango; Chiquimula; Huehuetenango; Quiché; San Marcos; Alta Verapaz; Jutiapa; Jalapa; El Progreso; and Quiché

* FY: fiscal year; MT: metric tons;

+FY11 Program Details

*Food Security Situation information provided by WFP and the Famine Early Warning Systems Network (www.fews.net) as of January 2012.