

## II. Results Framework

### A. Overall Goal

The overall goal statement for the CDCS is: “A More Democratic, Secure and Prosperous Guatemala” (See Figure 1). The goal reflects country leadership and focuses investments to support country development plans, especially in the areas of food security,<sup>1</sup> health,<sup>2</sup> and security and justice.<sup>3</sup> This goal derives from extensive consultation with the GOG, donors, partners, academia, leaders from civil society, private sector, and indigenous populations, and within the USG.

The overall goal is measurable: Democracy can be measured by political legitimacy, most often characterized by support for the political system and tolerance of opposition;<sup>4</sup> security can be measured in terms of security from violence; prosperity can be measured by economic growth and improvements in income equality.

The achievement of this goal presupposes several critical assumptions (discussed further below). Chief among these are Guatemala’s continued close alliance with the United States, the durability of Guatemala’s political stability, and continued macro-economic stability and economic growth.

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<sup>1</sup> “Food Security and Nutrition Strategic Plan PESAN 2009-2012,” Food Security and Nutrition Council (CONESAN), Government of Guatemala [http://www.sesan.gob.gt/images/files/File/pesan\\_final.pdf](http://www.sesan.gob.gt/images/files/File/pesan_final.pdf) Note: USAID is currently working with the GOG and donors to revise the PESAN and a new plan should be completed in mid-2011.

<sup>2</sup> “National Health Strategy,” Ministry of Health, Government of Guatemala [http://portal.mspas.gob.gt/plan\\_estrategico\\_nacional.html](http://portal.mspas.gob.gt/plan_estrategico_nacional.html)

<sup>3</sup> “National Accord for the Advancement of Security and Justice,” 2009, [http://www.iepades.org/acuerdo\\_de\\_seguridad\\_y\\_justicia.pdf](http://www.iepades.org/acuerdo_de_seguridad_y_justicia.pdf); “Plan Estratégico 2011-2014 del Ministerio Público”, Public Ministry, Government of Guatemala, February, 2011, [http://saladeredaccion.com/revista/wp-content/uploads/downloads/2011/04/presentacion-plan-de-trabajo\\_v2007.pdf](http://saladeredaccion.com/revista/wp-content/uploads/downloads/2011/04/presentacion-plan-de-trabajo_v2007.pdf); “Plan Estratégico Institucional de la Comisión de Reforma Policial,” National Police Reform Commission, 2010; “Plan Estratégico Quinquenal 2011-2015 del Organismo Judicial”, 2010 <http://www.oj.gob.gt/index.php/plan-quinquenal-2011-2015>; and “National Youth Policy 2010-2015,” <http://www.conjuve.gob.gt/portal1/pdfs/Politica%20nacional%20de%20juventud%202010-2015.pdf>

<sup>4</sup> Mitchell A. Seligson. “Towards a Model of Democratic Stability: Political Culture in Central America,” *Estudios Interdisciplinarios de América Latina y el Caribe* 11, no. 2 (2000). See also *Latin American Public Opinion Project* <http://www.vanderbilt.edu/lapop/guatemala.php>

Figure 1: CDCS Results Framework

