



# 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.
- Cold fronts began during the first week of October in 2010 rather than in November as is usual. As a result, rains stopped for 21 consecutive days in the eastern region, damaging postera crops, especially beans. The cold temperatures mainly affected the western region and the central plateau and is expected to lead to an increase in cases of respiratory diseases.
- Due to the continuation of a La Niña phenomenon, an irregular start of the rainy season in April/May is expected, affecting the development of basic grain crops, particularly maize. This irregular start will limit production during the harvest of August/September and will impact very poor and food insecure households.



Map: CIA World Factbook

## Total Food for Peace Contributions

Fiscal Year 2011(planned)	\$25.0 million	22,740 MT
Fiscal Year 2010	\$42.4 million	34,820 MT
Fiscal Year 2009	\$22.4 million	17,333 MT
Fiscal Year 2008	\$13.9 million	10,780 MT

## Food for Peace Contribution Breakdown

Partners	FY 11		FY10			
	Development (planned)		Emergency		Development	
	USD in millions	Metric tons	USD in millions	Metric tons	USD in millions	Metric tons
Awardee	\$25	22,740	\$17.4	9,720	\$25	25,100

## Food for Peace Program Details

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

**Targeted Beneficiaries:**  
**CRS:** 12,000 families and 5,250 farmers  
**SCF:** 10,250 families  
**SHARE:** 113,264 food-insecure Guatemalans  
**MCI:** 227,000 malnourished children under two; nursing and pregnant mothers

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

**Project Locations:** Baja Verapaz; Chimaltenango; Huehuetenango; Quiché; San Marcos; Alta Verapaz, Petén and Quiché

\* FY: fiscal year; MT: metric tons;

\* Food Security Situation information provided by WFP and the Famine Early Warning Systems Network ([www.fews.net](http://www.fews.net)) as of March 16, 2011.