

FILL THE NUTRITION GAP GUATEMALA



3,941 people reached **X \$400K** program costs

In 2025, we invested \$400k in a comprehensive program for nutrition, food security, and women's economic empowerment.



90% poverty

Alta Verapaz has the highest poverty rate in the country. In towns like Panzós, this figure rises to 99%.

25% crisis-level

25% of the department's population is facing severe acute food insecurity.

Panzós and Senahú are located within this critical area, where the largest number of people facing food insecurity live.

Improved Child Nutritional Status

8 in 10

girls and boys reached normal nutritional status by the end of the project.

Results from 514 girls and boys under five enrolled following the initial assessment of 555 children.

555 children evaluated

87%

of children with moderate acute malnutrition showed improved nutritional status.

100%

of children with severe acute malnutrition were referred to health services and met recovery criteria by program end.

75%

reduction in number of children at nutritional risk (MUAC 125-135 mm).

Food Security

80%

decrease in moderate and severe food insecurity (from 67.3% to 13.3%)

94%

of households reported that they did not go any months without food in the past year.



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92%

of households use Lucky Iron Leaf at least three times a week—an important reusable cooking tool designed to help boost iron intake and encourage healthy habits.

100%

of targeted children ages 6 to 24 months received Nutrilisto, a locally made fortified complementary food, to support a healthy diet during the crucial first 1,000 days of life.

Food Production



500 home gardens established



12 nutritious crop varieties introduced



96 kg of food harvested over two growing seasons



98% of the harvest used for family consumption



500 local hens distributed (10 per family)



228,198 eggs produced for family use



\$86K estimated value of community poultry capital generated

Women's Economic Empowerment



increase in women's participation in leadership roles

19 VSLAs

Village savings and loan associations established

\$45,802

Total savings and community capital generated in the first cycle

\$91.60

Average capital per participating woman

All trainings and community sessions were conducted in Q'eqchi, the local Indigenous language

Institutional Strengthening

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staff from MAGA, MSPAS, and SESAN trained in Farmer Field and Business School (FFBS) and VSLA methods.



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