



## COOPI PRESENCE IN THE COUNTRY

COOPI has been present in Guatemala since 1973 and, for the past 50 years, has been promoting food security and livelihood development, nutritional security, protection, access to water and sanitation, environment, and disaster risk reduction in the country.

Initially, COOPI provided assistance to communities affected by disasters caused by floods, earthquakes, volcanic eruptions and droughts.

In addition, to reduce the risk of disasters, COOPI has implemented actions to strengthen community and institutional response capacities and increase the resilience of communities to the effects of climate change.

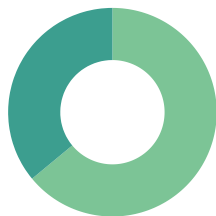
In recent years, social and economic inequalities, coupled with climate change, have amplified the severe food and nutrition insecurity that still plagues Guatemala.

For this reason, COOPI continues to promote humanitarian aid projects by implementing, in coordination with local authorities, actions for the governance of Food and Nutrition Security, thus strengthening management capacities, in a transparent, equitable and efficient manner.

### FROM 1973 TO 2023

**47**  
PROJECTS

**36%**  
DEVELOPMENT



**64%**  
EMERGENCY

**684,883**  
BENEFICIARIES

### AREAS IN WHICH COOPI HAS WORKED IN THE COUNTRY



FOOD SECURITY  
AND  
LIVELIHOODS



HUMANITARIAN  
ASSISTANCE



EDUCATION  
AND TRAINING



HEALTH



WASH



PROTECTION



ENVIRONMENT  
AND CLIMATE  
CHANGE



DISASTER RISK  
REDUCTION (DRR)/  
DISASTER PREPARATION  
(PD)



GOBERNANZA/  
GOVERNANCE/  
CIVIL SOCIETY/HUMAN  
RIGHTS



MIGRATION

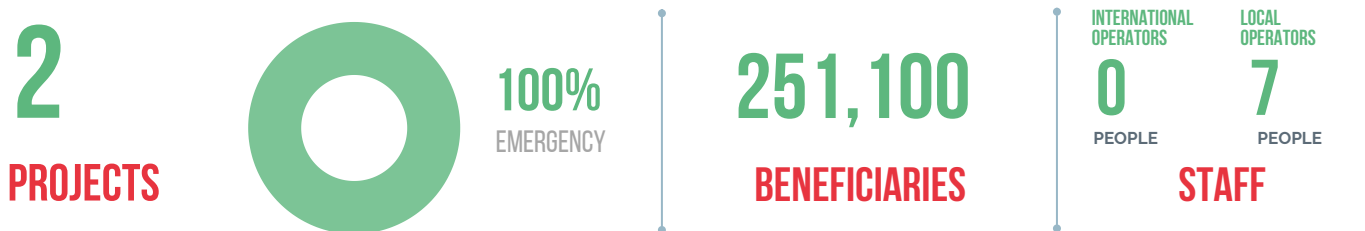
## COOPI IN GUATEMALA TODAY

Since 2014, El Corredor Seco in Guatemala has been severely affected by climate change, periodically exacerbated by the El Niño phenomenon that has led to long periods of drought (called canícula prolongada) and substantial crop losses.

COOPI intervenes in Huehuetenango, San Marcos and Quiché to meet the immediate needs of the populations most affected by the protracted food and nutrition emergency.

In particular, COOPI works to strengthen management capacities at the community level, with the objective of generating public policies that improve the quality of life, food and nutritional security of the population, as well as daily water needs.

COOPI also contributes to capacity building and transparency, and promotes the active participation of citizens, especially women and youth, in the sustainable and fair management of initiatives in the territory.



### SECTORS IN WHICH COOPI OPERATES IN THE COUNTRY



COOPI is currently present in Guatemala in several municipalities in the departments of Huehuetenango, Quiché and San Marcos. COOPI's headquarters are located in Guatemala City.



## MAIN AREAS OF INTERVENTION



### GOVERNANCE, ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE



In Guatemala, COOPI develops programs aimed at improving the management of the effects of climate change and promoting sustainable development, especially for communities in the most disadvantaged rural areas.

In particular, COOPI promotes the strengthening of governance capacities, the development of skills and tools for the planning, management and implementation of territorial rural development policies, encouraging the participation of civil society and the most marginalized groups, such as women and youth.

In some areas of high environmental value, sustainable development programs are also activated, offering communities concrete prospects for equitable development, while protecting the biodiversity of such sites.

2024:  
**2**  
 PROJECTS  
**251,100**  
 BENEFICIARIES



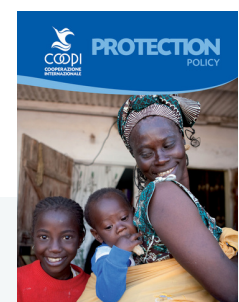
### PROTECTION

Intense climate change and chronic instability have left thousands of women and girls in vulnerable situations, affecting them in terms of social, economic and political inclusion.

In Guatemala, COOPI promotes protection activities aimed at strengthening the empowerment of women and girls at multiple levels:

- STRENGTHENING PROTECTION MECHANISMS AT THE COMMUNITY AND MUNICIPAL LEVELS;
- IMPLEMENTATION OF PROJECTS FOR RAPID AND INCLUSIVE RESPONSE TO FOOD AND NUTRITION INSECURITY;
- INSTALLATION OF PROTECTION INFRASTRUCTURES FOR WOMEN, GIRLS AND BOYS;
- PROMOTION OF ACCOUNTABILITY PROJECTS TARGETING WOMEN AND YOUTH DURING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF COMMUNITY FOOD AND NUTRITION SECURITY STRATEGIES.

**[READ MORE ABOUT PROTECTION POLICY:](http://WWW.COOPI.ORG/PROTECTION-POLICY)**  
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## MAIN AREAS OF INTERVENTION



### FOOD SECURITY AND LIVELIHOODS

Due to the devastating effects of the "prolonged heat wave" and the El Niño phenomenon, food and nutritional security are severely compromised in Guatemala. The Dry Corridor (departments of Huehuetenango, San Marcos and Quiché) is the first witness to numerous cases of child malnutrition.

To help save lives and reduce the social and economic impact caused by the prolonged food and nutrition crisis of extremely vulnerable rural families in Central America's Dry Corridor, COOPI has developed coordinated interventions, responding to the immediate needs of the population through:

- TRANSFER OF CASH, FOOD AND AGRICULTURAL KITS;
- EARLY IDENTIFICATION AND CARE OF SEVERELY MALNOURISHED CHILDREN FROM 0 TO 5 YEARS OF AGE;
- GOVERNANCE PROJECTS (IN COORDINATION WITH LOCAL AUTHORITIES) TO STRENGTHEN CAPACITIES TO PROMOTE DEVELOPMENT POLICIES AND FOSTER MUNICIPAL AND INTER-MUNICIPAL ALLIANCES;
- AWARENESS-RAISING ON ISSUES OF SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY, TRANSPARENCY AND ACTIVE CITIZEN PARTICIPATION, WITH EMPHASIS ON WOMEN AND YOUTH;
- INCLUSIVE RURAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIES FROM A GENDER PERSPECTIVE, AIMED AT ADAPTING TO CLIMATE CHANGE, FOOD SECURITY AND IMPROVING ACCESS TO DRINKING WATER.



READ MORE ABOUT

**FOOD SECURITY POLICY: [WWW.COOPI.ORG/FOODSEC-POLICY](http://WWW.COOPI.ORG/FOODSEC-POLICY)**



## COOPI NETWORK

### SECTORS IN WHICH COOPI PARTICIPATES

Nutrition - Protection - Food safety and agriculture - WASH

### INSTITUTIONS WITH WHICH COOPI COORDINATES

CONRED - MAGA Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Food - MARN Ministry of the Environment and Natural Resources - MSPAS Ministry of Public Health and Social Assistance - SESAN Secretariat of Food and Nutritional Security

### COOPI'S NATIONAL AND LOCAL PARTNERS

Mancomunidad MAMSOHUE • Mancomunidad de MANCOSEQ • Mancomunidad de MANORQ

### COOPI'S INTERNATIONAL PARTNERS

CISP • ASOCIACION POR LA PAZ Y EL DESARROLLO

## COOPI DONORS

### COOPI'S ACTIVITIES IN GUATEMALA ARE CURRENTLY FUNDED BY:



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## COOPI DEVELOPMENT LINES IN GUATEMALA

COOPI's priority areas of intervention in the near future in Guatemala will continue to be:

- **Food security**, promoting access to and diversification of livelihoods, through the cash transfer model, with special attention to the empowerment of women and youth;
- **Protection**, strengthening inclusive governance and engaging in coordinated actions aimed at assisting migrants in transit;
- **Environment and Climate Change**, through strengthening systems and access to climate resources, water and territorial governance.



READ MORE ABOUT COOPI PROJECTS IN GUATEMALA

[HTTPS://WWW.COOPI.ORG/EN/COUNTRY/GUATEMALA.HTML](https://www.cooipi.org/en/country/guatemala.html)



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