



The Climate Change and Resilience Program seeks to reduce vulnerabilities, especially of women, youth and their families so that they prepare, resist and recover from the impact of disasters and crises caused by climate change and other risks associated with natural dangers, increasing their individual and family capacities, their participation in decision making within different forms of local and municipal organizations and to implement prevention, adaptation and mitigation strategies. In addition, to promote inclusive governance through dialogues, and municipal and government agreements that increase human and social capital in the territories.

## About AGUA +

AGUA + is a project being developed in Guatemala by CARE, with the purpose of strengthening governance and resilience for the sustainable management of drinking water and sanitation services, promoting gender equality. The project will contribute to a good planning and monitoring, accompanied by a reorganization and modernization of current agencies, seeking greater functionality and adequate administration of water and sanitation services in the municipality, within a framework that allows identifying the role, process and organizational structure of the municipality to fully, transparently and efficiently address water management with a focus on rights and participation. With the implementation and strengthening of municipal water and sanitation structures, a greater projection of the local administration is sought, as well as better management, administration and operation of the potable water and sanitation service in the municipality.

## OBJECTIVES

The main objective of AGUA + is to strengthen the governability and institutionalism of the drinking water and sanitation sector at the national level, and in the municipalities of El Naranjo River basin, through the empowerment of civil society, especially of women and youth, for the best management of potable water and sanitation services in Guatemala.

## RESULTS

- Organized and empowered communities for the better management of drinking water and basic sanitation services.
- Strengthened the capacities of public authorities with responsibility in guaranteeing the human right to water and sanitation, to improve access to water in quality, quantity and continuity.
- Management of drinking water and basic sanitation services has been strengthened through the adoption of working models and the exchange of successful experiences.
- Facilitated effective and inclusive negotiation spaces for the improvement of drinking water and sanitation services.

## MAIN ACHIEVEMENTS

- Mapping and needs diagnosis of the Municipal Technical Units linked to the water and sanitation sector of all 30 municipalities of the department of San Marcos.
- Systematization of methodologies for behavior change in hygiene and basic sanitation practices; model for the creation and implementation of the Municipal Office of Water and Sanitation of Tacaná; Participatory Community Mapping -PCM- and a comprehensive intervention model of Water, Sanitation and Hygiene.

Name of the project:

**WATER +**

Country: Guatemala

Implementation period:  
September 2016 –August 2020

Budget: US\$ 370,000

Donor:

Joseph & Bonnie Kies Endow

Beneficiaries:

Direct: 103 persons  
(41 women and 62 men)

Indirect: 73,836 persons  
(39,000 women and 34,836 men)



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## Human Interest Story:

Mrs. Gabriela Roblero Pérez, 28, is a mother of four, native and neighbor of the Granadillas community, located 45 kilometers from the municipal capital of Tacaná, San Marcos, in Guatemala. She states that: *"My dreams have come true now because I already have a faucet of drinking water in my house and together with my family, we are celebrating."*



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*"I feel very happy, like most of the neighbors in this community, especially the women and girls. Previously, we had to get the water to prepare food and also for our personal hygiene. But now in each house we have potable water, we will not have to deal with the hoses nor carry the water, nor will we have to go to the river to wash our clothes because now we already have water in our house."*



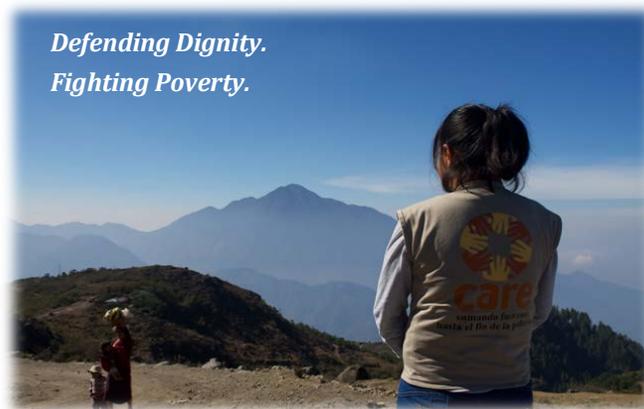
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- Implementation of the Certification Program "Strengthening Governance for Municipal Management in Water and Sanitation", aimed at municipal entities and the Ministry of Public Health.
- Strengthening the capacities of Municipal Technical Unit staff (OMAS, DMM, OFM) and the Ministry of Public Health (Environmental Sanitation Inspectors, Rural Health Technicians and Water Watchers) on the subject of water, sanitation and hygiene.
- Implementation of theoretical and practical training workshops for municipal entities and the Ministry of Public Health, in coordination with the Marquense Water and Sanitation Network -RASMARQ-.
- Implementation of Municipal Water and Sanitation Offices -OMAS- for the management of drinking water and sanitation services.
- Development of SIGA software (Integral System for Water Management) to strengthen the efficient management of drinking water systems.
- Development of the model of the Comprehensive Intervention in Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (ASH Model) in coordination with RASGUA member organizations.
- Implementation of two National Encounter of Municipal Water and Sanitation Offices -OMAS- for experience exchange and establishment of political advocacy actions.

## PARTNERS AND ALLIES

CARE will implement this project in coordination with local governments and national drinking water and sanitation networks made up by governmental and non-governmental organizations linked to the sector. CARE will strengthen relations and strategic alliances with these key stakeholders to work together. Project actions will be coordinated with the following main networks and organizations:

- Drinking Water and Sanitation Network of Guatemala -RASGUA-
- Commonwealth of Municipalities of the Naranjo River Basin -MANCUERNA -
- Ministry of Public Health and Social Assistance -MSPAS-
- Municipal Development Institute -INFOM-
- Global Water Partnership (GWP)



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