



FOOD

Response to the food crisis caused by drought and coffee infestations



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COUNTRY
Guatemala



BENEFICIARIES
28.000



METHOD
School / Education

LOCAL PARTNERS	CEDEPEM - Centro Experimental para el Desarrollo de la PEqueña y Mediana empresa rural
INTERNATIONAL PARTNERS	Fundación Acción contra el Hambre - España (ACF) Trocaire Medicos del Mundo Telecom sin Fronteras Mercy Corps
FUNDING AGENCIES	ECHO - European Commission
STARTING DATE	April 2015
IMPLEMENTATION PERIOD	6 months
DESCRIPTION	The project aims at providing food assistance to the Guatemala population hit by the drought of 2014 and by the fungus epidemic that hit coffee plantations, one of the main income sources of the rural plateau's population. At least 300.000 families are in a crisis situation, according to the last researches conducted by the Guatemala government in coordination with ONGs and UN agencies. The main actions aim at guaranteeing to the beneficiary families the economic resources to face the period of main food shortage (summer 2015). About 80% of the rural families has no access to private food stocks but the local market is still able to answer the minimal needs. This is why we chose as main support tool the direct transfer of small sums of money directly to the families.
OBJECTIVES	Satisfying the food needs of the most vulnerable families hit by food crisis in Guatemala, improving food availability and nutritional security for the population most hit by 2014's drought and by coffee infestations.
ACTIVITIES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identification of the most vulnerable families • Distribution of food aid through cash transfers • Promotion of agricultural practices in favour of a greater nutritional security and resilience to shocks among small farmers • Promotion of the application of a National Protocol for Drought Response