

Kids Alive Guatemala Facts

Kids Alive began ministering to children in Guatemala nearly 20 years ago. Since then, our program has grown to serve children, youth, and families in a caring Christian environment.



Our six ministries include the following programs:



Oasis and Arquilla

The girls and young women assigned to these residential homes by court orders receive physical, medical, emotional, spiritual, legal, and educational care and support with skills training and family reintegration while recovering from sexual violence.

Serving

48



Casa Ester

This transitional home supports girls from Oasis and other institutions who, on reaching adulthood, are mentored with supervised independent living care as they prepare to live independently. The program also assists young women with cognitive impairment.

Serving

14



Families Together

Taking a multidisciplinary approach, this program brings together a team of lawyers, social workers, and psychologists that mentor caring families to reintegrate girls safely and sustainably with their biological, extended, or foster families.

Serving

52



Foster Family Care

Operated with the Guatemalan government's approval, this program promotes, seeks, evaluates, trains, and mentors potential foster families, starting with mentoring girls and young women from residential homes and leading toward the girls' foster care.

Serving

9



Justice Center

A team of Christian lawyers, social workers, and psychologists collaborate to provide holistic care, including trauma care, and spiritual, emotional, and legal support to the girls and young women on their journey toward restoration and access to justice.

Serving

37



Educational Center

This program provides education, health, emotional, nutritional, and other care for children in El Zapote. Located at the base of the active Fuego volcano, the local people's poverty level is reflected in half the children under five years suffering from malnutrition.

Serving

195

366 children and youth impacted

255 families impacted

81 staff and missionaries

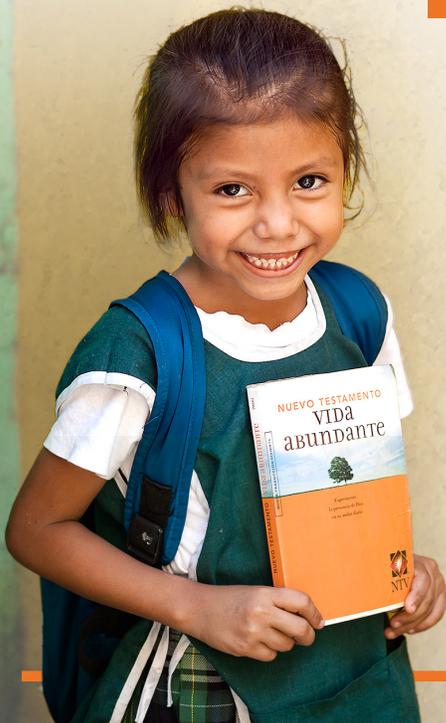
\$1.5 M program budget (2021)

\$2.0 M projected budget (2022-2025)

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Guatemala Country Facts

The name Guatemala comes from the Nahuatl-speaking Mexican allies of the Spaniards who called their settlement "Quauhtemallan," which means "land of trees" or "forested land." The people of Guatemala are called "Guatemalans."

 **Capital:** Guatemala City

 **History:** The great Maya civilization ruled Guatemala and its surroundings. The Spaniards arrived in 1525. After 300 years of Spanish rule, Guatemala won its independence from Spain on September 15, 1821.

 **Geography:** The climate is tropically hot and humid in the lowlands and cooler in the southern highlands. Guatemala sits along the Ring of Fire with three active volcanoes which occasionally erupt and cause earthquakes. The country is also prone to seasonal hurricanes and tropical storms.

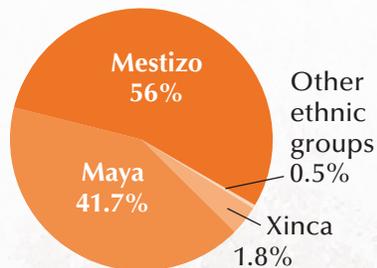
 **Economy:** Though Guatemala is the most populous country in Central America, its GDP of \$141.5 billion stands at roughly half of the average for Latin America and the Caribbean. Over half the country lives below the national poverty line, with most poor coming from among the indigenous groups. Nearly half the population of children under five years are chronically malnourished. The wealth disparity is sharp: the wealthiest 20% account for 51% of the overall consumption. Expatriate Guatemalans' remittances from the United States are among the largest source of income. Guatemala also produces sugarcane, coffee, bananas, oil palm fruit, maize, melons, potatoes, milk, plantains, pineapples, and rubber. Its top industrial production is sugar, textiles, clothing, furniture, chemicals, petroleum, metals, rubber, and tourism.

 **People:**

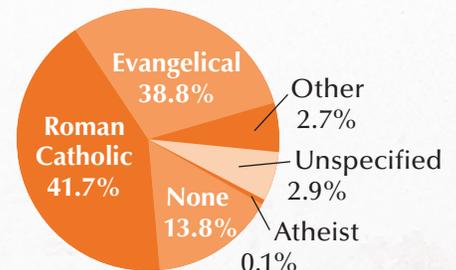
Population



Ethnic groups



Religions



 **Median age:** Guatemala's median age is 23.2 years, and almost 50% of the country's population is below 19, with 33.68% of the population under 14 years.

 **Education:** The country spends 3.3% of its GDP on education, ranking its expenditure at 136 out of 189 countries. School life expectancy (primary to tertiary education) is 11 years compared to the United States' 16 years.

 **Health:** The country spends 6.2% of its GDP on health. 12.4% of children under five are underweight against United States' 0.40%. The physician density is low, with 0.36 physicians per 1,000 people, compared to the United States' 2.61 physicians per 1,000 people. There are 0.4 hospital beds per 1,000 Guatemalans as against United States', 2.9 beds per 1,000 people.

 **Travel:** Guatemala is a popular tourist destination receiving over two million tourists annually. Popular tourist destinations include Tikal, Antigua, Lake Atitlan, and several others.