

# GUATEMALA

## RURAL WATER SUPPLY AND BASIC SANITATION PROGRAMME IV

<b>Location</b>	Provinces of Alta and Baja Verapaz
<b>Client</b>	Instituto de Fomento Municipal (INFOM), Guatemala City
<b>Financing</b>	German Financial Cooperation / KfW
<b>Period</b>	2001 - 2009
<b>Value of Services</b>	3.115 million US\$



### Project Description

In Guatemala a major proportion of the rural population has no appropriate access to hygienically safe potable water and basic sanitation services. The high morbidity and mortality rates are attributed to water-related diseases, directly linked to insufficient service coverage.

The water and basic sanitation programme, which in its present phase covers some 60 rural communities in the provinces of Alta and Baja Verapaz, was conceived to improve this situation and includes:

- The construction and/or rehabilitation/ extension of systems for improved water supply
- Disposal of excreta through latrine construction
- The construction of infiltration pits for the disposal of waste water
- Organisation, training and strengthening of user committees and hygiene education

### Scope of Service

Investment measures:

- Preliminary studies and selection of the individual projects
- Preparation of the final designs for individual projects
- Support in tendering, contract award and acquisition of the construction materials and equipment for the regional office of INFOM
- Construction supervision of the selected projects carried out through direct administration with the active participation of the beneficiary population

Accompanying Measures:

- Setting up and training of sustainable, community managed drinking water and sanitation committees
- Hygiene and environmental education and social promotion of the beneficiary population
- Training of water supply caretakers
- Monitoring and final evaluation of achievement of programme goals