

GLP-Guatemala: FUNDAP Program Areas

FUNDAP (*La Fundación para el Desarrollo Integral de Programas Socioeconómicos*/Foundation for the Integral Development of Socioeconomic Programs) is a voluntary private foundation that seeks to promote the development of the lower income sectors of the Republic of Guatemala, especially the inhabitants of the rural areas of the central highlands, north and southwest regions of the country, through innovative projects that avoid paternalism, guarantee a consistent improvement in the quality of life. All under a framework of sustainable development with absolute respect for human dignity, culture, and traditions.

FUNDAP's main areas of work center on education, health, environment, agriculture, microcredit, and handicraft. There are many projects and programs within each of these areas, and O'Neill interns in GLP-Guatemala will be placed with one of these for their work. Please review more information on them below:

- **Education**

- The Education program has established two differentiated lines of action: 1) community support, which seeks access and permanence in basic education, strengthening of local structures, updating and qualification of teachers; 2) capacity building for labor insertion, whose strategic axes are competitive and high-level technical business training, strengthening of entrepreneurial ideas and career development, in order to achieve decent employment for all.

- **Health**

- The Health program has two permanent lines of action: 1) health education, which seeks the qualification of health personnel and maternal and child specialization; and 2) primary health care which focuses on maternal and child care, first aid and basic care, health education and family nutrition.

- **Environment**

- The Environment program supports beneficiaries through the following: strengthening of social organizations for environmental purposes, development of environmental infrastructure (nurseries, forest seedbeds, agroforestry, improved stoves, drinking water systems), forest management (protection, reforestation, agroforestry and production plans) and environmental education (recycling, environment, clean energy, etc.).

- **Agriculture**

- The Agriculture program supports beneficiaries through productive technical assistance, diversification of agricultural production, demonstration plots, agricultural infrastructure (greenhouse production), business and productive training, agricultural social organization, agricultural technology transfer, use of alternative technologies, promotion of agro-industry with an agro-ecological and entrepreneurial approach, and adaptation to climate change.

- **Handicraft**

- The Handicraft program supports the development of producers' organizations through advisory and accompaniment services, productive technical assistance, business and commercial assistance, design and development of new product collections, strengthening of social organization and human, business and productive training.

- **Microcredit**

- The Microcredit program provides loans, training, and advice to micro business owners. To meet diverse financing needs, working capital is provided through 4 lines of credit: Microenterprise, Infrastructure, Agricultural, and Community Banks.