

Finland

In the past decade, the majority of the Government of Finland's cooperation with PAHO occurred during 1988–1993. (For information on Finland's development policies,

visit global.finland.fi.) After a pause between 1994 and 1999, cooperation was reinvigorated in 2000 (Figure 12). Finland's contributions to PAHO for 2000–2001, part of a three-year, US\$ 3.6 million grant geared toward improving the health system in Guatemala, totaled US\$ 1,059,720 (For a more extensive list of the Government of Finland's collaborations with PAHO, see Table 4.)

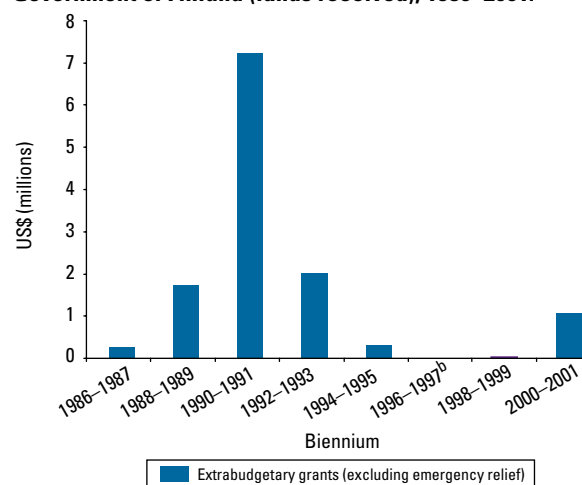
This project, which will be completed at the end of 2003, aims to expand the accessibility and coverage of health services within Guatemala's Comprehensive Health Care System (SIAS). The project, SIAS II, seeks to improve secondary care by strengthening the response capacity of health centers through better training of human resources and improvements to medical equipment and infrastructure. The original SIAS program began in 1996 through a partnership between PAHO and the governments of Guatemala and Sweden. In 1999, the Government of Finland added its cooperation to help fund SIAS II.

Though the project is still under way, several achievements are already evident. Training plans with a long-term approach to strengthening priority areas of health care have been created and disseminated; some of the areas covered by the plans include the development of situational analyses, improved epidemiological surveillance, and a review of health care protocols. The project has strengthened the available human resources by training physicians in epidemiology and by training clinical laboratory technicians and auxiliary nurses. The final component of this project is the improvement of the health infrastructure. This has been accomplished through a needs assessment of medical equipment and infrastructure and the installation of this equipment in SIAS health care centers. The Guatemalan government has authorized the respective purchase plans of the districts according to their priorities and infrastructural improvements are taking place throughout 2002.



The SIAS project is an excellent example of how cooperation among PAHO, donors, and Member States can contribute to substantial improvements in health care systems in the Region.

FIGURE 12. Resource mobilization by PAHO from the Government of Finland (funds received), 1986–2001.^a



^aThese figures reflect contributions received by PAHO and may differ from the amounts committed by the Government of Finland through its agreements with PAHO. These figures exclude extrabudgetary funds received by the Caribbean Epidemiology Center, the Caribbean Food and Nutrition Institute, and the Institute of Nutrition of Central America and Panama.

^bNo funds received.

Sources: Pan American Health Organization. *Financial Report of the Director and Report of the External Auditor*. PAHO: Washington, D.C. Various editions.

TABLE 4. Selected PAHO projects supported by the Government of Finland.

Project	Amount received (US\$) ^a	Project duration
Support to Technical Cooperation Agreements	11,586	7/91–12/99
Secondary-level Health Care—Comprehensive Health Care System (SIAS II), Guatemala	1,055,695	1/00–12/03
Regional Coordinating Meeting of the Quit and Win Contest	14,025	11/99–12/02
Total	1,081,306	

^aThese figures correspond to funds received during the period 1996–2001, and may include funds received after a project's conclusion. They do not reflect funds received before or after this period and thus may not reflect the total funding received for a project. Neither do they include extrabudgetary funds received by the Caribbean Epidemiology Center, the Caribbean Food and Nutrition Institute, and the Institute of Nutrition of Central America and Panama.