## Universidad del Valle de Guatemala - Altiplano

The transformation of a Military Base into a University for ALL!!!



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#### Guatemala



**Area:** 108,890 Km<sup>2</sup>

**Population:** 14,713,763 habitants (2011)

Women 51%

**Population (0- 29years)** 69.4%

**Rural population:** 43% of the total

**Indigenous population:** 38.4% of the total of habitants,

**Languages:** 25 different languages

Illiteracy: 16.62% (2012)

**Human development index:** average of 0.704

**POVERTY:** 51% is poor, 15% is extremely poor

SOURCE: Instituto Nacional de Estadistica INE (2012)



#### Sololá

**Area:** 1,061 Km2 (Lake: 126

Population: 424,068 habitants (2010)

Women: 50.6%

**Indigenous population:** 94% of the total of habitants,

51% women

3 linguistic groups: kachikel, kiché and tzutuj'il.

**Rural population:** 66% of the total.

**Literacy:** 78.7% (men, 76.4% and women,

80.1%)

**Food safety** 54% of children are chronically

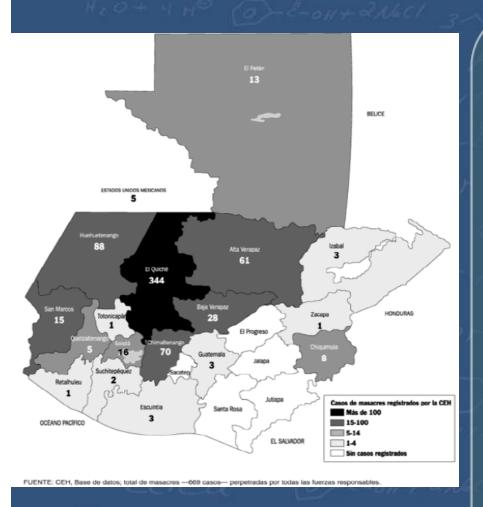
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**Human development index:** 0.606 (National average, 0.74)

**POVERTY:** 46% are poor, 30% are extremely poor

SOURCE: Instituto Nacional de Estadistica INE (2012)

### Internal armed conflict



- 36 years of internal armed conflict (civil war)
- 440 communities involved in the highlands
- It is estimated that around one million and a half people were refugees or internally displaced
- Around 200,000 people died, the majority of them indigenous and rural people
- Besides the army, more than 900,000
   people participated as part of the civil
   defense patrol, creating polarization that
   rooted in the country.

Fuente: Comisión de esclarecimiento histórico

## Guatemala Peace Agreement in 1996



"The strengthening of civil power is absolutely necessary for the existence of democracy ...

The end of the armed conflict offered a historic opportunity to renew the institutions so that they can enjoy life, liberty, justice, security, peace and development...

The Army of Guatemala must adapt its operations to a new peaceful and democratic time"

Source: Acuerdos de paz firme y duradera, (1996)

# A Military Base changed into a University an untold fact in a polarized nation



Military base number 14, located in Sololá had more than 3,000 soldiers based on this facility at the highest point of the conflict



This represents a challenge and an opportunity: the strengthened civil society takes the path through higher education

A university that could develop a new model that fulfill the necessity of a region with serious human development deficits with programs that are:

PERTINENT,
INCLUSIVE
DIVERSIFIED
WITH EQUITY
PARTICIPATIVE
WITH SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

AN EDUCATION FOR ALL!!!!





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Universidad del Valle de Guatemala accepts the challenge and in the year 2000 establishes Universidad del Valle de Guatemala Altiplano

## Transforming the barracks into classrooms, dorms, library, long distance center...

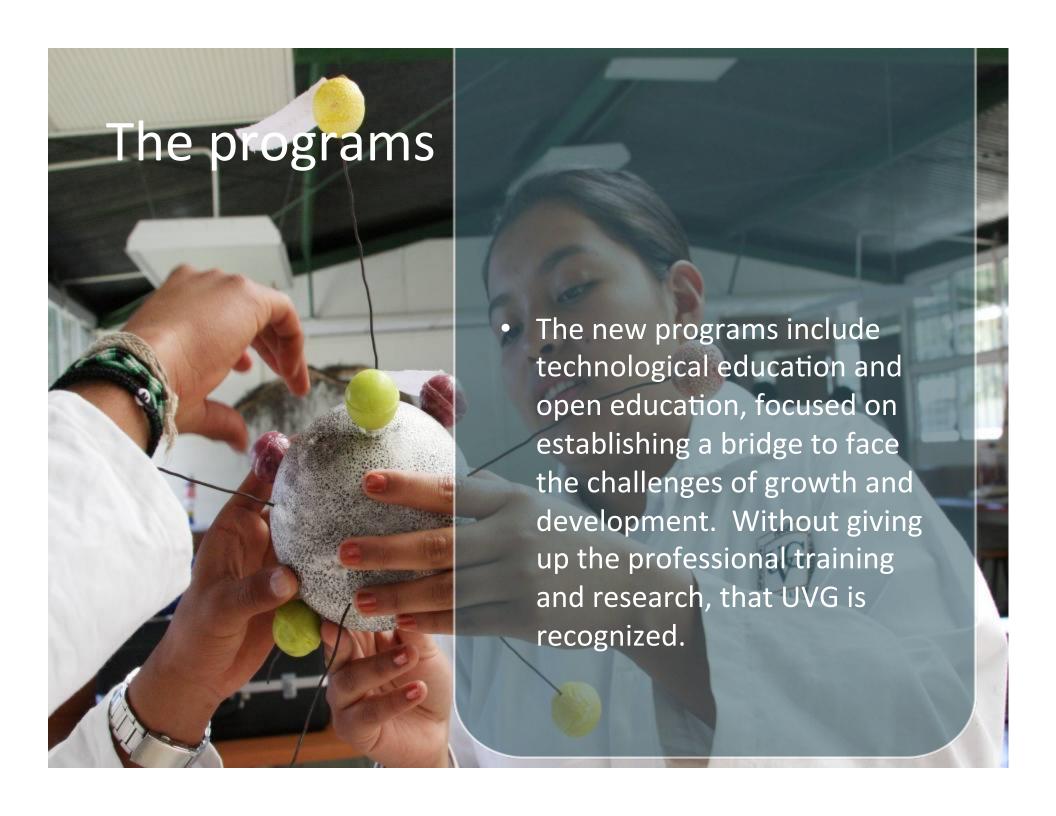
















Productivity, innovation research and entrepreneurship become the center of content through

- Language Center
- Entrepreneurs in Action Center
- Rural Development Center
- Atitlán Study Center

#### Achievements

More than 900 graduates

 More than 100,000 people trained with the programs of University for ALL!

• 13 thousand people benefited with projects in their own communities.



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#### Achievements

- More than 5,000 leaders trained
- More than 25,000 women trained in entrepreneurship
- More than 600 young people speak in English,
   Kaqchikel and Spanish
- More than 150 companies, cooperatives and small business strengthened or created

## Strategic alliances

- Government of Guatemala
  - Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Food
  - Ministry of Education
  - Health Department
  - Local governments (mayors)
  - Communities
- United States Government
  - USAID, USDA, Department of State, Peace Corps, Universities, individual donors, ONG's
- German cooperation
  - GTZ, GIZ, DAAD
- Swiss cooperation , Helvetas
- Canadian cooperation, CECI
- Inter-American Development Bank- BID
- Local, national and international ONG:
- National and international foundations
- Training and productivity technical institute (INTECAP)
- Others



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