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Nexos Locales Signs Landmark Institutional MoUs

USAID's Nexos Locales Project Enters Into MoU Agreements with AGAAI & INAP



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Top Photo: MoU signing with Directors of INAP and Nexos Locales.

Bottom Photo: MoU signing with Director of AGAAI Carlos Guarquez and Chief of Party, Edgar Balsells.

"With the strengthening provided by Nexos Locales I believe that indigenous institutions have the ability to influence the structure of the State for the benefit of the country and our communities."

Mr. Carlos Guarquez,
Executive Director of
AGAAI.

The USAID Nexos Locales project signed Memorandums of Understanding with key Guatemalan institutions in December 2014 with the Guatemalan Association of Indigenous Mayors (AGAAI) and the National Institute of Public Administration (INAP). The MoUs establish bilateral cooperation in addressing key social and development issues facing communities in the Western Highlands. This act demonstrates a significant commitment by both institutions to improve public service delivery, accountability of funds, strengthen representation, and ensure responsible and equitable social and economic development in the Western Highlands.

The Guatemalan Association of Mayors and Indigenous Authorities, AGAAI, composed of 111 mayors and indigenous authorities in 48 municipalities, has as part of its objectives, to strengthen municipal autonomy, promote citizen participation, gender equality and local development, and improved public management, will work closely with Nexos Locales in the area of institutional strengthening through technical assistance programs for furthering its objectives. AGAAI and Nexos Locales will partner through the identification and delivery of technical assistance and cooperation to meet the needs of constituents, and advocating on behalf of member municipalities.

The National Institute of Public Administration (INAP) is the body responsible for implementing an ongoing process of administrative development and modernization of public institutions and agencies, in order to strengthen the management capacity thereof, mainly through conducting research and specific studies, human resource training, and institutional capacity building. In this regard, the signing of the MoU with INAP is an important first step in the process of professionalizing public service delivery in the municipalities where Nexos Locales works. The MoU opens the door to establishing a line of joint action that would give continuity to the process of coordination and institutional strengthening conducted by USAID through the Nexos Locales project.

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