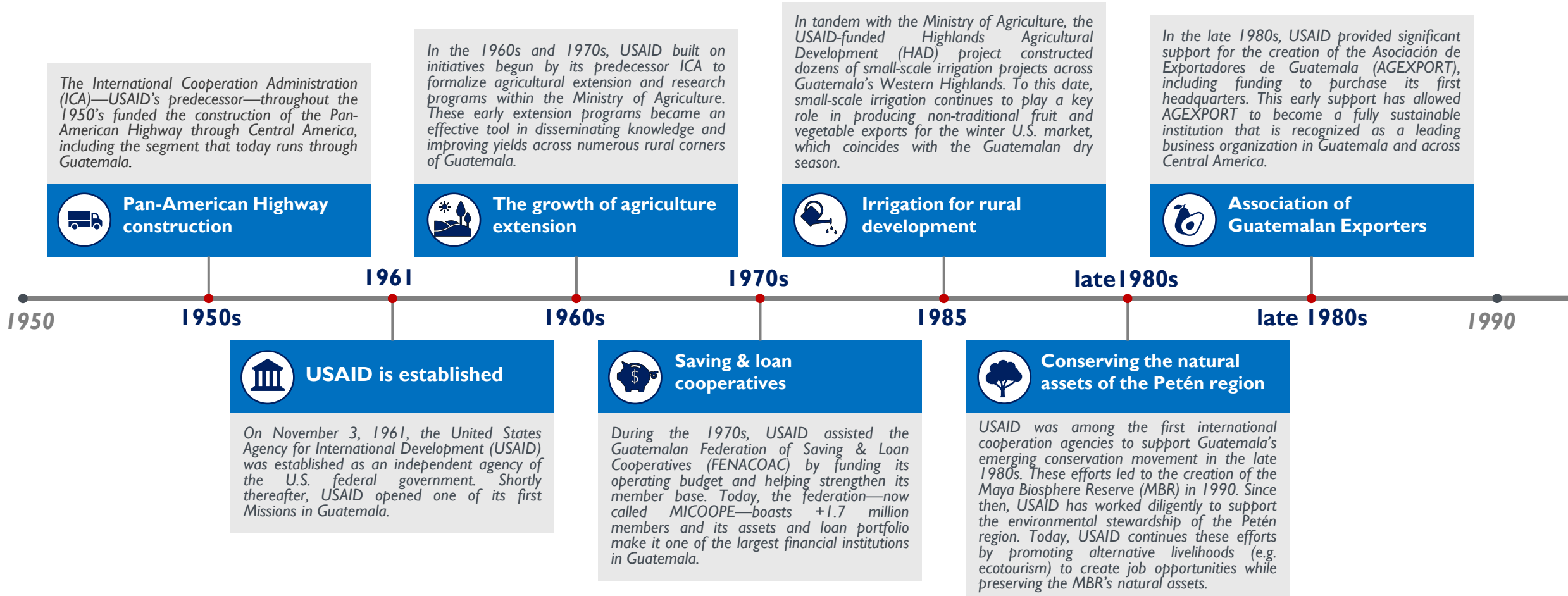




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Since 1992, USAID has supported the Government of Guatemala in developing policies that advance gender equality in education. With support from USAID, the Ministry of Education has conducted: 1) gender studies, 2) provided scholarships for girls, 3) advocated for girl's education at the community level, and 4) developed practical gender-sensitive education materials to provide training for administrators, technical officials, and teachers.



Advancing girl's education

Soon after the 1996 Peace Accords, USAID began working with the Ministry of Education to institutionalize bilingual education across Guatemala's indigenous communities. These early programs were key in helping breakdown local stigmas associated with learning indigenous languages. Today, they remain a powerful tool to empower indigenous youth with traditional knowledge and modern language skills to be competitive later in life.



Institutionalization of bilingual education

In 2006, USAID supported the establishment of the National Indigenous Women's Alliance for Health, Nutrition & Education to engage in advocacy, monitoring, and promoting policy dialogue to reduce maternal mortality rates among indigenous women. In 2013, USAID expanded this support to 5 local indigenous men's advocacy networks for health, nutrition, and education with participation from 200 local organizations.



Alliances for indigenous community health

In collaboration with local partners, USAID continues its +55-year mission to implement projects to contend with the three primary drivers of migration from Guatemala: 1) lack of governance, 2) lack of economic opportunities, and 3) lack of citizen security. By focalizing its programming on Governance, Prosperity, and Security efforts, USAID ensures that its funds are directed at meeting the holistic needs of Guatemalans.



Governance, Prosperity & Security

early 1990s

1997

2009

2020

2020

1990

1992

1996

2006



Justice sector reforms & the rule of law

Beginning in the early 1990s, USAID assisted Guatemala's justice sector in implementing much needed structural reforms. These efforts were oriented in the creation, approval, and implementation of a new criminal code and process—changing the country's justice system to an accusatory system. Today, rule of law programming remains an important pillar of the work that USAID and its local partners carry out throughout Guatemala.



Partners in Peace Implementation

From 1997 to 2003, the U.S. Government supported Guatemala's initiative to implement the Peace Accords. USAID's Peace Program collaborated closely with several hundred international and Guatemalan organizations to advance Peace Accord commitments in the areas of demobilization, productive assets, modernization of the state, and human capacity building.



Effective administration for criminal courts

In 2009, USAID partnered with the Supreme Court of Guatemala to define a model to address the most sensitive and complex criminal cases and established the first High Impact Court (HIC). The sensitive cases that were unable to be tried in local courts could now be brought to Guatemala City and heard before the HIC—which provided additional security, reducing the possibility of intimidation and influence of justice sector officials.

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