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Government highlights IDRC's efforts in fighting hunger in Guatemala

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An IDRC project designed to supply the science needed to reduce food insecurity and malnutrition in Guatemala was launched by Canada's Minister of State for Foreign Affairs (the Americas), the Honourable Diane Albouzy, in early December. The Minister announced the project while speaking at a round table on food security in Guatemala City accompanied by His Excellency the Right Honourable David Johnston, Governor General of Canada.

IDRC Senior Program Specialist, Renaud De Plaen, was among the experts invited to participate at the round table. He spoke about how food security indicators in Guatemala have not improved in the past twenty years, in part because national and international investments have too often ignored the importance of small scale agriculture and of research in informing policy decisions — something the 3-year, \$450,000 IDRC project seeks to address.

The project brings researchers from Canada's McGill University together with those of Guatemala's Rafael Landívar University's Institute of Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environment, as well as the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture, to help address chronic and acute malnutrition in a country with the worst malnutrition rates in the hemisphere.

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