

Guatemala: Important Info to Know

The Issue: Vast Poverty and Healthcare Inequity

- 17.1M people live in Guatemala
- 59% (10 million people) live in poverty (11.6% in the U.S.)
- #10 highest poverty rate in the world and highest poverty rate in the Americas
- 91% of the indigenous population (6.8M people) live in extreme poverty
- Government spending on healthcare is the lowest in Central America.
- 17,000 physicians for 17.1M people

The Issue: Healthcare Options in Guatemala

- Private hospitals (unaffordable for most)
- Social Security hospitals (for officially “employed” individuals working for companies that pay into the system)
- National hospitals and clinics (understaffed and under-resourced.)
- Social hospitals (churches and nonprofit organizations)

