

## CARE Project for 2025-2026



### Project Idea 1: Improve Water and Sanitation in Schools (part of School Food and Nutrition Education “EDUSAN” Program)

It is crucial to strengthen initiatives that ensure proper nutrition for school-age children, promoting better physical and emotional health and their ability to learn. For this reason, CARE is working with the government of Guatemala on various interventions, including through a school feeding program. However, challenges exist that must be addressed to safely provide students

with school meals and snacks. Most schools in Guatemala City have inadequate infrastructure and fail to meet the minimum requirements for spaces suitable for food preparation. Moreover, schools currently lack appropriate kitchens for food preparation, do not have dining areas, and lack handwashing facilities that promote food safety in the distribution process. Additionally, they lack the necessary equipment to promote the consumption of safe water for the preparation of school lunches.

With funding from MD19 Lions, CARE proposes to improve the infrastructure of schools in Guatemala City so that snacks and meals can be provided in a clean, safe environment where basic food safety and sanitation guidelines are followed.

To do this, CARE proposes a project that would install handwashing units, ensure access to clean water, improve bathroom facilities in schools and provide hygiene education, all of which will contribute to improve sanitation in schools.

**With a grant of \$40,000 from Multiple District 19 Lions, CARE aims to work in 12 schools benefitting 3,018 children in Guatemala City, through the following activities:**

- Improve water purification systems for safe drinking water (12 schools)
- Install handwashing units (3 schools)
- Construct bathroom facilities for boys and girls (1 school)