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On Aug. 27, US Agency for International Development (AID) director Terence Brow and Health Minister Miguel Angel Montepeque finalized a \$3.8 million AID donation earmarked for potable water and sanitation system improvements. The cleanup program will cost a total \$9.5 million. According to the UN Development Programme (PNUD), 61% of Guatemalans lack access to safe drinking water. The mortality rate for children under five years of age, 97 per 1,000, is largely attributed to gastro-intestinal diseases caused by contaminated water. (Basic data from ACAN-EFE, 08/27/91)

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