



# Anti-Corruption



## ABOUT PADF

The Pan American Development Foundation (PADF) believes in creating a hemisphere of opportunity for all. We work across Latin America and the Caribbean to make our region stronger – more healthy, peaceful, just, inclusive, resilient, and sustainable for current and future generations. For nearly 60 years, we have served the most vulnerable communities, investing resources throughout the hemisphere. We partner with and enable civil society, governments, and the private sector for the greater good of the region.

## WHAT WE DO

PADF believes that fighting corruption is an essential part of building strong democratic institutions that deliver quality public services and guarantee the effective exercise of human rights. Corruption, defined as the abuse of public office for private gain, not only wastes public resources, but it also erodes trust in governments and democratic institutions and can result in serious human rights violations. PADF works with stakeholders from government, private sector, civil society, and academia to prevent and combat corruption through awareness-raising, capacity building, advocacy, and technical assistance.

## AREAS OF EXPERTISE

- Empowering civil society and investigative journalists to uncover and prevent corruption.
- Strengthening the capacity of governments and criminal justice officials to address corruption.
- Promoting international anti-corruption standards and best practices.
- Advocating for laws and regulations to effectively combat and deter corruption.
- Educating the public to promote a culture of transparency and accountability.

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## CAMPAIGN AGAINST CORRUPTION IN SOUTHERN ECUADOR

With its local partner Fundación CAJE, PADF implemented the awareness-raising campaign “I commit to fight corruption together” in three provinces of Southern Ecuador. The campaign included a pledge for stakeholders from civil society, the private sector, and local governments to adhere to and commit to implement their own anti-corruption actions. The pledge traveled over 3,500 miles and was signed by 183 representatives of organizations from all three sectors.

Cisne Leticia Guallas, vice president of Corpukis, a civil society organization from the Saraguro indigenous community that signed the pledge, published the following message as part of the campaign:

**“From my workplace, from my day-to-day work, I invite you to do something to address the poverty crisis in this country. I sign, you sign! Let’s be responsible and SAY NO TO CORRUPTION!”**



## HOW WE WORK ON ANTI-CORRUPTION



### AWARENESS-RAISING

Promoting greater visibility of corruption cases and their perpetrators.

Building awareness of the negative effects of corruption on citizens' lives.



### CAPACITY BUILDING

Improving the capacity of citizens and media to monitor and denounce corruption.

Helping public and private organizations to implement anti-corruption and compliance mechanisms.



### ADVOCACY

Supporting the co-creation of laws and regulations to prevent corruption and punish those who commit corrupt acts.

Documenting and advocating for sanctions against perpetrators of corrupt acts.



### TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

Working with local and national governments to implement transparency and open government measures.

Supporting law enforcement and criminal justice actors to better prevent and respond to corrupt acts.

Strengthening local civil society organizations that advocate for transparency and accountability.

## WHO WE WORK WITH

- **Civil society organizations** that monitor, document, report, and raise awareness around cases of corruption; advocate for greater transparency and accountability; and participate in public policymaking processes to address corruption.
- **Local and national governments** willing to incorporate international standards and best practices on anti-corruption, transparency, and accountability.
- **Law enforcement agencies** and criminal justice sector entities responsible for addressing illicit activity.
- **Private sector stakeholders**, including law firms, to both develop and implement guidelines and mechanisms to ensure compliance with anti-corruption standards.
- **Think tanks, universities, and other academic institutions** that conduct research and analysis to inform policymakers on how to effectively address corruption.
- **International multistakeholder initiatives** that promote transparency such as the Open Government Partnership and the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative.
- **Regional bodies such as the Organization of American States** and governments in the region to promote South-South collaboration to combat corruption.
- **Activists**, including investigative journalists, who uncover cases of corruption and publish reports that bring perpetrators to justice and deter corrupt actions.
- **Youth leaders** who participate in academic simulations and leadership training activities to become anti-corruption advocates in their communities.

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