

Dear Friend,

We believe in a hemisphere of opportunity. For all. This past year, the Pan American Development Foundation (PADF) helped 2.5 million people improve their lives. Our annual report translates this number into stories of hope and determination. We invite you to learn more about our work and the individuals we serve. We hope you will feel inspired to join us in achieving meaningful and sustainable progress across the Americas. It is only through the generous support from the public and private sectors and strong partnership with civil society that we will create a hemisphere of opportunity for all.

In 2019, we continued to focus on the **environment** and creating **economic opportunities** – promoting sustainable economic growth across the hemisphere and generating jobs while safeguarding ecosystems for current and future generations. In Colombia alone, we supported 44 investment projects in 10 regions, in both urban and rural areas, creating conservation jobs, developing environmentally friendly community spaces, and educating communities. Through our **disaster resilience** program, we responded to the devastation of Hurricane Dorian in the Bahamas and facilitated the delivery of live-saving supplies. We supported **migrants** from Venezuela in rebuilding their lives and protected the **human rights** of victims of trafficking in persons in Central America. We expanded our **education** efforts, reaching students across the hemisphere with our STEM Americas program, giving children the skills they need for the 21st century and building the next generation of technical leaders. And we promoted **peace, justice and security** throughout the region, partnering with the police and giving new opportunities to vulnerable youth.

Yet, for too many, 2019 was a year marked by increased inequality, poverty, insecurity, and disasters—both natural and man-made. For every person we help, hundreds of others remain outside our reach. We need your help to engage them. Together, we can make a sustainable difference.

As a strategic partner and proud affiliate of the Organization of American States (OAS), we work with governments across the hemisphere, while strengthening civil society organizations and partnering with private sector. As we look ahead to 2020 and beyond, we will continue to deliver innovative solutions to meet the needs of vulnerable people throughout the hemisphere. Our latest challenge, the COVID-19 pandemic, is devastating families, communities, and economies. The coming year will be among our most difficult. We sustain ourselves in these trying times by keeping ever-present our core value of compassion. Our team will rise to meet this unprecedented challenge head-on—delivering needed supplies, helping slow the spread, and mitigating the social and economic impacts. With your help, that will be the story of next year’s annual report.

Please join us in building a hemisphere of opportunity for all.

With gratitude,



Katie Taylor, Executive Director



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