

Strengthen Colombia's Response to Migrant Smuggling, Forced Recruitment of Children and Utilization of Youth by Organized Criminal Groups | TRAILS

 Colombia



ABOUT THE PROJECT

Since 2020, the Pan American Development Foundation (PADF), with funding from the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs (INL), has been implementing a initiative to strengthen the Colombian justice sector's ability to combat critical issues, including migrant smuggling, crimes against human rights defenders, and the forced recruitment and exploitation of youth by organized criminal groups. This project equips justice sector actors with tools to identify, investigate, prosecute, and adjudicate these crimes effectively. Additionally, it fosters the development and enhancement of inter-agency policies to address these urgent challenges with greater coordination and impact.

STRATEGIC GOALS

- Support the Colombian Government in identifying, investigating, prosecuting, and adjudicating cases of migrant smuggling through coordinated multi-agency efforts.
- Build the capacity of the Colombian National Police and the Attorney General's Office (AGO) to effectively detect, investigate, prosecute, and adjudicate cases of forced recruitment of children and youth exploitation by organized criminal actors and *guerilla* groups.
- Strengthen the Colombian Attorney General's Office's internal and external communication strategies for investigating and addressing crimes against human rights defenders and social leaders.

SELECTED OUTCOMES



Strengthened collaboration between Colombian agencies and international authorities to combat migrant smuggling and forced youth recruitment.



Improved data-sharing on migrant flows and criminal networks, enabling more effective cross border actions.



Better access to justice through strengthened investigative and prosecutorial efforts in targeted crime areas.

KEY FACTS

Donor

U.S. Department of State:
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Colombian National Police and the
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