

Crime-Lab | Ecuador



Ecuador



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ABOUT THE PROJECT

Funded by the Department of State's Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs (INL), Crime-Lab is a comprehensive program dedicated to analyzing and countering organized crime in Ecuador through strategic litigation, communications, and targeted capacity-building. The program strengthens the Ecuadorian Observatory of Organized Crime (OECO) in shaping policy and influencing public debate, equipping judges, prosecutors, and other key stakeholders with practical tools for enforcing proportional penalties and securing asset seizures against organized criminal actors.. By fostering interagency and community cooperation, Crime-Lab enhances collaboration across Ecuador's justice system and civil society, driving a unified, proactive response to organized crime.

STRATEGIC GOALS

- Crime-Lab empowers the Ecuadorian Observatory of Organized Crime (OECO) to shape public policy, engage the public, and enhance Ecuador's response to organized crime.
- The program enhances judicial tools to ensure fair sentencing and efficient asset forfeiture, while protecting case documentation to safeguard the officials involved.

OUR VISION FOR IMPACT



Ecuadorian public institutions integrate OECO's policy recommendations to combat organized crime effectively.



Supported by Crime-Lab, Ecuador's criminal justice system adopts rigorous legal standards to tackle organized crime and corruption cases.



Public officials and graduate students enhance their understanding of organized crime, with a focus on challenges specific to Latin America.

KEY FACTS

Donor

U.S. Department of State:
Bureau of International
Narcotics and Law Enforcement
Affairs (INL)



Partners | Beneficiary Stakeholders

The Ecuadorian Attorney General's Office, Narcotics Investigation Police, Judicial Police, Ministry of the Interior, Constitutional Court, Solicitor General's Office, Council of the Judiciary, Comptroller General's Office, Financial Intelligence Unit, and international think tanks.



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