

# Combating Migrant Smuggling • TRAILS II

 Colombia



## ABOUT THE PROJECT

Since 2020, PADF, with support from INL, has worked alongside Colombia's Attorney General's Office, National Police, and other key institutions to strengthen investigations and prosecutions of migrant smuggling, while improving case development, inter-agency coordination, and investigative capacity.

Through TRAILS II, PADF will expand this work to priority regions, with a stronger focus on complex cases involving TCOs and FTOs, illicit finance, corruption, and asset forfeiture. Targeted advising, specialized training, support to judges and oversight institutions, and stronger national and cross-border coordination will help Colombian authorities advance cases and disrupt the criminal networks and illicit profits behind migrant smuggling.

## STRATEGIC GOALS

- Strengthen complex investigations and prosecutions against TCOs and FTOs involved in illegal alien smuggling through prioritized investigative and prosecution advising.
- Expand the use of digital, financial, and internet-based evidence to identify criminal networks, illicit financial flows, and assets.
- Strengthen accountability for public officials who facilitate illegal alien smuggling through support to the Inspector General's Office and stronger inter-agency coordination.
- Improve national and cross-border case development and evidence sharing among Colombian institutions, regional counterparts, and U.S. law enforcement agencies against human rights defenders and social leaders.

## SELECTED OUTCOMES



Stronger criminal cases against illegal alien smugglers linked to TCOs and FTOs through prioritized investigative and prosecution advising.



More effective investigations targeting illicit finances, assets, corruption, and digital evidence.



Improved national and cross-border coordination, evidence sharing, and accountability for actors facilitating illegal alien smuggling.

## KEY FACTS

### Donor

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



### Partners | Beneficiary Stakeholders

Colombian National Police, Office of the Attorney General, the Judiciary, National Migration and Border Control Agency, the National Protection Unit, the Financial Intelligence Unit, and other regulatory agencies and national coordination bodies, such as the National Criminal Policy Council.



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