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Mexico

ENHANCING TRANSPARENCY AND INTEGRITY

OVERVIEW

Preventing corruption is one of the most important domestic and foreign policy priorities for countries around the world. The Government of Mexico's (GOM) anti-corruption plan is designed to increase transparency, engage citizens and reduce corruption in Mexico. In support of these efforts, USAID partners with multiple stakeholders to increase transparency, promote accountability, and complement GOM's anti-corruption efforts.

OUR WORK

USAID/Mexico's Country Development Cooperation Strategy for Fiscal Years 2014-2018 includes efforts to increase transparency and integrity. USAID's programs – led by Mexican public, private, and non-governmental actors, alongside international organizations and diplomatic missions – address the following Mexican priorities:

- **Strengthen institutional capacity of the GOM's Ministry of Public Administration (*Secretaría de Función Pública, SFP*)** with support for improved regulations and policies related to ethics, conflict of interest, financial disclosure, transparency, public procurement and citizen participation.
- **Assist Mexico's efforts to strengthen public procurement integrity** with improved policies and systems that reduce public sector corruption and private sector collusion.
- **Facilitate the coordination of multi-stakeholder anti-corruption efforts** while supporting innovative and constructive approaches to achieving shared objectives.
- **Increase public awareness and multi-sector dialogue** to help raise the profile of anti-corruption and transparency efforts in Mexico.
- **Support implementation of the GOM's transparency policies**, including open data, transparency, public procurement reform, and digitization of public processes.
- **Support the GOM's application to join the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI)**, with the robust engagement of civil society and the private sector, to ensure the accountable oversight of Mexico's extractive industries.
- **Engage civil society participation**, by enhancing their access and ability to analyze information and contribute to public policy solutions.

USAID TRANSPARENCY AND INTEGRITY ACTIVITIES

Greater transparency in state-level public education procurements, Implementer: Instituto Mexicano para la Competitividad (IMCO). This activity supports greater transparency in state-level public education procurements by conducting a study of risk factors associated with procurement actions made by primary and secondary schools in the participating states of Sonora and Nuevo León. The activity's goal is to identify procurement practices that are not conducive to transparency and competition and to recommend improvements. This activity includes holding public events and creating a website to disseminate findings, including accessible statistics and graphics on public education procurement data in each state that illustrate both good and poor practices, the overall impact of corruption on public education expenditures, and statistics on the types of corruption identified.

Support Mexico to join the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI), Implementer: IMCO. This activity supports Mexico's process to join the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI), an international standard to promote transparent and accountable management of national resources, including the oil, gas, and mining sectors. This activity facilitates the GOM's consultations with civil society and the private sector, a key requirement for the subsequent development of Mexico's National Action Plan required as part of the process to join to the EITI.

Increased transparency through informed civic participation in local government, Implementer: United Nations Development Programme (UNDP). This activity supports informed civic participation by strengthening federal and state-level Transparency Secretariats, which are required by law though not yet established in all of Mexico's 32 states; promoting enhanced ethical standards among participating private sector entities, supporting local organizations that champion innovative methods of partnering with local governments to strengthen transparency and citizen participation, and creating a nation-wide database of publicly-funded state-level social programs to improve transparency and prevent duplication of efforts.

Program contribution to the World Bank Global Partnership for Social Accountability (GPSA) Multi-Donor Trust Fund, Implementer: World Bank. This activity helps strengthen the GOM's Ministry of Public Administration (SFP, acronym in Spanish) by improving the design, effectiveness, and implementation of SFP's transparency, ethics, public procurement and citizen participation policies. USAID's contribution will support civil society and GOM collaboration to address these critical governance challenges.

Transparency and Integrity Rapid Response – Mexico, Implementer: Checchi and Company. This activity complements the other activities under the program by responding to unanticipated needs that arise from the GOM at the federal and selected sub-national levels in areas of accountability and transparency. It also responds to CSOs working to improve citizen engagement with these entities.

Mexico Economic Policy Program (MEPP), Implementer: Abt Associates. This activity works to operationalize the open government concept in ways that are relevant for Mexican government officials and citizens. Activities support open government information standards and practices, regulatory transparency and integrity for businesses, and improved transparency in GOM public procurement processes.