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LAND FOR PROSPERITY (LFP) (COLOMBIA)

OVERVIEW

Land for Prosperity (LFP) works with the Colombian Government to improve the conditions of rural households and respond to peace accord commitments related to institutional capacity and land governance. Rural economic development in Colombia has been hindered by a lack of citizen and government clarity about land tenure and property rights. The perpetuation of informal land rights also inhibits economic growth, encourages illicit economies and activities, and facilitates illegal land appropriation. LFP seeks to address challenges stemming from informal land rights through land titling programs, strengthening government capacities to manage land, and creating legal economic opportunities for rural community members. LFP is implemented in conflict-affected regions in Bajo Cauca, Catatumbo, Meta, Montes de María, Northern Cauca, Southern Tolima, Tumaco, and the vicinity of the Chiribiquete National Park. The activity runs from September 2019 – June 2025.

GOALS

FACILITATE LAND TITLING AND RESTITUTION

LFP works with community, public, and private sector actors to consolidate a national land formalization model. This model helps establish clear property rights needed for licit economic development and improved citizen quality of life. LFP also supports ongoing land restitution processes and is using improved land use management to promote illicit crop substitution and reduce deforestation.

STRENGTHEN LOCAL CAPACITIES

LFP strengthens local and national government actors' capacities to establish and update land information systems that make land administration and processes easier. LFP also improves digital land management oversight tools and databases, to manage land ownership records and ensure property rights.

PROMOTE PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS

LFP establishes public-private partnerships to strengthen local value chains, create new job opportunities, and spur rural economic development. LFP works with local government administrations to mobilize funds needed to improve public service provision, like water and electricity. Increased rural investment by public and private actors improves licit income generation opportunities for community members.

ANTICIPATED RESULTS

- Promote the issuance of 22,000 land titles, including 11,000 to women, which guarantee the legal certainty over land tenure.
- Support 11 municipalities in the creation and implementation of Rural Property and Land Administration Plans.
- Support the government in the creation and update of the cadaster of the area of the Serranía del Chiribiquete natural park.
- Facilitate the formalization of 1,600 schools.
- Promote land formalization as an additional and necessary incentive for the transition to legal economies in at least 13,000 hectares with illicit crops.
- Strengthen 24 Municipal Land Offices.
- Digitalize 582,00 property registration files from public registry offices, to make land administration more efficient.
- Establish 27 public-private partnerships.
- Mobilize USD \$172 million to support economic development.