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PARTNERS FOR TRANSPARENCY (COLOMBIA)

OVERVIEW

The Partners for Transparency Activity (JxT) leverages local stakeholders' expertise, engagement, and unique positions of influence to promote a culture of transparency and accountability. The activity promotes local-level civic participation; strengthens local partner capacity; and advances national-level government transparency and accountability initiatives. The activity also engages a broad range of public and private sector counterparts, including Transparencia por Colombia, Foro Nacional por Colombia, Los Andes University, and La Silla Vacía media group. The activity works in the departments of Bolívar, Cauca, Córdoba, Tolima, Sucre, and Valle del Cauca, and it runs from August 2020 to August 2025.

GOALS

ADVANCE TRANSPARENCY INITIATIVES

JxT advocates for public sector transparency and accountability. The activity also supports national level agencies, like the National Public Procurement Agency and the National Planning Department, in implementing transparency-related regulations, procedures, and international commitments.

FACILITATE CIVIC COLLABORATION

JxT promotes communication and collaboration between civil society and local government administrations to advance the development, implementation, and monitoring of transparency-related policies and open data initiatives.

STRENGTHEN GOVERNMENT INSTITUTIONS

JxT works with Colombia's Attorney General's Office, Comptroller General's Office, and Inspector's General's Office to enhance prevention, detection, prosecution, and sanctioning of corruption.

PROMOTE A CULTURE OF TRANSPARENCY

JxT promotes a culture of transparency, accountability, and a greater social sanction of corruption through innovative approaches and the use of strategic communications.

STRENGTHEN LOCAL PARTNER CAPACITY

JxT provides technical assistance to a broad range of local partners, like media, academia, and civil society organizations, to increase their capacity, sustainability, and internal accountability and transparency practices.

ANTICIPATED RESULTS

- Encourage 13 companies to adopt the Anti-Corruption Business Commitment;
- Register over 700 people for the Citizen School of Integrity and Anticorruption;
- Help design agendas that establish transparency and anticorruption priorities for citizens in 18 municipalities;
- Encourage ten local partners to commit to improving their accountability and transparency practices for their stakeholders;
- Strengthen the Colombian Government's commitment to transparency and accountability through various public policy instruments;
- Improve the administrative and technical capacities of local media organizations in Cartagena, Southern Tolima, and Santander de Quilichao; and
- Strengthen the Network of Journalists for Transparency by training over 170 journalists how to access public information, including information about public contracting.