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# GOVERNANCE IN ACTION

Governance in Action aims to help Peru's national and local governments work together more effectively to provide crucial services, such as healthcare, education, and waste management, among others, in select Amazonian and Andean regions of the country.

## HOW DOES THE ACTIVITY WORK?

USAID's local partner, Instituto de Estudios Peruanos (IEP), will start by identifying what is most needed in 60 districts across 7 regions. They will develop a customized plan for each region to improve the equity of these services.

The activity will focus on improving services that make a real difference in people's lives, giving everyone a fairer chance to grow and succeed. It will create opportunities to partner for districts with similar needs, improving their decision making and engagement with the people they serve.

By helping both national and local governments to provide services more fairly, especially to those who are most vulnerable and often left out, the activity will build trust in government. It will also give citizens more power to participate in their local economies and improve their communities.

## **Key Strategies:**

**Boost Local Coordination:** Improve how different levels of government work together in seven key regions to strengthen services for everyone.

**Empower Local Leaders:** Train and support government officials to help them manage resources better and more openly, making sure they meet local needs while staying in line with national goals and policy.

**Strengthen Community Involvement:** Help local groups learn how to advocate for better services and monitor development plans and budgets, ensuring their communities' needs are being met.

**Engage Key Stakeholders:** Bring together businesses, media, and universities to tackle local challenges, such as sustainable development, climate change, natural disasters, and social conflicts.

## **EXPECTED RESULTS**

- Improve public services in at least 60 districts, with a wider impact expected in 300 more over the next five years.
- Help local governments manage their budgets better (from planning to spending and tracking) to reduce social and economic inequality.
- Empower community groups to work with local leaders and push for better services. By the end of five years, increase civil society organizations' (CSOs) involvement in local projects by 30 percent, ensuring they participate in planning, execution, and monitoring.
- Seek strong commitments from the private sector, universities, and the media. By the end of five years, partnerships with at least 10 private companies, 7 universities, and 5 media outlets to work together on local projects addressing sustainable development, conflict resolution, and climate change.

## **PROJECT INFORMATION**

**IMPLEMENTER:** Implementing team led by the Instituto de Estudios Peruanos (IEP) with CEDRO and C230

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