



MEXICO: RULE OF LAW FACT SHEET

OVERVIEW

With only seven out of every 100 reported crimes investigated, Mexico's impunity fuels insecurity and reduces economic growth and citizens' confidence in the rule of law. USAID partners with subnational justice institutions that process approximately 97 percent of criminal cases.

OBJECTIVE: A MORE TRANSPARENT AND RESPONSIVE JUSTICE SYSTEM

GOAL ONE

USAID's rule of law activities helps reduce impunity by improving Mexico's state justice institutions' effectiveness, efficiency, and accountability, including courts, prosecutors, public defenders, victim advocates, Women's Justice Centers, and Pretrial Service Units.

GOAL TWO

USAID partners across those institutions to improve their analytical and operational capacity and inter-and intra-institutional coordination to satisfy citizen justice needs.

GOAL THREE

USAID promotes civil society organizations and the private sector to monitor the justice system and promote its responsiveness.

ACTIVITIES

ConJusticia (DAI Inc), 2022-2025. This activity supports state-level justice institutions in improving the efficacy and efficiency of investigations, with a specific focus on high-impact crimes. In collaboration with other USAID and INL (International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs Section) programming, this activity also focuses on expanding accountability, due process, and human rights protections; better use of data and analysis for decision-making; and enhancing coordination between and among justice actors and institutions.

Justice Access for Victims and the Accused (Fortis Consultores, S.C.), 2019-2024. This activity improves the ability of state-level justice institutions to ensure due process for the accused and deliver quality services to victims. The activity works with state-level Women's Justice Centers and Victim Centers to improve access to justice, decrease re-victimization, and promote a more comprehensive approach to victim support. The activity improves the efficiency of Pretrial Service Units and Public Defender offices using management tools that help guarantee due process of law for defendants, including women and members of the LGBTQI+ community.

Analysis and Communication Alliance (México Evalúa), 2019-2024. This activity enhances local civil society actors' ability to monitor, evaluate, and interact with the criminal justice system. It promotes the public availability and use of justice system data, such as the annual *Hallazgos* criminal justice evaluation, and facilitates dialogue between state authorities and non-state actors to improve justice sector accountability and effectiveness.

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS AS A RESULT OF USAID SUPPORT

161,402

women victims of violence received services from Women's Justice Centers and State Victim's Commissions under USAID's support



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states developed GBV-focused criminal prosecution policies that prioritized high-impact crimes, including GBV, and three launched dual civil-criminal courts to better serve GBV victims

10,000

new cases were prosecuted in **five states** within **three years** by implementing effective sentencing approaches to address the case backlog

