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LAND FOR PROSPERITY (LFP)

Formalizing land tenure and property rights to foster licit, rural economic development.

OVERVIEW

USAID's Land for Prosperity Activity (LFP) works with the Government of Colombia (GOC) to foster rural economic development. 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 being implemented in over 70 conflict-affected municipalities and runs from September 2019 – August 2024.

COMPONENTS

FACILITATING LAND TITLING AND RESTITUTION

LFP works with GOC agencies, communities, academia and the private sector to consolidate a national land formalization model. This model will help establish clear property rights needed for legal economic development and improved citizen quality of life. LFP also supports ongoing land restitution processes.

STRENGTHENING LOCAL CAPACITIES

LFP strengthens GOC and municipal administrations' capacities to oversee and enforce legal land sales and the transference of land titles. LFP also helps improve digital land management oversight tools and databases, like the *Nodo de Tierras* platform, to manage land ownership records and ensure property rights.

PROMOTING PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS

LFP establishes public-private partnerships to strengthen local value chains, create new job opportunities, and spur rural economic development. LFP also 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.

RESULTS

- Trained over 1,219 people through 63 workshops on land formalization culture;
- Launched two new municipal land offices, which brings the total number of offices supported to 12;
- Carried out 48 social mapping exercises in Cáceres, El Carmen de Bolívar, Fuentedeoro and Tumaco;
- Transferred 580,000 property registration files from eight registration offices for public records and began digitizing more than 260,000 land files; and
- Facilitated the signing of two public-private partnerships (PPPs) with commitments for more than USD \$4 million in the cacao and honey value chains in Bajo Cauca and Catatumbo.